

**Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA)**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025**  
**Longmont Civic Center, 350 Kimbark St.**  
**Longmont Neighborhood Portal Workshop and NGLA Elections**

**General Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Networking & Refreshments:** Hot Cocoa & Tea Bar, and Longmont Community Foundation Survey.
- 2. Call to Order By:** Risa Booze at 6:45 pm.
- 3. Approval of the agenda and previous meeting minutes:** Motion made by Terrie Rives, seconded by Rita Gee to approve unanimously. Agenda approved, no previous minutes were available.
- 4. Identification of new members and visitors:** Karen Rank, Sugarmill Farms, Laura Cruz, Somerset Meadows, Colleen McInter, Maryanne Himmelbach, Sarah Roche, Fox Creek Farm.
- 5. Neighborhood Announcements and Updates:** Gina, In search of sustainable projects.
- 6. City Council Update:** Mayor Joan Peck discussed the ongoing work for the Quiet Trains – BNSF now has been cooperating with Longmont to get the areas finished, including work on some of the roads and gradually getting to all of them. Council is reviewing what revenue could be brought in for the improvements to the Longmont Airport that have never been updated in 80 years. The FAA only gives funds if we have local “matching” funds to contribute. There is a lot of support for continuing to work on the Front Range Passenger Rail that will ultimately run from Pueblo to Fort Collins, with projected opening in January 2029. There is also very serious interest at both ends from New Mexico and Wyoming to connect to the train.
- 7. Public Safety Update:** none.
- 8. Staff Business and Discussion:**
  - a.** NGLA Elections: Only leadership positions are open. Committee Elections will be held in 2026, after the grant restructuring is finished. Guillermo asked for any volunteers or nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary. Lynn Karlin said that after 10 years handling the meeting minutes it is time for someone else to take over and get some of the benefits of all the learning that takes place while doing that position. Ultimately, after some open discussions by representatives, and some voting, the positions were settled as follows:
    - i. Gerald Wallner, Chairperson.
    - ii. Rick Jennings, Vice Chairperson.
    - iii. Risa Booze, Secretary.
    - iv. Rita Gee, Alternate Secretary.
  - b.** If time is short, Staff will provide a printed copy of the Staff Business and publish it on the NGLA website.
  - c.** Donations for the OUR Center can be left at the entrance.
  - d.** Thanksgiving Waste Collection Schedule the day before the usual scheduled day.
  - e.** Longmont needs your input for the Communications survey, specifically catered to NGLA: [https://longmontcitysm.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9tv1Cl2SVFpq56u?S](https://longmontcitysm.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tv1Cl2SVFpq56u?S) .

- f. Neighborhood Excellence Awards: Submit nominations via email: [NGLA@Longmontcolorado.gov](mailto:NGLA@Longmontcolorado.gov).
- g. NGLA Grant Payment Requests: Due by Friday, December 1, 2025 – includes the NAF, NEA, NIP, and Discover grants.
- h. 2025 Annual Reports: requirement waived this year.
- i. 2026 Registration Forms: accepted beginning December, return by January 1, 2026.

**9. Longmont Neighborhood Portal Workshop:** Blue Raster team coordinated the presentation to provide a more detailed demonstration of how the new portal works.

**10. Public Invited to be Heard:** none.

**11. Adjournment:** Rick Jennings moved and Geoff Dolman seconded. Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.