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.

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
  o Who’s liable for children falling into canal? Should there be a fence or a buffer?
  o No discharge of firearms in core area
  o Dog control – pick up poop and have a barking limit
  o 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