

Niwot Community Association Monthly Meeting Agenda

April 1, 2015

Mountain View Fire District-Niwot Station

- I. Call to Order (7 PM) Attending: Julie B., Diane Z. Leonard S., Dick P, Jenn P, David Limbach, Pat M, Cindy B, Kim G, Tom S.
- II. Henry Wright: Startup Week LSW15 with Innovation District Niwot
 - a There will be 40 free sessions available in Longmont with the following topics: Start it, Fund it, Explore it, Manage It, Sell it and Enjoy it. Go to www.longmontstartupweek.com for more information. There are 3 sessions available in Niwot by 3 entrepreneurs. Dates and locations to be determined. It will be June 1-5th.
 - b Announcements/Agenda Items from the floor.
 - i David Weckerly This agenda item got moved up. See MJ notes below.
(in attendance: Kay Ingram, Steve Romano, David Weckerly, Bill Frea, Ron Brumfield.)
- III. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Butler a. Current Financials were approved. Shirts were handed out.
- IV. VI. Chairman's Report: nothing to report
 - a. Annual Meeting Planning tabled to April 12th Dick Piland's home at 2pm
 - b. Leonard did confirm Jonathon Sanger will be attending the meet n greet at 630p.
- VIII. Vice Chairman's Report: David Limbach
- IX. Secretary's Report: Kathy Koehler
 - a. A NCA community bench. \$1,000 → \$1,500 tabled for next month
- X. Niwot Business Assoc. Report Jenn Porter
 - a. Business is doing a survey. They plan to compile results 4/6 and share at their meeting on 4/14.
- XI. Business LID: Laura Skaggs not in attendance
- XII. Committee Reports
 - a. Area Reps: Sitongia, Zimmermann, Murphy, Manting, Barto
 - b. At Large Reps: Sesnic, Schmidt
 - c. Events Julie Breyer, Heidi Storz
 - Clean Up Day Heidi traveling. Boulder County to pay for 6 dumpsters not 4.
 - 4th of July 11am start time.
 - o Grand Marshall nominations we need more
 - o Groups/Orgs to help with breakfast/parade and receive donations
Cheerleaders, Football players, mascots, band members, boy's golf
 - d. Membership: Diane Zimmermann
 - 2015 Status Report 337 members and going strong. We expect more with clean-up day and the annual meeting.
 - "Unstuffing Party" Apr-22 (postpone??)
 - e. Communications: David Limbach
 - March newsletter / MJ survey
 - Preliminary results shared that match the previous survey 70/30.
 - Dick gave out the book "Going to Pot"
 - f. Trails and Open Space: Heidi Storz
 - g. Subdivision road update Dick Piland
 - Boulder County dismissed the lawsuit. This information to be added to the NCA website.
 - h. MJ action plan
 - Meet with Craumers Apr-08

The following notes are from Kim Glasscock.

Members of the Niwot Community Association Board of Directors agreed to ask Ernie and Callie Craumer to meet informally with them soon in a “fact-finding” session before deciding whether to host a public forum on the Craumer’s proposal to open a marijuana grow and retail sale operation in Niwot. They submitted their application to Boulder County on March 20 and are scheduled to meet with Boulder County Land Use staff to begin the process on April 13, according to Liz Donaghey, Boulder County licensing authority. NCA board members agreed at their April 1 meeting that they want to “get as much information as possible directly from the Craumers” before deciding whether to pursue hosting an open forum for the Niwot community. The NCA also is running a survey to ask the opinions of Niwot residents about the proposed marijuana operation coming to Niwot. The survey, open to Niwot residents and NCA members, can be found at Niwot.org. It is open until 11:59 p.m. April 8. NCA Vice President Dave Limbaugh said survey results should be tabulated and available at the NCA’s April 15 annual meeting. The results also will be reported on the NCA website at Niwot.org. At the informal meeting, NCA board members are hoping to ask the Craumers about how they plan to respond to any community concerns and negative public sentiment, work with their neighbors, control any impacts on the surrounding environment and market the business. Niwot resident David Weckerly, an outspoken opponent of any marijuana operation locating in Niwot, asked why board members wanted to meet with the Craumers before the survey results are tabulated. “Why not get the survey results and then take a stance representing your constituents?” he asked. “I suggest waiting to have a dialogue with the applicants until after the survey results are in.” Niwot resident Ron Brumfield expressed concerns about hosting an open forum, even one with a tightly-controlled format. “It will be a free-for-all and front page news. It won’t help get the issues aired and discussed,” he said. Brumfield added that an out-of-control forum also could dilute the results reported from the NCA survey. Weckerly asked if the board intended to take an official stance on the marijuana business coming to Niwot. “Will you take a stand on this and not just be an information conduit?” he asked. “Doesn’t reporting the results of the NCA survey to the Boulder County Commissioners constitute taking action?” asked board member Tom Sesnic. “I think it is important to get all the facts that we can, along with the survey results, and then be a voice for our community to the Boulder County Commissioners,” said NCA President Dick Piland. “I think logic, not emotion, is what will have an impact.” Piland added that he would urge the NCA to take an official stand but said he was “only one board member” and couldn’t speak for other board members.

XIII. Adjournment at 835p

Submitted by Cindy Butler, Treasurer