

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group
May 19, 2008

Attendees: Dean Sybesma, Tim VanDam, Donna Eakman, Dwight E. Dyk, Robin Swanson, Carol Weidenaar, Warren Vaughan, Walt Sales, Reese Miller, Jack VanderMolen, Rita VanderMolen, Bob Urich, Erika Braaksma, Jason Kimm, Mark Kimm, LeRoy Logterman

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:16pm.
- 2) The meeting agenda, updated maps, and the minutes from the May 12th meeting were passed around the table.
- 3) Everyone introduced themselves to the new attendees and shared any rumors they had heard. A quick recap was given regarding what the committee's objective is, as well as what has been accomplished so far.
- 4) There was one correction to the May 12th minutes. The last lines of Item 3, Line d which read, "There was a vote taken on the amendment. Jason moved and Bob seconded. Motion passed (all 5's)" should refer to all lines of item number 3 (lines a,b,c, and d), not just line d. The word "amendment" should be plural to imply that all the amendments to the April 21st minutes were voted on and approved.

Business:

- 5) There was no action taken regarding the Treasurer's report due to member absence.
- 6) Steering Committee Reports were given next:
 - a) The Water Assessment Committee – no action taken due to member absence.
 - b) Sidewalk/Community Project Committee – Reece Miller reported that he had contacted several owners of residences on Churchill Road in the areas where sidewalks may be needed. He talked to them about their feelings and concerns regarding sidewalks. There were some concerns that putting a sidewalk on personal property would cause homeowners insurance to go up. Most people were open to the idea of putting the sidewalk on the road easement. Reece concluded that his next step would be to contact the MDT to see what could be done.
Warren suggested that Reece contact Bob DeWitt, who was involved in getting a walking path for East Dry Creek in Manhattan. It

was also suggested that Reece contact Charlie Pipal, who is part of the Rotary, to see if they would support a community project. Other contacts could also be Ted Lange from the Gallatin Valley Land Trust, who is knowledgeable on obtaining resources for unincorporated towns. Warren volunteered to look into the funding resources used by Boulder to improve their streets. The members whom officially make up this committee are Gene Bennett, Rose Brouwer, Marian Kimm, Reece Miller, Tim VanDam, and Dean Sybesma.

- c) Non Profit Committee- the committee has not met.
- d) Newsletter/Webpage Committee- Bob wrote the first newsletter and submitted it to Warren for editing. Once the website is up and running, there should be one newsletter per month posted. Bob reported that Andy from the Belgrade News is interested in seeing the newsletter.

It was suggested that Gail contact Joe Evert, who made the webpage for Gallatin Gateway's community planning processes. It was suggested that the committee look into hiring Joe Evert to build the webpage. Reece volunteered his personal business, Computer Help, to host and maintain the website with a minimal level of involvement.

- 7) Walt suggested that the ACCPG use the upcoming Amsterdam/Churchill Fire Department Pig Roast on June 7th to display the progress the committee has made since the last large community meeting. Carol, Walt, Jason, Dean, LeRoy, and Rita volunteered to stand by a display during the dinner to answer questions. Dean moved and Jason seconded. Motion passed (all 5's).

Information including the newsletter, a revised working core area map, as well as a draft of the proposal of the county wide system that the county is considering will also be available.

- 8) Warren passed around a handout entitled, "To-Do List for Getting to Adoption," which lists specific areas of the plan rough draft which must still be worked out in detail. Everyone has the assignment to read the plan and come back to the next meeting with some thoughts. Warren reminded everyone that this document is our community's law, so it's important that we read it and make necessary changes.

Warren also passed out a handout entitled, "Appendix J: Supporting Documents for Rural Cluster Regulation," for everyone to read. This document applies to rural areas, not the core.

- 9) Walt gave an update on the Large Landowner Meeting discussion. Walt and Warren have sat down and put the basics together for a power point presentation. The target date for the meeting is the beginning of June.

10) The Core Boundary and Land Use Map were discussed next. After much discussion, the group agreed on the amended locations of the eastern, southern and western core boundary line. The northern boundary was still being discussed up until the time of adjournment. No vote was taken.

Meeting Adjournment:

11) The next ACCPG meeting will be held on June 9th from 7-9pm in the Amsterdam/Churchill Rural Fire Hall.

12) Walt adjourned the meeting at 9:39pm. Robin moved and Tim seconded. Motion passed (all 5's).