



Niwot Community Association (NCA) Meeting
Wednesday 07 October 2015, MVFPD Station #4, 8500 Niwot Road, Niwot, Colorado

Attendees: David Limbach, Kathy Koehler, Tom Sesnic, David Manting, Pat Murphy, John Barto, Terry Larsen, Craig Rahenkamp, Hossien Tolooee, Norm Kapper (Trains), Helen Toper (Trains), Laura O'Connor (NCA Member), Mary Daughton (Lake Valley HOA Board), Aurelia Pollard (LHVC)

Call to Order: 7:01 PM by DavidL

Minutes: Approved for September 02 meeting. Minutes will be posted on the NCA web site.

Guest Presentation - Norm Klapper presented an update on his campaign for "Stop The Train Noise". He presented research on the volume of the train warning whistles with the Federal regulation now that at each crossing it is mandatory for 2 long, 2 short and one 15 second horn. Norm shared reports of some other communities the costs they would incur to install more secure crossings arms so the trains would not be required to blast at each crossing. His next steps are to stay in touch with Boulder and Longmont and with the work in those communities and to write Congress to encourage lowering the decibels on the horns.

Area Representatives / Vote - Hossien was nominated as Area 1 Representative and Craig was nominated as Area 2 Representative. Both nominations were seconded and approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- o **Financial Report** - Terry provided an update on the balance. She noted the two large expenses; one for Clean Up Day and the NCA donation to Niwot Children's Park. The report was approved.

Chairman's Report: (Dick Piland sent updates to DavidL.)

- o **NBA Oct 31 Event Application** - Dick wrote the application, Pat signed and Kathy delivered it to Boulder County.
- o **NBA Nov 28 Event Application** - Dick provided the application form to the NBA for the scheduled Holiday Parade, the NBA signed the forms and Kathy delivered it to Boulder County.
- o **BoCoFIRM Update** - Vince Hirsch said that a brief was filed October 6th for an appeal on the judge's ruling against BoCoFIRM.
- o **Niwot High School Homecoming Parade** - Overall Dick reported that it went smoothly. Kathy brought up the topic of candy being thrown from vehicles. A lot of candy was thrown from all vehicles and children were constantly running in the street along cars to retrieve more which was very dangerous and a major safety concern. DavidL shared that it was noted and he had learned that it was the idea of a few students to buy large bags for everyone to throw candy. It was not part of the event plan by NHS event sponsors.

Vice Chairman's Report:

- o **Marijuana application status** - DavidL reported that there is a new submission by the property owners to Boulder County Land Use. There is an opportunity for any community members to respond for / against the application directly to Boulder County before the deadline of October 23. A link to the application package along with a link to respond to the County are on the NCA website. DavidL plans to request a meeting with Land Use to update the new case person on the NCA survey results and points in the application submission that are mis-quoted prior the October 23 deadline.
- o **Area Socials** - DavidM is hosting a NCA table to participation in the Lake Valley Oktoberfest that takes place on Saturday, October 10. The Area 2 social that DavidL and Dick were planning will now fall into Craig's hands to organize. No other area socials are being planned at this time.

Secretary's Report:

- o **NCA metal bench in Old Town Niwot** - No new updates at this time. Talk will continue with 1914 House when they move into the outside plans for the restaurant which would be a possible location for the bench.



- o **Children's Park Jamboree, A Fundraiser, on September 12** - Kathy reported the corn toss boards were popular and usually busy with participants. There were also juggling lessons from DavidL. Just for their participation hacky sacks and bottles of bubbles were available for each child. DavidL, DavidM, Julie, Diane Zimmermann and Kathy were the booth volunteers. A thank you card was signed by Board members and will be mailed to Boot Strap for borrowing their boards.
- o **Niwot Elementary PTAC Sponsorship of Student Directory** - Kathy submitted paperwork, advertisement layout and mailed the check for this sponsorship. She will ask Julie Breyer to confirm the ad is in the directory.

Committee Reports:

o Area Representatives -

- o The concern about folks running the stop light at Niwot Road / Walker Road was brought up by Pat. The east or west bound traffic is not able to see the light colors as the sun is rising or setting. It was discussed with more members echoing the concern. The suggestion was that possibly it would be good to ask Dick to contact Boulder County Transportation about the lights and see if there is something that can be added/changed to help with being able to see the stop light.

o At Large Representatives -

- o No at large representative reports.

- Niwot Business LID Representative -

- o NCA representative to the LID was not present.

- Subdivision Roads LID Representative -

- o Included in the Chairman's report.

- Events:

- o **4th of July** - Kathy reported that the expenses for the marketing of the event have not yet been submitted to the LID for Boulder County to reimburse the NCA. Julie and Terry still need to finalize all copies of receipts for submission.

- o **Trails and Open Space** - DavidL reported that it appears there will not be a project with Boulder County this fall.

- o **Halloween** - Kathy offered to purchase treats for a NCA table at the Halloween parade. She will also bring the leftover prizes from the Children's Park Jamboree to hand out and will work to get volunteers to be at the table.

- Membership:

- o DavidL reported that there are now 418 members. It was suggested that we begin the planning for the 2016 membership drive at the next meeting.

- Communications:

- o DavidL sent out communication to all members for whom the NCA has an email address and 61% have opened their communication which is a good amount of members paying attention to the notice.

- Announcements / Agenda Items From The Floor:

- o Mary Daughton of the Lake Valley HOA Board suggested that perhaps the NCA and the Lake Valley HOA could do a joint project sometime in the near future. She has organized a blood drive with Bonfils for October 10 and thinks that we could possibly work on one for the Niwot community.

- o Craig shared that a Niwot area trail on which he has ridden his mountain bike has been closed. He was wondering if anyone knew about it and why. DavidL and Kathy could not come up with the name for him to contact with Boulder County Open Space so they will get that name to him.

NCA Liaisons' Reports:

o NBA Liaison:

- o Representative was not present.

o MVFPD Liaison:

- o No representative was present.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by DavidL at 8:19 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is: Wednesday 04 November 2015, 7:00 PM, MVFPD Station #4.

Submitted by Kathy Koehler, Secretary