

General Questions/Comments – March 17, 2008 Community Event

Sidewalks, Curb and Gutter, Parks and Trails

- Sidewalk both sides, and curbs
- Bike path and trail Godfrey and over Churchill to Amsterdam – talk with Amsterdam School Board
- OK with city of Manhattan on trails re: train track
- Talk with Mack M – trail on his land
- Rails to trails for sure
- Insurance on ball fields and parking use of school parking lots
- Baseball fields – need to find funding for the long term
- Trail on railroad bed needs to be wide enough for fast traffic (bikes and runners) to pass slow traffic (baby strollers)
- Trails in back may not be maintained as well as sidewalks in front, and privacy in the back is appreciated.
- Need a sidewalk on Kunje road
- Pursue sidewalks in front rather than the back
- No “trails or sidewalk” option. There must be sidewalks in the front. Keep the back private and safe.
- Sidewalks in front better than trails in back of lots
- Like the trail on the railroad bed

Road and Transportation Issues

- Redirect Churchill Road
- MDT – lower scale of state highway/level rating/classification
- What is the potential for new or improved roads that can serve the Churchill/Amsterdam core? The topography does not easily lend itself to the logical placement of new roads.

Water

- Water – community water
- Gray water recycle or irrigation

Agricultural Protections and Rural Standards

- 100 foot minimum ditch/canal setback; what are we classifying low line/valley ditch?
- Priorities would be to protect the canals and ditches from encroachment; implement zoning to restrict placement of undesirable businesses such as bars and casinos within the core area, and create buffers between development and ag usage

- Cluster in rural areas – reasonable density – incentives for cluster development
- TDC's option to participate
- I do not feel that zoning outside the proposed core is an effort that should be made at this time.
- Dairies, etc. have the option to require a berm and treebelt along with the setback if a subdivision comes next door
- Clustering with elbow room
- By dairies – more than just setback. Possibly berms.
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Zoning Standards

- Zoning standards – top of the list. Prohibit bars, casinos, and sexually-oriented businesses
- Zoning standards for bars/casinos excellent idea
- Gravel pits concerns – zone against

Housing Issues

- Affordable housing (habitat for humanity)
- Are there measures of control to control the number of units in a neighborhood or to enforce the minimum care of a property either owned or rented?
- No multiple single-wides or double-wides on a single lot in core area
- Set area (designated) for affordable housing
- No trailer courts
- No multiple single-wides or double-wides on single lots in core area
- Affordable housing

Miscellaneous

- Would like 90% built out before allowing new subdivisions
- Want eating establishments that can serve beer and wine
- No mosques or mormon churches
- Preserving historical buildings/preservation
- Zoning against junk cars/have an ordinance in place or is there already something?
- Community cleanup day
- Presentation at meeting was good. Heading in the right direction.

Other Actions

- Three rows of trees as a buffer between agriculture and development put in by developer
 - Who's liable for children falling into canal? Should there be a fence or a buffer?
 - No discharge of firearms in core area
 - Dog control – pick up poop and have a barking limit
 - Speed limits

- No commercial businesses in core
 - Grooming ordinance
- Future developments must accept the existing farms and their smells, sounds, animals, equipment, and other things specific to farming/ranching. Farms/ranches were here first. “Code of the West” should apply
- Street lights? Not really.
- Incorporation
- Road engineer available for limits of terrain to explain options
- Rails to trails – Anceny to Manhattan
- Churchill Estates
- Sidewalks on Churchill Road to Crestline Drive
- Bike paths into Amsterdam Village (in Village Center)
- Zoning is good