

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Longmont Senior Center - 910 Longs Peak Avenue
LPC Overview and Resources, Neighborhood Map,
and NIP Community Presentation

1. **Call to order:** Risa Booze called the meeting to order at 6:35. (Not sure about the time).
2. **Approval of the agenda:** The agenda was approved with no objections (didn't document who motioned and seconded).
3. **Approval of the minutes:** The April Meeting minutes were not available and will be approved at the July 17th meeting.
4. **Identification of new members and visitors:** New members and visitors included Sondra Singer from The Renaissance; Kathryn Vernon and Bonnie Prushnok from Reynolds Farm; Vincent Weitoish from Harvest Junction Village; Katey Merrill (Representative) and Brett Sloan (Additional Community Leader) from Spring Valley at Golf Estates.
5. **Neighborhood Announcements and Updates:** Gina Burrows from Harvest Junction Village announced a multi-neighborhood garage sale that her neighborhood is participating in. She also shared that the Harvesting Home event is on Saturday, May 17 at Jack's Solar Garden. Gina also informed attendees that there's going to be the Renewable Energy Meet Up on Sunday, May 18 with Councilperson Popkins in attendance.
6. **City Council Update:** Mayor Joan Peck informed attendees of the following:
 - a. She attended the Police Officers Memorial Ceremony earlier today.
 - b. After 40 years of service, Chief of Police Jeff Satur is retiring.
 - c. A news release came out announcing Longmont has been chosen by FEMA as a model city for building back after the 2013 floods.
 - d. City Manager Harold Dominguez will be on a Harvard panel about how AI will be used in municipal government.
 - e. On Tuesday, City Council voted in favor of a resolution placing more restrictions on housing for sex offenders. This resolution may conflict with state law.
 - f. There's a discussion taking place in the Airport Advisory Board about charging a landing fee at the Vance Brand Airport. The airport has never charged a landing fee before. The fees would help pay for airport maintenance. Emergency services, and City, and County aircraft would not pay a landing fee.
 - g. RTD and CDOT are scheduled to finish the Northwest Corridor in 2029. The train route will go from El Paso (County?) to the Colorado-Wyoming border. In the beginning, there will be three train routes a day running from

Fort Collins to Denver. If there's high demand, BNFS will consider adding more routes.

- h. Ride Longmont has provided over 20,000 rides since it opened last year (in November?). The City will order six more cars to increase service.
 - i. There is a new Director of the Longmont Economic Development Partnership.
 - j. A new state law is being considered that would require car companies like Uber and Lift to register cars.
 - k. Attendee Sondra Singer asked Mayor Peck if there's any consideration about creating regulations on e-bikes. Sondra noted that young people in her neighborhood speed on them. Mayor Peck responded, saying she and the City Manager will be meeting with the state representative and will bring up the concern.
7. **Public Safety Update:** Commander Phil Piotrowski did not have any specific updates. He asked attendees if they had any questions to ask him. They asked the following:
- a. **Question:** When propositions for police funding pass, what happens next, specifically with Prop 130?
Answer: Commander Piotrowski shared that the Prop 130 funding is currently in limbo since the proposition was approved but does not have a funding source. \$30 million will be invested over 10 years to pay for police training. This funding will not impact cities as much as smaller areas.
 - b. **Question:** With the increase in incidents, are there common denominators amongst the vehicles that are stolen?
Answer: Common denominators include drug use, using cars to commit other crimes, unlocked cars, and leaving keys and valuables in vehicles. Stealing cars for chop shops isn't as common. The increase in vehicle thefts is related to activity increasing after it decreased during COVID.
 - c. Commander Piotrowski asked attendees about their thoughts on Public Safety possibly using drones as first responders. Currently, this is just an idea for consideration. Theoretically, the drones would be operated remotely and deployed to the scene when a 911 call comes in. They could possibly reduce the number of officers dispatched to calls and engaged in high-speed car pursuits. Privacy could be a concern.
8. **Longmont Power & Communications (LPC):** Director of Electric Strategies, Susan Bartlett and Energy Efficiency and Education Specialist, Catherina Wiersma gave an overview of LPC and the Colorado State University (CSU) Mobile Classroom.
- a. LPC overview: LPC is a city-owned non-profit electrical utility provider established in 1912. LPC's goal is to provide safe, reliable electricity in Longmont, Hygiene, and Lyons. The City of Longmont also has the goal to switch to 100% renewable energy sources by 2030. LPC is partnered with the Platte River Power Authority (Estes Park, Fort Collins, and Loveland).

The Platte River Power Authority also administers Efficiency Works, which provides energy efficiency rebates, resources, and advising. LPC offers the following:

- i. Customer education and support
 - ii. A \$500 electric vehicle charger rebate
 - iii. The Renewable Power Purchase Program where customers can pay a premium to have their power provided from 100% renewable energy sources. The increase in rate helps pay for measures to transfer the whole city to renewable energy.
 - iv. Illuminar Community Solar
 - v. LPC works with the non-profit Solar United Neighbors on a bulk buy program to help Boulder County residents purchase solar panels for a reduced cost
 - vi. Live line demonstration for events
 - b. Efficiency Works offers the following:
 - i. Residential advising and assessments
 - ii. Residential retrofit rebates- Customers of both LPC and Xcel can potentially stack rebates for bigger savings.
 - iii. Income-qualified programs through CARE- Income must be 80% or lower than the area median income
 - iv. Retail product rebates
 - c. CSU Mobile Classroom- LPC helped sponsor this resource. It includes a trailer with experiment stations powered by an electric truck to educate community members about clean energy. LPC wants to know how they can partner with neighborhoods to have the mobile classroom at neighborhood events. The mobile classroom has more availability during the summer since student volunteers do not have classes. It is available for events that are at least a couple hours long. Contact Catherine to discuss ideas for how to use the mobile classroom at neighborhood events.
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9. **2025 NGLA Map:** Neighborhood Resource Specialist, Guillermo Estrada-Rivera presented the current draft of the 2025 NGLA neighborhood map. He highlighted that the map helps inform neighborhood recruitment efforts, provides networking opportunities among neighborhoods, and helps with targeted messaging for neighborhood services. The vote to approve the map and make it publicly accessible will be postponed and more discussion about the map will happen at the next NGLA meeting. Representatives were provided with their individual neighborhood maps so they can confirm their neighborhood's boundaries and inform Guillermo if changes need to be made.

At the next meeting, attendees will vote on whether or not to amend an NGLA bylaw about email notices, so it complies with municipal code.

10. Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP):

- a. In the last year, NIP projects have made a \$290,132 impact in the community.
- b. For the NIP May/June Cycle, Reynolds Farm community members, Kathryn Vernon and Bonnie Prushnok, presented their project proposal for NIP funding. Reynolds Farm is requesting \$6,000 to continue installing water-conserving landscaping in shared neighborhood spaces. The neighborhood is donating \$3,816 in-kind services, accounting for 39% of the estimated \$9,816 project budget.

11. Staff business and discussion: Guillermo provided the following information:

- a. The next NIP application deadline is July 3. Community presentations will be on August 21. Award notification will happen in September.
- b. Summer Hiatus—there will be no NGLA meeting in June in observation of Juneteenth. The next NGLA meeting will be on July 17.
- c. The next Neighborhood Leadership Series (NLS) class will be on May 28 at the Senior Center in Room D. The topic will be HOA Contract Negotiations.
- d. The NLS Summer Series will happen on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm, and a site visit on Saturday, August 16 at 6:30 pm.

12. Public invited to be heard: Michael Joyce from Shadow Grass Park shared his perspective that the best time to have the annual neighborhood meeting required by NGLA is in combination with a National Night Out event. In his experience, there's increased attendance.

13. Meeting adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Rick Jennings made the motion. It wasn't documented who seconded the motion.