



Niwot Community Association (NCA) Annual Meeting
Wednesday 16 April 2014, Left Hand Grange No.9, 2nd Ave / Franklin St, Niwot, Colorado

NCA Board Attendees: Dick Piland, David Limbach, Kathy Koehler, Cindy Butler, Pat Murphy, Judy Seaborn, Kristen Mecca, Laura Skaggs, Linda Klueber, Sally Gainfort-Lackey, Diane Zimmerman, Liz Schmidt, Kim Glasscock (LHVC)

Call to Order: 7:08 PM by Dick.

Agenda and Chairman's Report:

- Welcome -

o Dick welcomed approximately 50 attendees and three non-member guests. He reviewed that the NCA serves as a communication link for the Niwot community with Boulder County: Transportation Department, Land Use and Planning, Trails and Open Space. Town hall style informative meetings have been organized and sponsored by the NCA in the past and that will continue as topics arise. The annual Clean Up Day and the 4th of July parade are sponsored by the NCA for the community and all members are welcome to volunteer, too. Dick reported on other Niwot events and activities that the NCA coordinates and/or cooperates with other volunteer groups to better promote the Niwot community.

- NCA Goals and Objectives for 2014 -

o He reviewed the NCA agenda for this year and will go into detail by topic in his presentation. One of the goals this year is to form a subcommittee to represent the community at the Boulder County Land Use and Planning commission to bring attention to the policies and practices that impact unincorporated property owners and businesses. The regulations for property owners in unincorporated Boulder County are more stringent than in neighboring cities. Dick showed the list of current members on the committee and asked anyone else interested or who has concerns to contact Kristen@Niwot.org. The NCA will continue to support Niwot events by helping to distribute street signs and assist with the event planning forms for submission to Boulder County.

- Newly Remodeled Web Page (Niwot.org) -

o Dick commented on the newly designed NCA web site and thanked David for all the work and creativity to make it a user friendly format. More communications will be sent to members via a new web distribution provider that will include community news and links to additional information. He showed the new logo for the NCA which features a feather as the "I" in Niwot to honor the Native Americans who lived on this land, the train which helped bring commerce to the area and the outline of the mountains that border the Niwot community on the west.

- Expanded Membership Area -

o Expansion from the "Niwot Service Area" (NSA) has been discussed previously and is now complete. The expanded area's general description includes Oxford Road on the north, Hwy 287 on the east, Lookout Road and Monarch Road on the south and west to some of 41st to include Lake Valley Estates and North Rim.

- Subdivision Paving LID, Current Status -

o Subdivision Paving Local Improvement District Advisory Committee (SPLIDAC); a member of the NCA is seated on the SPLIDAC. The NCA Board nominated Dick to apply as a member to represent Niwot and the unincorporated area on this committee. The Boulder County Commissioners appointed him to a three year term for the project. He explained the terminology of the Pavement Quality Index (PQI) ratings of roads and what the 15 year plan should bring to the good, fair and poor road conditions. Some questions from the floor were answered and web sites identified for additional information are available on the NCA web page.

- Restoration of Niwot Loop Trail and the Overbrook Social Trail -

o A photo was shown of the Niwot Loop Trail that was washed out in the September 2013 flood waters along with a photo of the restoration of the trail by Boulder County. The NCA sent a letter to Boulder County Parks and Open Space to encourage construction of the "social trail" on the north side of Niwot High School (NHS). A letter of positive response has been received and the construction of that trail is being considered by Boulder County. The NCA is also supporting an Eagle Scout trail project on the north side of NHS for a member of the Niwot Boy Scout Troop 161.



- **City of Boulder's Municipalization Plan for Some Areas in Unincorporated Boulder County** -
 - o Dick encouraged that everyone in NCA Area 6 and anyone else interested attend a meeting Wednesday 23 April, 6-7 PM at Vine Life Church on Lookout Road to learn more about the potential of that area being included in the City of Boulder municipalization proposal for electrical service. The plan would include residences served in NCA Area 6 as part of the acquisition of a portion of Xcel Energy's Niwot Substation.
- **Higher Taxes for Sustainability?** -
 - o Dick showed a slide regarding the potential of a Sustainability Tax that might be on the November general election ballot. He showed the rate if it is a Mill Levy or a Sales Tax along with a list of the services for potential funding if it is passed.
- **Calendar of Upcoming Events** -
 - o The Niwot annual Clean Up Day will be on Saturday 10 May from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Dick encouraged members to not plan arriving with a load much after 1:00 PM because new bins will not be ordered when there is only a small amount of time remaining for collection. He also suggested that the swap meet is a good medium for recycling a good item for which you no longer have a use. The annual 4th of July parade will be sponsored by the NCA along with the popular bike/trike/wagon decorating for children before the parade.
- **Membership Drive Comments** -
 - o The annual membership drive began in March under the leadership of Judy. A new color brochure was created this year and, with the expanded membership area, the NCA would like to grow close to 500 members. We are just under 300 at this time so a growth in membership numbers is positive.
- **Election of NCA Board Members for 2014** -
 - o Current NCA Board members were acknowledged on one presentation slide and the next slide showed the officer positions that are up for election this year. Some offices are open for election on even years and other positions are open for election in odd numbered years. Votes for those on the ballot will be counted following the meeting and the results will be announced on the NCA web page and in the Left Hand Valley Courier.
- **Questions / Answers** -

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by Dick at 8:20 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is: Wednesday 07 May 2014, 7:00 PM, MVFPD Station #4.

Submitted by Kathy Koehler, Secretary