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Waverly Community Group, Inc.  
Waverly Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, **February 22, 2012**, 7:30 pm  
Turning Point at Waverly School, 10431 NCR 15

Committee Members Present: Jan Kroeger, Chair & Treas., George Reed, V. Chair, Ron Splittgerber, V. Chair, Jane Clark, Sec., Tom Niichel, Carolyn Ownby, Linda Sanden, George Wallace (8/11 WAC members present; 6 are needed for a quorum)

Committee Members Absent: LuAnn Goodyear, Leslie Sorensen and Karl Zeller

Guests: Rosemarie Niichel and Nancy Wallace

A quorum was obtained at 7:35 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** On motion by Linda Sanden, seconded by Ron Splittgerber, the January 25, 2012 minutes were approved as corrected at the meeting with one dissenting vote from George Reed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasury now contains \$780.20. There is one outstanding bill from LuAnn Goodyear for \$51.04, that when paid will leave \$729.16.

**Item of note:** LuAnn Goodyear has submitted a letter of resignation as her work as Chair of the Larimer County Ag Advisory Board Education and Public Outreach Committee will keep her too busy to do both that and the WAC. She will still consider hosting events for the WAC/WCG, and sent email updates received from the Night Skies event along with her letter. She will be greatly missed.

## Old Business

### 1. Unreported Meetings of Local Interest

A. Lew Gaiter T-Bar Breakfast – Community member Sue Foster attended the last Lew Gaiter meeting and forwarded notes to the WAC which were distributed via email. Larimer County Planning Director, Linda Hoffman was the guest. Topics included reorganization of that department and some discussion of rural land divisions.

B. Others meetings not covered in this agenda – Community member Helen Boggs attended the Northern Colorado Water Association meeting and emailed her notes to the WAC.

### 2. Public Process for Waverly/Buckeye – Status

A. Jan had an inquiry on the website wondering when results from the County meeting would be posted. Jan referred the person to Russ Legg saying we had no results yet. Jan asked Jane to contact Mr. Legg to see when information might be forthcoming from the meeting. Mr. Legg thought a report and update would be put out in early March and that the WAC might hear from the Commissioners in early March.

B. Regarding the Commissioner Gaiter/Buckeye meeting on March 28, 2012, it was agreed that whoever from the WAC attended would let the Buckeye Chair know that if a presentation or questions/answers session was desired about the Waverly public process or reasons for inviting the process would be helpful, someone from our group would be glad to participate. Alternatively, it was agreed that those from Waverly who attended and wanted to speak about the process were free to do so if the subject was germane to the Buckeye meeting.

C. Regarding Waverly website content, it was agreed to install an "Update" column that addresses issues being worked on, or not, between regular WAC meetings. Specifically the column will start off with a statement that the Net Zero Committee has been deactivated for lack of interest, and that Dark Skies having to do with things like downlighting is also not an issue for the group. (Dark Skies morphed into Night Skies Over Waverly which was a community hit as an event.) It was recommended that all on the WAC review the website for content with an eye toward how it affects our community and be ready to discuss at a future meeting.

D. Ron will contact Tim Lanham to talk about the website ownership and other issues concerning the site.

E. There was additional conversation relative to the public process that included how our website and activities are perceived from the community at large. George Reed suggested the posting of a newsletter for the website (the update column will serve this function). Tom Niichel complimented the WAC for the Night Skies event, but reported that some people feel like the WAC is trying to take control of "how we live our lives and use our properties." George Wallace talked about how the work of the Waverly Advisory Committee does nothing but reflect items already in the Larimer County Master Plan, and that if anything, the WAC has worked on helping liberalize the Master Plan, particularly in regard to rural businesses so that they can operate in the open.

There was clarification that the WAC had never opposed the Clingan County request, in fact the WAC had supported the application. If there was any complaint at the planning commission meeting, it was from a person or persons in the Waverly community that did not speak for the WAC.

Jan continued the conversation about the perception of the WCG or WAC "controlling" property or lives, saying that if anything the draft plan that the WAC put together as a sample, spoke to "leave us alone," rather than any top-down control by a local group.

There was a general discussion of whether or not a group like this can just respond to (external) threats on an ad hoc basis. The responses were mostly that the best work has been done, for instance to push back the Wellington Growth Management Area in particular, because we have been organized, cohesive, and developed a Community Influence Area relationship with Larimer County. It was also commented that the group needs to be able to see threats or issues coming up, and not react after they have happened; and that if we don't pay attention to/ or plan for our future in a general sense, another entity will do it for us.

George Reed criticized the group for not disseminating information about the Ziegler development request that was referred to the WAC for comments. It was noted that the information had been emailed to the WAC for discussion, not the whole community as that would be unwieldy, and based on County "Development Review Proposal" signage, the whole community can call for details.

## **New Business**

1. **Guidelines for WAC meeting discussions.** Jan called on all committee members to act in a businesslike way, respectful of each other's time and ideas and leave personal issues/comments out of the meetings. Also to limit the length of comment time to a reasonable amount.

2. **Agenda Items for 2012.** Items for consideration for 2012 for social/information events included the following:

- Pancake Breakfast (at LuAnn's?)
- Summer Night Skies
- Ice Cream Social
- Game Afternoon
- Thanksgiving Walk
- Larimer County Public Process
- Larimer County Road Crew Q&A
- Commissioner Donnelly as representative on Northern Colorado Regional Transportation/Mobility Commission/Study (?)
- Bicycle events that come through Waverly looking for volunteers (Turning Point fundraiser and FC Cycle Club)

## **Other Items**

1. Repeat of review mailing list and email list and circulate to all WAC members to verify information of friends and neighbors for communication purposes. Ron pointed out that our postal mailing list comes from County records, and we cannot control the quality 100%. Email addresses are given to the WAC voluntarily.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Jane Clark, Secretary