



Waverly Community Group, Inc.

WAC Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 25, 2010, 7-8:30pm

Turning Point at Waverly School, 10431 NCR 15

Committee Members Present: Helen Boggs, Jan Kroeger, Rob McDonald, Kathy Monty, Tom Niichel, Carolyn Ownby, Ron Splittergerber, George Wallace, and Karl Zeller. 9/12 WAC members present)

Committee Members Absent: Jane Clark, Hugh Mowery, and Leslie Sorensen.

Guests: Rosemary Niichel and George Reed

The meeting started at 7:03 with a 9/12 member quorum.

Secretary's Report: The January 28<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: There is still ~\$460 in the treasury.

### **Old Business**

1. Unreported meetings of Local Interest.

- **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> CC Johnson Laporte monthly meeting** – Sue emailed this report.

- **Feb 11 CC Gaiter Wellington monthly meeting** – Sue also emailed notes from this meeting.

- **NCWA**. George Reed responded that the Nunn wells are upstream from the proposed *in situ* uranium mining sites, and NCWA doesn't like their wells referenced as "the Nunn wells". Helen will call the NCWA operating manager, Rich Patterson, and determine the preferred designation and email constituents a note to that effect.

2. **501 c (3) application**. Ron will circulate the application shortly. He needs bank statements.

3. **Stewardship Trust Update** – The draft has been written, and Carolyn is fine tuning it. Getting Stewardship Trust status for these (2) sections will not prohibit sale by the state, BUT it will indicate community interest in deterring private sales which might prohibit future sales interest. George plans to get letters of support from the Ag Board, Weaver, Marsh, and the County Open Lands Department. George will send the draft application along to Weaver and Marsh when requesting their letters of support. It is the plan to submit the applications this spring before completions of the Natural Heritage surveys.

4. **Time of Darkness Activity**. Kathy got a nice article in the *North 40 News* advertising this activity. Helen will copy the article and email a reminder to the constituents-with-email lists. Kathy also called the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts. (There were problems with the school district.) There is no rainy day alternative unless an inflatable dome appears. Refreshments will not be served.

**Aside. It is not a priority for REA to promote installation of down lights. And if you are thinking of modifying your exterior light fixtures Doug Anderson, at the Wellington Ace Hardware, will have a catalogue for light shrouds.**

5. **Net Zero Committee**. Nancy would like to meet with the subcommittee at the end of March.

The City of Fort Collins has several incentive programs (light bulb retrofit, car pooling, appliance retrofits) and she would like to discuss what incentives we might be able to promote. Someone proposed an evening informational session on insulation or alternative power. Rich Brown, on 66E, has volunteered to do a community workshop on something.

**6. Pancake Breakfast.** The estimate was that we served 125 last year. The auditorium and griddle have been reserved for the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**George** volunteered to make cowboy coffee on a coleman stove.

**Rosemary** will bring a 3 gallon coffee pot.

**Tom** volunteered to bring another griddle and canopy.

**7. March 5<sup>th</sup> Lew Garter Breakfast.**

Menu: potatoes, eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, fruit. And probably coffee.

Ron is making biscuits. Kathy is making a fruit plate. Sue is bringing eggs. Rosemary is making the potatoes and helping with set up. Karl is taking George's grandson to school at 8am. George is doing something. Jane is leading the tour (see her emailed agenda). A head count was taken of WAC attendees.

Tour. More flexible codes for home occupations was suggested as well as pointing out home occupations. George Reed noted that many home business owners fear the county. The truck by-pass was mentioned. George will provide a copy of the Area Plan.

**8. Website updating.** Hugh was absent, but Ron said they were working together and he hoped that past problems inputting new information to the website had been resolved.

**New Business**

**1. June Community Meeting with Larimer County Commissioners.** Jane was absent, but the scheduled date for this meeting is the regular June 24<sup>th</sup> WAC meeting date, 6:30-9pm. The County Commissioners will send notification cards to the constituents and will manage the agenda. If we have time there will be a short WAC meeting afterward, otherwise it will be postponed until another date or the agenda tabled until July.

**2. Barn cats.** Carolyn is looking for a barn homes for 3-6 neutered feral cats. Anyone need barn cats? Craig's List was mentioned as a resource.

**3. Fort Collins Water Board.** This board met tonight (2-25) and George Reed brought a copy of an email submitted to them by Gary Wockner about (3) agenda items which concerned him. The City of Fort Collins seems to hold a controlling interest of 4700 of NPIC's 10,000 water shares. Gary's lengthy first item proposed a cost benefit analysis of rental and delivery water charges and taxpayer benefits. He proposed that the city stop renting the majority of their rental water to "agricultural corporations upstream of Fort Collins" and instead let that water run through Fort Collins and then rent it to users downstream of Fort Collins. Then he cites (8) existing or future benefits of running the water through FC. George Reed thought this proposal to be a disaster on the horizon and noted the danger that, "If the value of a healthy local food system" is not recognized that this value would not appear in any submitted cost benefit analysis. George Wallace thought there were checks and balances in place to prohibit the removal of Fort Collins' NPIC rental water from our area. Rob will retype the letter so we can all have a copy and Helen will email to the WAC. No action was taken on this item.

**4. Soapstone grazing leases.** George mentioned that the grazing lease on the city's new Soapstone Open Space has been awarded to someone from Kremmling. It was held in the past by the Folsom Grazing Association. He would like the lease to be reconsidered and awarded to someone locally. [See his WAC-emailed 4-page letter to City Council 02-25.] No action was taken on this item.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Boggs, WAC Secretary