

Amsterdam/Churchill Planning Group Minutes
August 25, 2008

Attendees: Tim Van Dam, Ada Montague, Carl Vander Molen, Warren Vaughan, Walt Sales, LeRoy Logterman, Reese Miller, Cindy Elliot, Bob Urich, Jack Vander Molen, Illegible Signature, Jim Potts, Brent Sinnema, Erika Braaksma, Carol Weidenaar, Mark Kimm, Jason Kimm, and Gail Weidenaar.

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:12 pm.
- 2) The August 11, 2008 minutes were approved with the condition of striking the words “who is working with the Elliot and Vander Molen families” within item 6b. Motion passed. (all 5’s)

Business:

- 3) **Election of Officers** (all officers were elected by a motion, a second, and the five finger vote system)

President: Walt Sales

Vice-President: Tim Vam Dam

Co-Treasurers: LeRoy Logterman and Gail Weidenaar

Co-Secretaries: Erika Braaksma and Carol Weidenaar

There are currently no terms written for the ACCPG non-profit group yet. Future by-laws need to address topics such as a voting system, how to transition from a steering committee, establishing a quorum, percent majority vote needed for approval, and overall committee structure.

Walt suggested a committee be formed to research these topics and report back to the ACCPG. By-laws Committee members include Bob Urich (Chair), Walt Sales, Mark Kimm, Brent Sinnema, and Tim Van Dam.

- 4) There was discussion on the **Churchill Northeast and Martello Subdivisions**. Warren asked if the group wanted to make an official comment to the commissioners regarding the park location, curbs, sidewalks, lighting, etc. within these subdivisions.

After discussion regarding the lighting district, Jason moved to have Churchill Northeast join the lighting district. Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Lighting requirements within the subdivision were discussed next. It was agreed that the Sidewalk Committee look at the topic and propose requirements to the ACCPG group within a month.

There was some discussion regarding Phase C of the Churchill NE project. It was suggested to leave room in Phase C for Kunje Road to extend through.

That reserved piece of land could serve as an Ag buffer until future development required a road to be built there. Questions about the proposed sidewalk along Kunje were also raised, which Warren offered to look into and report back to the Sidewalk Committee.

The Martello subdivision was briefly discussed. There were several questions, but no recommendations were made.

- 5) The **Town and Core Boundary Discussion** was postponed by recommendation until the ACCPG by-laws are finished.
- 6) **Mind Map Exercise:** Warren led the group in a brainstorming exercise regarding all the aspects of the Amsterdam/Churchill planning process and the topics needing to be pursued. He will have a handout of the results of the discussion at the next meeting.
- 7) The topics of rural density, clustering and TDR's were briefly discussed. A **Rural Committee** was formed and agreed to meet before the next ACCPG meeting to bring recommendations to the group. Members of the Rural Committee are Walt Sales, Jason Kimm, LeRoy Logterman, Carl Vander Molen, Brent Sinnema, Gail Weidenaar, and Mark Kimm.

Closing Business:

- 8) The next ACCPG meeting is scheduled for September 8th from 7-9pm at the Amsterdam/Churchill Rural Fire Hall.
- 9) Walt adjourned the meeting at 9:45pm. Dwight moved, LeRoy seconded, motion passed. (all 5's)