

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group  
June 9, 2008

Attendees: Ada Montague, Jack VanderMolen, Rita VanderMolen, Bob Urich, Reese Miller, Warren Vaughan, Walt Sales, Jim Potts, Tim VanDam, Dwight Dyk, Donna Eakman, Brent Sinnema, Dave Hoekema, Erika Braaksma, Carl VanerMolen, LeRoy Logterman, Carol Weidenaar, Glen Flikkema, Jason Kimm

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- 2) Warren reported that the ACCPG booth at the Amsterdam/Churchill Fire Department pig roast was a success.
- 3) Everyone introduced themselves and shared any rumors they had heard since the last meeting.

Business:

- 4) The minutes from the last meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup> were approved as read.
- 5) Walt informed everyone that there are copies of the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan DRAFT are available at Churchill Equipment, the Churchill branch of Manhattan State Bank, and Danhof Chevrolet.
- 6) Treasurer's Report: Gail has no new news. There are three options to explore to open a 501 non-profit group. She has had no response from her committee, which is made up of Gail, Todd Kitto, and Keith Venema. Walt offered to help contact the committee to get the process going. It was suggested that Charlie Pipal may be able to help if need be. Warren reported that the county mailing service bill has been paid.
- 7) Steering Committee Reports:
  - A) Water Assessment:
    - i) Ada has been communicating with Carolyn DeMartino from the DEQ. Carolyn offered to come and speak to the ACCPG regarding source water protection.
    - ii) Jim Potts reported that assessments done prior to putting in new public wells could be helpful (on a large scale) if the community is able to someday tie all of the water together.
    - iii) It was recommended that the Water Assessment Committee look into the possibility of tying the community water together, and then talk to Carolyn

and get her input. Potential committee members joining Ada Montague include Jim Potts, and Sylvia Ypma.

B) Sidewalk/Community Projects Committee:

- i) Reese reported that there is no new news, but added that funding continues to be a major worry of people he has contacted.
- ii) Warren volunteered to call a contact person he knows from MDT to get some information regarding Churchill Road. He will email Reese with any information.
- iii) Jeff Dyksterhouse said he would be willing to work on the sidewalks, but it was noted that the DOT will probably bid the job out.

C) Newsletter/Webpage Committee:

- i) Tim will start contacting people on the committee to get things going.
- ii) Committee members include Tim VanDam, Gail Weidenaar and Bob Urich.
- iii) Warren and Ada are still editing the newsletter.
- iv) Reese an idea for the ACCPG website address, but will wait to register it until the rest of the committee has input.

8) Fire Department Input:

Dave Hoekema was present to represent the fire department and shared some ideas and concerns regarding future community development as well as existing community fire safety. Some ideas included:

- working toward combining community water supplies
- making plans for future subdivisions in the core to include easements
- looking into the need for substations in the outer lying rural areas (due to the longer response times)
- building roads to remedy limited access
- having water supply systems in rural areas, including access, that would be maintained by the community
- Problem: who pays for all of these ideas?

Warren offered to email Gallatin Gateway's fire plans to Dave.

9) Large Landowner Discussion:

Walt updated everyone that the meeting will happen once the weather permits.

- 10) After much discussion regarding section 3.4 of the draft plan, Glen moved and Tim seconded to combine the Churchill and Amsterdam pedestrian sidewalk projects together to include sidewalk access to both schools. Motion passed. (all 5's) It was also asked that sidewalk maintenance be included in the draft. Warren said he would rewrite the section and bring it back for a vote.

11) Land Use Map and Core Boundary Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the northern border of the core area, which will likely be zoned commercial along Churchill Road. Tim moved and LeRoy seconded that the line originate at Churchill Equipment and go ¼ mile north, ¼ mile east, and ¼ mile west. The line would follow the Valley ditch on the far east, and meet at the edge of Danhof Chevrolet on the far west. Discussion followed and the motion failed (all 5's except for one 1finger vote). Tim moved and LeRoy seconded that Warren draw a new map as discussed this evening for further discussion in two weeks. Motion passed (all 5's)

Meeting Adjournment:

12) Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm. Erika moved and Bob seconded. Motion passed (all 5's)

13) The next meeting will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9pm at the fire hall.