

Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group
November 25, 2008 Minutes

Attendees: Tim Van Dam, Bob Urich, Reese Miller, Dwight Dyk, Walt Sales, Warren Vaughan, Chris Scott, Carl Vander Molen, Brent Sinnema, Glen Flikkema, Don Carlson, Jim Potts, Neil Hosking, LeRoy Logterman, Erika Braaksma, Carol Weidenaar, Mark Kimm, Gail Weidenaar

Meeting Introduction:

- 1) Walt opened the meeting at 7:07pm. It was established that a voting quorum was present.
- 2) The minutes from the November 10th meeting were approved as read.
- 3) Jack Vander Molen was granted an excused absence.

Business:

4) **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer - Gail had no new business to report. LeRoy was added to the Treasurer Committee, and Walt volunteered to call Keith Venema and Todd Kitto to see if they wanted to remain on the committee.

Water – no report (see sewer committee report)

Rural – no report

Sidewalks – no report

Website – Reese will have something to show the group at the next meeting. Tim moved that the ACCPG website address be www.amsterdamchurchillcommunityplan.com Carol seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer - Warren spoke with someone from the Water Quality District and they would like to attend the January 12th meeting to discuss expanding the boundary to include Amsterdam and Churchill. The ACCPG agreed to the meeting.

Jim spoke with Jeff at the Sewer District and reported that the current Amsterdam/Churchill sewer system is providing service to 320 homes, 8 businesses, and 5 churches/schools. There is no flow monitoring program in place as of now.

Don Carlson and Reese Miller were added to the Sewer Committee.

- 5) **Neil Hosking from CTA Architects** spoke regarding the Amsterdam Village subdivision. He presented a new design for the ACCPG to comment on. The new layout would be made up of 78 acres along Churchill Road and further

south, including 92 lots and 28 acres of open space. The lots would be ¼ to ½ acres each, and would consist of mainly single family units with a few town houses. There was also space set aside for a commercial area and a retirement community. Trails and agriculture buffers were included in the plan, but sidewalks or schools were not included. Waste water had not been addressed yet.

Chris Scott from the Gallatin County Planning Office, who worked on the original Amsterdam Village plan, also answered questions regarding the project.

After discussion, the group gave Neil some suggestions and Warren agreed to call MDT to see about the possibility of extending the state highway straight south past Bethel Church.

- 6) **Windmill Acres Subdivision:** The group discussed a letter regarding connections to the existing developments to the north and south of the proposed subdivision, as well as connecting Godfrey Canyon to the property to the east.
- 7) **Contiguous Growth policy in the Town Core:** Warren handed out a memo titled “Annexation Policy Thoughts.” The ACCPG discussed the definitions of “contiguous” and “substantial” in relation to their use in the memo, which discussed the idea of requiring land in the core to be contiguous to existing development prior to development at town densities.

Closing Business:

- 8) The next ACCPG meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th from 7-9 pm at the Churchill Bank. This will be the only December meeting.
- 9) Dwight moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Carl seconded. Motion passed.