

AMSTERDAM/CHURCHILL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Attendees: Bob Urich, LeRoy Logterman, Walt Sales, Cindy Elliot, Warren Vaughan, Amy Waring, Mark Kimm, Jim Potts, Tim Van Dam, Carol Weidenaar, Brent Sinnema, Dean Sybesma and Gail Weidenaar.

MEETING INTRODUCTIONS:

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Walt @ 7:10 p.m.
- 2) A voting quorum was present.
- 3) Jason Kimm was granted an excused absence. We reviewed the voting process: a member votes if attends 3 meetings in a row; if member is absent for 2 meetings in a row (unless excused) they need to attend 3 more meetings in a row before voting.
- 4) The minutes of the February 9, 2009 were reviewed and corrected by the members. Tim made a motion to accept the corrected minutes & seconded by Jim
- 5) The treasurer reported the continued work on the 1023 non-profit organization form.
- 6) Walt introduced and welcomed Amy Waring, the Gallatin County Code Compliance Specialist, who lives off Bates Road.

BUSINESS:

7) Committee Reports

a) Website.

Tim reported that Reese was moving forward by registering the name of ACCPG for the cost of \$10.00 for the site.

b) Sidewalks & Trails

No news.

c) Rural Landowner Committee

The committee met this morning at 7 a.m. at Korner Café. Brent reported the discussion centered around the definition of "Ag". We are using the

examples of Springhill's Development Rights and Use. Carl VanderMolen read the Federal Farm Program's definition of "Ag" and the committee will consider it and report back at a later date. Tank farms and cell towers were discussed. The 250 trips per day for a business or subdivision was reviewed. We do not want to restrict agriculture and want to keep it fair. The committee will try to write up their proposals by the next meeting. Amy Waring asked if we have done a inventory of commercial use existing already in the area?

- d) The Windmill Acres Subsequent Minor Subdivision was approved by the county. Pleasant Street will not be used as a through street. A trail has been provided and will connect to the adjacent Settlement Subdivision trail system.
- e) Bob Urich reported on the Belgrade Planning Board meeting and the discussion the Board Monday of this week on the "overlap" area between the Belgrade Planning Jurisdiction and the Four Corners Planning Jurisdiction. If anyone wants to attend the next Belgrade zoning sub meeting it is Thursday, February 26, 2009. Four Corners' meeting is Wed. February 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Warren commented, a lesson learned, Don't over lap our boundaries.
- f) Brent Sinnema spoke with John Fowler, a representative of the Amsterdam School. There are 119 children attending K through 6th grade. Capacity is 140 students. Seventh and eighth graders are still going to Manhattan Public. The school will instantly be impacted by any new subdivision. CTA and representatives of Churchill N.E. subdivisions have approached with an offer to help with the growth. The school has concerns of arsenic in the old well. An EA has to be done on the site. Spring Fling at Amsterdam School is May 2, 2009, and the ACCPG is welcome to have a booth.
- g) Sewer Committee

The Amsterdam/Churchill Sewer Board members are: Hank Dyksterhouse, Harold VanderMolen, Leon Smit, Dean Danhof and Bob Duffin. Jim Potts is writing a letter to the sewer board with some examples and recommendation for direction. Walt would like for someone from the group to attend our meetings.

- h) Brent Sinnema reported that a representative of the NRCS is going to do a study of the run off of the water shed on Camp Creek Drainage. The goal is to find out the flow of the water in Camp Creek.

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE NIGHT LED BY WARREN

The results of Policies for the Town Core discussed at the 2-9-09 meeting were passed out by Warren. The 3 groups of 4 members discussed the results of the land use map and shared there ideas. The results will be reviewed again at our next meeting.

At 9 p.m. Mark Kimm made a motion to adjourned and seconded by Carol.