

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Longmont Civic Center
350 Kimbark St, Longmont, CO 80501, Council Chambers
City of Longmont Summer Resources, Programming, and Events

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35 pm
2. **Approval of the agenda and minutes:** Motion made by Rick Jennings, 2nd Christopher Wells. Motion approved
3. **Identification of New Members and Visitors:**
 - a. Alex Bowen- Pleasant Valley 5
 - b. Lynette McClain- Pleasant Valley 5
 - c. Chuck Milich- Villas at Pleasant Valley
 - d. Michele Hanson- Meadowview
 - e. Ellen Wilkins- Meadowview
 - f. Zoe Ann Hall- Golden Bear
4. **City Council Update: Diane Crist**
 - a. July 7 Council Meeting: Open forum where residents can speak for 5 minutes about anything and interact with Council
 - b. July 14 Council Meeting: Considering rank choice voting
 - c. Pleasant Valley spoke to the Water Board
 - d. Middle Income Housing Summit
 - e. Parking violation fines increasing
 - f. Vance Brand Airport
 - g. Superior asking Longmont to join amicus brief for Colorado Supreme Court
5. **Public Safety Update: Assistant Police Chief John Garcia**
 - a. Staffing shortage recap
 - b. E-bikes
 - i. E-bike classifications
 - ii. Anyone under 18 must wear helmet
 - iii. E-dirt bikes and off-highway vehicles on roadways are treated like motorcycles
 - iv. Enforcement challenges
 - v. Increasing targeted enforcement in parks and greenways
 - vi. Progressive approach- education, prevention, and then enforcement
 - vii. Go to Transportation Advisory Board to voice concerns
 - viii. Several representatives shared ideas to address e-bike issues
 - c. Citizen Volunteer Patrol- representatives want more info
6. **Community Round Table: Input and Concerns**

- a. Margery Pruesnner, The Shores: Maybe neighborhoods can think about ways to address e-bike issues and partner with Public Safety
- b. Sharon O'Leary, Historic Eastside: Conversation about NGLA and two-way communication between the City and neighborhoods
- c. Kim Bennett, Spring Valley at Ute Creek: Group is hosting a Bike Parade, educating people on bike safety
 - i. Up to neighborhood groups to engage residents; use NGLA grants to do it
- d. Maurice Ribera, Sunnyvale:
 - i. Wants more community education and coordination in neighborhood
 - ii. Issue getting residents to neighborhood meetings
 - iii. Wants to recruit younger neighborhood leaders
 - iv. How do we better share info with neighbors?
- e. Discussion about different meeting formats, especially small break-out groups to explore different issues
- f. Discussion about what to do with concerns and issues that arise in neighborhoods and what NGLA can and cannot do to address them
 - i. Gerald Wallner, Chairperson: Reminded group of the balance between finding solutions and not being a lobbyist group
 - 1. Find the best outlet to share concerns
- g. Dennis Etchells, The Greens at Ute Creek: Planning Commission should let representatives know what's happening in their neighborhood
- h. Guillermo Estrada Rivera: Bring ideas so NGLA can be more responsive to what neighborhoods want
 - i. The Neighborhood Portal: Staff heard representatives want more connection, working to make it happen
 - ii. Suggestion made to have a work session meeting for The Portal

7. Community Presentation

- a. **Longmont Museum and Cultural Center- Elizabeth Beaudoin**
 - i. Expansion construction happening now
 - 1. Reopening 10/17- free Bonanza Bash
 - ii. History and archives- Elizabeth manages
 - iii. Education opportunities
 - 1. Summer Camps for kids (scholarships available)
 - 2. Discovery Days- for toddlers
 - 3. After school programs
 - 4. Teen Craft and Create
 - 5. Art and Sip
 - iv. Programming and events
 - 1. Sundance event—movie showing for Juneteenth

- 2. Historic walking tours; haunted history tours in October
- b. **Longmont Recreation Services- Kris Kron**
 - i. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space recently merged
 - ii. Many facilities for exercise and swimming
 - 1. Union Reservoir: low water levels; no swimming at the moment- no lifeguards
 - 2. Rec passes allow access to all rec facilities
 - iii. Resources
 - 1. Park shelters: NGLA groups get free rentals for activities
 - a. Contact the Memorial Building for reservations
 - 2. Free swimming lessons for ages 3-17
 - 3. Youth scholarships- \$100 for programs, passes, and lessons
 - 4. Field and facility rentals- cost for meeting rooms
 - iv. Rec Center pool renovation
 - 1. Leisure pool geared towards kids; will be closed for 6 weeks
 - v. New programs
 - vi. Free recreation app
 - vii. Events
 - 1. Fitness in the park
 - 2. Middle school swim nights at Sunset Pool
- c. **Longmont Senior Services- Kayleigh Schernbeck**
 - i. Go Book lists all Senior Center offerings
 - ii. Provides programming, supportive services, and other offerings
 - 1. Spanish programming
 - 2. Free counseling for Longmont residents, up to 12 sessions
 - a. Caregivers can access too
 - 3. Meals on Wheels
 - 4. Tech support, home visits too
 - 5. Free food cart
 - iii. Friends of The Senior Center
 - iv. Summer Programming
 - 1. Travel Trips
 - 2. Caregiver Support Group
 - v. Scholarships for \$250 available
- d. **Longmont Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Services- Claudia Orona**
 - i. Looking for volunteers
 - ii. Programming
 - 1. Afterschool programs for middle and high school kids
 - a. Summer programs too
 - 2. Aspire, support with secondary education

- 3. Youth Empowerment
- 4. Youth Council
- 5. Free counseling for youth, parents, and siblings
- 6. Parenting support
- 7. No early childhood or elementary-aged programming
- e. How can neighborhoods better work with these services?
 - i. CYF: Get kids to come to the Youth Center- helps with gang prevention and intervention
 - ii. Recreation: Trying to bring services in area via fitness in park; always looking for more ideas
 - iii. Museum:
 - 1. Concerts in parks
 - 2. Walking tours
 - 3. Share historic info and photos of your home
 - iv. Senior Center:
 - 1. Partnering with LHA at senior properties
 - 2. Share ideas with Senior Center
- f. **Library:** Summer reading challenge for adults
- 8. **Community Action Review**
 - a. Upcoming events, opportunities and future agenda topics
 - i. Tell Neighborhood Programs staff what topics you're interested in
 - ii. NGLA works at the neighborhood level and will connect representatives with the best places to address specific issues
 - iii. Russ Poulin, Yeager Farm: Recommends future presenters explain how their services connect to neighborhoods and what neighborhoods can do to connect with them; networking and learning from each other to figure out solutions
 - iv. Co-apply for grants; lots of resources- staff are trying to bring those to NGLA but need to hear from representatives
 - 1. Let staff know if you like the new agenda
 - v. Gina Burrows, Harvest Junction Village: Xeriscape SRL/CSU event at fairgrounds on July 25
 - b. NLS sessions:
 - i. 2 Spanish sessions coming
 - ii. Other classes
- 9. **Adjourn:** 8:33 pm- motion made by Rick Jennings, 2nd made by Christopher Wells.
Motion approved