

AMSTERDAM/CHURCHILL COMMUNITY GROUP
JANUARY 26, 2009

Attendees: Carol Weidenaar, Jim Potts, Tim Van Dam, Walt Sales, Alan English, Dean Sybesma, Carl VanderMolen, Don Carlson, Jason Kimm, Cindy Elliot, Ada Montague and Warren Vaughan.

Meeting Introductions:

- 1) Walt Sales opened the Monday night meeting at the AMCH bank. at 7:15 p.m.
- 2) Brent Sinnema, Bob Urich and Gail Weidenaar were granted an excused absence.
- 3) There was a voting quorum present at the meeting for voting purposes.

Business:

- 1) A treasurer's report was read by the president. Gail and Larry Addink are working on the application for a non-profit organization.
- 2) The 1-12-09 minutes were handed out and read by the members. Minutes were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Website/ Newsletter Committee

Tim Van Dam reported Reese was unable to attend this meeting, and the format for the web site is ready. Not accessible or live. The committee is ready for the fly over pictures and community minutes. Someone is needed to write up the vision statement.

Sidewalks & Trails:

This committee is on hold for now and recruits are needed.
Sewer/Water Committee:

Jim Potts and Jeff Dyksterhouse are collecting data at the lagoons. No information available at this time.

Jeff and Hank Dyksterhouse are visiting with DEQ and pretty positive about the information and vision of the sewer for the area. The sewer board consists of Hank and Jeff Dyksterhouse, Dean Danhof, Harold VanderMolen and Leon Smit. It will be interesting to see what the legislature handles water.

Rural Landowners Committee:

The main issues discussed this morning at the early 7 a.m. meeting were:

- 1) Traffic routing
- 2) Encroachment permits
- 3) Gravel pits/intrusion zoning
- 4) Density

Committee looking at what the county is doing with county wide zoning. The committee hopes to have information for a plan within 3 meetings.

Alan English was next on the agenda. He is a representative of the "Gallatin Local Water Quality District" The Churchill/Amsterdam area is not in their boundary. Alan passed out brochures and hand outs explaining their mission to protect, preserve and improve the quality of surface waters and ground waters within the Local Water Quality District. Maps were shown and explained to the members.

Facts and goals of the district:

- 1) It is a Water Conservation District
- 2) Mission is to protect water resources
- 3) Who does what with water in the Gallatin Valley, thru existing regulations.
- 4) Information to help people out
- 5) Do a lot with rural people with private wells
- 6) Training people to understand and what a well looks like.

- 7) How to disinfect a well with bleach
- 8) Advice on how to test your well
- 9) What you want to test for
- 10) Alan works with MSU
- 11) Annual coli-form and nitrate test is \$20.00
- 12) GLWQD consists of a Staff, Board of Directors and Board Liasons
- 13) You have to be in the district for us to work on your project.
- 14) The fee to be in the district is \$6.00 per improved lot (a lot being serviced by water and or sewer; not a vacant lot) This fee will be on your property tax bill yearly as “LWQD”

Warren passed out a core boundry map. The black line represents the core boundry, red lines represents road connections, the blue lines represents commercial or mixed use and yellow lines represent residences and /or existing commercial such as Danhof/Bank/ Churchill equipment.

Road discussions:

- 1) Extending Kunje Road to the east
- 2) Camp Creek Road
- 3) Road of Bike path to Cole’s corner
- 4) Roads in AMCH Villiage

The many issues we need for the big piece of our plan are:

- 1) Roads
- 2) Sewer District
- 3) Water
- 4) How we want to separate uses
- 5) Any more area for commercial
- 6) Density/Neighborhood
- 7) Do we want town houses
- 8) Do we want duplexes

Slides were shown of surrounding Gallatin Valley Communities.

Questions for us to think about are:

- 1) What do you want your neighborhood to look like?
- 2) What kind of neighborhood do you want?
- 3) Density
- 4) Roads
- 5) Sidewalks

6) Parks

7) Do we want to say how much density in every area?

Jason and Jim commented how they like mixed lots with a park near by so families can walk to the park.

Leroy asked if the market would define the density. Will we make it impossible or unaffordable to have any land to build any lots on for ourselves or children? We are loosing our property rights? Is our control going too far? Warren," that's the way it is we are not trending on any new ground.

Cindy Elliot shared ideas of having lots with town houses where you can live/work. Business with apartments on top/ Commercial to residence.

Warren says we need to start deciding what we want our neighborhoods to look like.

Big question is how do we procede from here?

To close our meeting the secretary was asked to read the values and goals that were established during our first two community meetings in 2008.

Values: Small Town Values, Rural Character and Quality of Life.

Goals: Efficient and Functioning Infrastructure, Protection of Agriculture and the Rural Lifestyle, Protection and Growth of Community Values and increased local control.

The next meeting will consist of:

- 1) Multi family living
- 2) Parks
- 3) Look at slides again to help decide density

The next ACCPG meeting will be February 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the bank.

Leroy made a motion for the meeting to adjourned and seconded by Jason.