

Prairie Village Neighborhood

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Prairie Village Joins City Neighborhood Group Program

On September 8, 2009, approximately 30 neighbors from the Prairie Village Neighborhood met at Fire Station #3 to consider and vote on joining the City of Longmont Neighborhood Group program. Jon Clarke from the Neighborhood Resources Office was on hand to talk about what participating in this program could provide for our neighborhood. He also answered questions from those that attended.

Mr. Clarke gave personal accounts of his experiences in organizing neighborhoods during his presentation to emphasize how strong communities could have a positive influence. He spoke on how the City of Longmont tries to support neighborhood efforts by offering improvements grants and communication with local city officials.

After his presentation the floor was opened for questions. Many questions were raised on whether organizing could help or hurt current neighborhood issues. Some neighbors were skeptical that by creating this organization some voices in the neighborhood would be marginalized. Jon Clarke answered these concerns by noting that there is a required vote for Neighborhood Group Leader once a year. If changes were desired by neighbors then they could have their chance to change leadership at that time.

Another important theme in the questions was how this new group could impact relations with the HOA. Jon Clarke pointed out that the City of Longmont provides

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The Apartment Issue Addressed at City Meeting

A group of Prairie Village neighbors have been spearheading the efforts to address a list of concerns regarding the planned development of apartments at the entrance to our neighborhood. To keep the entire neighborhood informed on this issue Ruth Lorenzetti, a member of this group, wrote the following:

This is an update regarding the presentation to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission from Wednesday, September 16.



After several weeks of research through city records, Mike Primeau, Donna Hertfelder and Ruth Lorenzetti created a presentation that addressed the neighborhood concerns regarding the proposed four/20 unit apartments in the area designated commercial/light industrial (the alfalfa field). The presentation reminded the P&Z commissioners that Prairie Village is a well thought out neighborhood and the preliminary plan has stayed consistent for almost 12 years. The commercial/light industrial area was something the P&Z, Planning & Development and City Council requested in order for the preliminary plan to be approved. The city planners have been consistent in their vision and support of the original concept.

The P&Z commissioners commended us on doing our homework and indicated that they appreciated that we

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mediation services not only to help with neighbor conflicts but also with neighborhood concerns with their HOA. Other neighbors attending the meeting added that by starting this group it was possible to be more effective with HOA neighborhood relations by providing a unified voice and improving neighborhood awareness of the top issues.

Questions were raised over growing concerns with plans for developing apartments in the front of the neighborhood. This concern was addressed by other neighborhood attendees who have been working on this issue and had plans under way to give a presentation to the City of Longmont Planning and Zoning Committee on September 16th. (See "The Apartment Issue Addressed at City Meeting" for more information)

After Mr. Clarke completed his presentation a nomination was held to become a Neighborhood Group and passed by vote. Then the neighborhood boundaries were designated to be from the railroad tracks to Alpine St. and from Highway 66 to 21st Ave. Next, "Prairie Village Neighborhood", was selected as our neighborhood group name. Finally, Rachel Davis and Ruth Lorenzetti were chosen to be the Neighborhood Group Leader and the alternate.

911 Center Announces New Service

The City of Longmont has improved their Emergency Mass Notification system to allow you to sign up phone numbers other than your home phone. This is a free service which allows you to be contacted no matter where you are. If you are on vacation in a different state your cell phone can still be contacted.

"The system will be used to notify residents about imminent threats to health and safety such as the need to evacuate due to a wildfire, hazardous spills or other emergencies. It may also be used in situations where a child or adult is missing, who is in need of medical attention. The alert will originate from 911alert@bouldercounty.org." – from city website

For more information and to sign up for this service you can go to the following website.

<http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/massnotification.htm>

were on top of the issue and that our presentation was one of the best they had seen. In a conversation with Council Person Sarah Levison, she indicated that she was also very impressed that we presented such a good argument before the application even came before the board. Council Person Levison gave the impression that we are on the right track for impacting the way the board sees this issue.

ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Please take the time to fill out the survey attached to this newsletter and bring it to the Oktoberfest. By filling out this survey you will be informing this new neighborhood organization on what the major concerns are.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

YOU CAN CONTACT RACHEL DAVIS BY PHONE AT 303-776-0560 OR BY EMAIL AT GROUP@PRAIRIEVILLAGEUNITED.ORG

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE VILLAGE OKTOBERFEST

CANADIAN CROSSING & OLYMPIA AVE.

OCTOBER 4TH @ 4:00 P.M.

Come visit with neighbors and friends.

BYO beverage, lawn chair and a dish to share.

ELECTION FORUM – SPONSORED BY TIMES-CALL

SILVER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM – 4901 NELSON RD.

THURS. OCTOBER 8TH - DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CANDIDATES. REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

FIRE STATION #3 – 1000 PACE STREET

THURS, OCTOBER 19TH FROM 7 – 9 P.M.

We'll be discussing the survey results and forming committees to address neighborhood concerns.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

SNOW MOUNTAIN CREAMERY – 1515 MAIN ST.

SAT. OCTOBER 31ST @ 9 – 10 A.M.

Council Members attending – Blue & Santos

32ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

ROOSEVELT PARK, 700 LONGS PEAK AVE.

SAT. OCTOBER 31ST @ 9:45 – 11:30 A.M.

No registration necessary, kids of all ages can be part of this costume foot parade.