

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association

April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 p.m.
Meeting minutes for March: motioned & approved
Meeting agenda for April: motioned & approved

Police Update

Cmdr. Tim Perkins of the Longmont Police Department gave an update on crime issues in the city. Burglaries were down this month. Criminal trespassing complaints were down. There were a high number of auto thefts in the northern part of the city. A high number of the thefts were cars that were unlocked or idling. New graduates from the police academy will be joining the force and will be placed on their beats in late August. Administration is working on budget prioritization. The recent graffiti incidents involving RTD and Main Street have the same culprit – there are some good leads on these crimes.

Staff Updates

- Linda – requested questions on next month's topic of Environmental sustainability and open space issues.
- NIPS Grants – approved by Council, information to proceed will be sent to applicable neighborhoods.
- Activities fund Grants – funds for 2009 will be \$5,000 instead of \$8,000 as in past years. Groups are encouraged to apply for first round as there may not be additional rounds of distribution. Group leaders will receive packages in mail soon. If more funds are requested than available, grants will be diminished by the percentage of overage.
- City Government 101 class on April 29 at 7pm is open to anyone. Location - City Council chambers.

Community Engagement and Volunteer Opportunities, a panel discussion

- Lore Blattner, Parks Volunteer Coordinator (303) 651-8955, lore.blattner@ci.longmont.co.us
- Kay Armstrong, Police Programs Coordinator, (303)774-4440, kay.armstrong@ci.longmont.co.us
- Dawn Quintana, Deputy City Clerk, (303)823-8647, dawn.quintana@ci.longmont.co.us
- Sandra Seader, Assistant to City Manager (303)651-8634, sandra.seader@ci.longmont.co.us
- Lore spoke of openings in the Adopt a Park program – 1 year commitment to park or greenway. Minimum of 6 visits a year. Bags and vests provided. Duties may include – trash pickup, weeding, general upkeep, planting, mulching, etc
- Dawn spoke of the 21 Boards and Commissions that help to advise the city. Most don't require special knowledge but a few do, most currently have openings for vary terms.
- Kay informed the group that the Police Dept currently has over 150 volunteers with a range in responsibilities. Some assist in filing reports; assist the detectives, aid victims, or various duties

within the building. A new group called the Fire Corp has recently been organized. There are opportunities for all ages including the Police Explorers program for teens 16 years and older.

- Sandy shared that community involvement and input is valued. Community is involved in city strategy in different stages. Informed, Consult, Involve and Partner - the stages for various types of projects involving city decisions. Contact Sandy to get volunteer request ads to place in your community newsletter.

Public invited to be heard

1. Jennifer - Community Food Share runs until April 21
2. Marinna – Multicultural issues within the community
3. Joni Marsh of Zoning Dept requested input about a code amendment concerning day cares in the community.

Adjournment

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:30pm.

****Minutes recorded and submitted by Jennifer Hakanson, NGLA Secretary*****