

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Longmont Civic Center
350 Kimbark St, Longmont, CO 80501, Council Chambers
Sustainability Office and Neighborhood Learning Tools

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Gerald Wallner
2. **Approval of the agenda:** Order of agenda may need to be rearranged because Assistant Police Chief John Garcia has been called away. If he can return, he will be fit into the remaining agenda.
 - a. Motion to accept the amended agenda made by Rick Jennings, 2nd Nancy Cebula.
The motion passes.
3. **Approval of the February meeting minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Rick Jennings, 2nd Nancy Cebula. The motion passes.
4. **Identification of new members and visitors:** No new members or visitors present
5. **Neighborhood Announcements and Updates:**
 - a. Nancy Cebula from Pleasant Valley announced that she has a non-profit, Knick O'Time Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation. Or KOT Kitten Korner on Facebook, that places pets from seniors who are no longer able to care for them, to seniors looking for a pet.
 - b. **Watts Going On? Understanding Your Household Energy Use to Save Money** - March 23rd, 6:30-8pm, Memorial Building
 - i. <https://FindOutWattsUptoLowerBills.eventbrite.com/?aff=Flyer>
 - c. **Earth Day** - April 18th, 10am-2pm, Timberline PK-8 School
 - i. <srlongmont.org/earth-day>
 - d. **Higher Comfort, Lower Bills: Understanding Energy Efficiency** - April 22nd, 7-8:30pm, Senior Center
 - i. <https://HigherComfortLowerBills2026.eventbrite.com/?aff=Flyer>
 - e. **Tree Selection and Planting** - April 25th, 9-11am, Boulder County Extension Office
 - i. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tree-selection-and-planting-tickets-1984651054730?aff=oddtcreator>
 - f. **Cool Summers, Warm Winters: A Heat Pump Info Night**- April 6th, 5:50-7:00 Library
 - i. <https://longmontcolorado.gov/event/cool-summer-warm-winters-a-heat-pump-info-night/>
6. **City Council Update: Diane Crist**
 - a. Flag Redesign Committee assigned by Council with a focus to engage you will be discussed at the April 14 City Council Meeting with Art in Public Places

- b. City Council Retreat will take place on March 27-28th. Conversations will include policy, Chamber of Commerce and Longmont Downtown Development Association, sales taxes
- c. Questions from NGLA members:
 - i. Will there be water restrictions? Longmont Water Board has a 7-year drought plan. There are no plans for water restrictions at the moment. That will be reassessed in late April/early May. There was a comment about watering at Golf Courses. Many use brown water and are part of our Urban Forest. Watering trees is necessary this year due to the lack of snow and rain.
 - ii. Question about water storage: Chimney Hollow is completed but not filled yet. Gravel used in the construction of the dam has uranium in it. Mitigation occurring prior to filling the reservoir.
 - iii. Longmont requires developers to bring in water (purchase water rights) prior to approving a new development.
 - iv. Question regarding a rewriting of a State Law that redefined “family” to allow non-related persons to live together. There is some push back due to Home Rule in individual cities. In process.
- 7. **Public Safety Update: Assistant Police Chief John García**- Assistant Police Chief John Garcia was unable to attend the meeting due to an issue occurring.
- 8. **Sustainability Office Presentation: Francie Kirkjaff**
 - a. Contact information:
 - i. sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov
 - ii. Sign up for newsletter: bit.ly/sustain_news
 - b. To see more about sustainability indicators go to: <https://indicators.longmontcolorado.gov>
 - c. City Call Center to report water overwatering or improperly functioning sprinklers*: **303-651-8416**
 - i. *and other items like potholes, improperly functioning traffic lights, etc.
 - d. Resources sharing, tool sharing
 - e. An engaged community that promotes environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and social equity to create a sustainable and thriving future for all.
 - f. Role of Sustainability Office: decrease greenhouse emissions, 100% renewable electric by 2030, currently at 25%, increase zero emissions vehicles, 75% waste diversion by 2030, 95% by 2050, 3% reduction in per capita water usage by 2030 from a 2022 baseline
 - g. Review of Neighborhood Portal from the sustainability viewpoint
- 9. **Staff business and discussion**
 - a. Neighborhood Activity Grants will be open April 1- October 31, 2026

- i. There will be paper and online applications
- b. Resource reservations
- c. Sustainability Café on April 8th

10. **Public invited to be heard:** None

11. **Adjourn 8:22:** Motion to adjourn made by Rick Jennings, 2nd Gina Underwood. Unanimously passed