



**Niwot Community Association (NCA) Meeting**  
**Wednesday 06 May 2015, MVFPD Station #4, 8500 Niwot Road, Niwot, Colorado**

**Attendees:** Dick Piland, David Limbach, Kathy Koehler, Cindy Butler, Julie Breyer, Tom Sesnic, Jenn Porter, Liz Schmidt, Terry Larsen, Kim Glasscock (LHVC), NCA members Leonard Sitongia and Christine Guzy, Niwot Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents.

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM by Dick.

**Guests - Niwot Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind 4<sup>th</sup> grade students** - Julie introduced the team of five students. They, along with a couple other teammates who were not able to come, will be going to the world Odyssey of the Mind competition in June in East Lansing, Michigan. They will be competing amongst ~800 teams. One day they will perform a skit they have created titled, "Pandora's Box," and they have also made a video game for this stage of the competition. Another day they will respond to topics with creative and spontaneous answers. Currently they are trying to raise funds to cover trip expenses. After the students finished performing and left the meeting there was a motion to donate financial support to their trip to world Odyssey of the Mind competition. This was passed.

**Minutes:** Approved for April 1, April 8 Special Meeting and April 15, 2015 Annual meeting. Minutes will be posted on the NCA web site.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- o **Financial Report** - Cindy reviewed the current balance. Financials were approved.
- o **Deposits / Checks Written** - These were reviewed within the current balance reflecting 388 memberships in the current campaign and the cost of the membership campaign.
- o **Cindy introduced Terry** - Cindy announced that she is going to take a leave of absence from the Board Treasurer position and Terry will take her place on the Board in the interim. This was moved to accept and passed.
- o **Hats / Shirts** - Cindy brought the shirts for a couple Board members who were not present so Dick will hold them.

**Chairman's Report:**

- o **Annual Meeting** - Dick shared comments that he has received about the Annual Meeting on April 15. He asked for any feedback from the Board and suggestions to carry forward for planning the 2016 Annual Meeting.
- o **Niwot Hills Subdivision** - Dick reported that Graham Billingsly and/or Michael Markel, subdivision developer, will attend the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. They would like the NCA support in their request to Boulder County permission to bring Transfer Development Rights (TDRs) into the Niwot Hills subdivision from outside the Niwot area. Dick wants to learn more before the June meeting about TDR's in Niwot and will set up a meeting with Area 3 Representative Pat Murphy who knows the history of past TDR's, but is currently out of town.
- o **Underpass Mural, Update on Graffiti** - Dick reported that the reward money that was offered last summer for the prosecution and conviction of the vandals was still available for the April 2015 tagging of the mural. Kathy and Ellen Haswell met with the MVFPD staff and retrieved the cleaning chemicals and mural paint. Ellen, her family and Mary and Keith Griffith volunteered and worked to remove the tagging. Dick proposed a gift card to a Niwot restaurant for both Ellen and her family to use and one for the Griffiths for their volunteer work. The two gift cards were approved.

**Vice Chairman's Report:**

- o **Marijuana Grow and Retail proposed facility in Niwot Public Forum** - DavidL asked what the opinion was for the NCA to host a public forum regarding the proposed marijuana business in Niwot. Discussion followed. It was decided that the subject should be tabled for now until there is more information on the status of the application with Boulder County departments. DavidL led a committee in March who proposed a list of topics and the general ground rules for a public forum so there is already some skeletal work on file from which to start a public forum plan if the idea moves forward in the future.



- o **Marijuana Survey Results** - DavidL will forward the NCA survey results to Boulder County and contact someone in Land Use to see if a face-to-face meeting can be scheduled.

**Secretary's Report:**

o **NCA metal bench in Niwot** -

- o Kathy introduced an idea that the NCA might consider contributing a metal bench to the historic district in Niwot like the benches that are currently approved by the NBA historic committee. Discussion and ideas followed. Kathy will talk to Chuck Kleuber of the NBA streetscapes committee about possibly sponsoring a bench in the proposed 'bump out' landscape proposed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (west). Kathy will report back at the June meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

o **Area Representatives** -

- o No Area Representative updates at this meeting.

o **At Large Representatives** -

- o No at large representative reports.

- **Niwot Business LID Representative** -

- o No report.

- **Subdivision Roads LID Representative** -

- o Dick reported that BOCO Firm is planning to appeal the recent court ruling and they have sent out an e-mail letter requesting residents take pictures of their roads. They request the photographs be sent to BOCO Firm so they can have a large representation of the road conditions with locations of the photos as they move forward in the process with Boulder County.

- **Events:**

- o 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - Julie reported that the committee met in late March and plans are being worked. Kathy has taken the application to Boulder County, but no meeting with Event Planning is set at this time. The parade entry sign ups are coming in slower than they did last year at this time, but there are still two months to go before the parade.
- o Niwot Clean Up Day - Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - DavidL reported that Heidi updated him that all volunteers are scheduled as well as the dumpsters, electronics, block styrofoam, latex paint and swap meet.

- **Membership:**

- o DavidL and Cindy reported that the books are reconciled with 388 members to date. A few memberships are still being received via USPS mail occasionally and via PayPal, especially after the final Membership notification was sent out last week. We anticipate a few new memberships will be received at Clean Up Day this Saturday. A big vote of thanks to Diane Zimmermann for all her work and organizing the 2015 Membership Campaign.

- **Communications:**

- o The final reminder notice to past members who have not yet renewed their membership was distributed last week.

- **Trails and Open Space:**

- o No report at this time. Kathy said the list of trails volunteers from Membership registrations is long so it will be good if Boulder County had work plans ready for the possible joint work day this fall.

- **Announcements / Agenda Items From The Floor:**

- o Julie announced that a secret ballot vote had been taken amongst NCA Board members regarding the Grand Marshall of the parade this year. The secret ballot approved that Kathy would be the Grand Marshall which was a total surprise to her since she had nominated two other candidates for Grand Marshall. Kathy thanked everyone for the vote and appreciated the nomination.

**NCA Liaisons' Reports:**

o **NBA Liaison:**

- o Jenn reported that the NBA is invested in bringing visitors to Niwot.



- o The Rock & Rails committee is busy working on the 13 concerts this summer which run on Thursday nights June/July/August.
- o “Niwot Nostalgia Day” and “Left Hander’s Day” are being planned as a combined event on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The question was raised as to the NBA naming the event “Niwot Nostalgia Day” when the NCA organized that event for 35 years. It was expressed that it would have been considerate if the NBA had at least asked the NCA about taking over the name of an event of which they had not organized. Jenn said she would take the concern to the NBA.
- o **MVFPD Liaison:**
  - o No representative was present.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by Dick at 8:25 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is: Wednesday 03 June 2015, 7:00 PM, MVFPD Station #4.  
Submitted by Kathy Koehler, Secretary