

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group  
March 3, 2008

Attendees: Karen Braaksma, Brenda Darby, Gail Weidenaar, Glen Flikkema, Carl Vander Molen, Robin Swanson, Carol Weidenaar, Warren Vaughan, LeRoy Logterman, Walt Sales, Reese Miller, Todd Kitto, Bob Urich, Mark Kimm, Erika Braaksma, Keith Venema, Jason Kimm, Ada Montague, Ted Lange

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- 2) Glen moved to approve the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carl seconded. Motion passed. (all 5's)
- 3) Warren passed around extra copies of the meeting agenda for anyone who did not bring a copy with them, which was sent ahead of time via email.
- 4) Warren briefly introduced Ted Lange from the Gallatin Valley Land Trust, who later gave a presentation regarding parks and trails planning.

Business:

- 5) The first item of business discussed was the need for money to fund the next community mailing, which will announce the March 17<sup>th</sup> community meeting.
- 6) Warren passed an envelope around the group for donations. A total of \$237 was collected.
- 7) There was discussion regarding opening an account at the bank for donations to the ACCPG.
  - Todd Kitto reported that any bank account has to be tied to a tax ID number
  - Gail reported that a tax ID number could be obtained by filling out the forms with the state, faxing them in with a \$40 fee, and a tax ID number would be assigned within 24 hours.
- 8) Glen moved that Gail file the forms with the state to form a non-profit association named Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group. Robin seconded. Motion passed. (all 5's) Gail was given \$40 from the collected donations for the filing fee. The fund balance is \$197.

- 9) Warren explained that in the future, he will take the mailings to the mailing service and the county will bill the ACCPG non-profit association. Since the non-profit is not set up yet, Warren will take the donations to the mailing service, and return the remaining money and a receipt to the ACCPG.
- 10) Karen moved that Gail, Keith, and Todd be members of the Treasurer's Committee. Todd seconded. Motion passed. (all 5's)
- 11) Gail volunteered her address for mailings to the ACCPG until another one is set up.

Upcoming Community Meeting:

- 12) Warren passed around the proposed agenda for the March 17th community meeting as well as two other handouts entitled, "Initial Recommendations from the Amsterdam/Churchill Planning Group," and "An Everyday Guide to Action Items Recommended by the Committee."
- 13) Warren proposed that the meeting start at 6:30 pm, and hoped that committee members would take part in the presentation so that his role would be minimal.
- 14) There was a brief off-topic discussion regarding prohibiting bars and casinos, as well as some questions regarding the border of the core area.
- 15) LeRoy moved that Keith, Robin, and Glen present the initial recommendations at the community meeting. Todd seconded. Motion passed. (all 5's)
- 16) There was discussion regarding buffers for agriculture uses such as dairies and potato washing facilities. Jason volunteered to speak about this.
- 17) Gail volunteered to speak about the ACCPG non-profit association.
- 18) LeRoy volunteered to speak about clustering.
- 19) Brenda volunteered to talk about bars and casinos.
- 20) Reese volunteered to speak about sidewalks.
- 21) Todd volunteered to mention community water.

Presentation:

- 22) Ted Lange took over with a power point presentation and spoke about trails and parks.

- 23) It was discussed that the first priority should be a trail for children to get to school safely.
- 24) It was agreed that there is always a shortage of parks, so a developer could possibly be required to make 11% into a park.
- 25) Carl talked about introducing two trails first; the railroad bed by Camp Creek and the trail to the school.
- 26) The next community meeting will be the community meeting at the MCHS school library from 7-9 pm on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 27) The next ACCPG meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at the Amsterdam Fire Hall.
- 28) Walt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion passed. (all 5's)