

July 9, Coffee with the Mayor

Meeting Topic: Open Discussion

Speaker: Mayor Kathy Novak

A member of the Historic Commission asked if it were possible to use the Maintenance and Operations building, which has been scheduled for demolition, to replace the barn at Stonehocker Farm.

The Mayor responded that it could certainly be looked into and follow up is continuing with M&O and Logistics to be able to give the HC as complete an answer as can be obtained.

Steve Zoet, who had participated in some initial dialogue with Joyce Downing, said he would look into the matter further.

A concern was raised about the lack of qualifications needed to become a real estate appraiser—and whether or not City building inspectors were required to meet State and County requirements for building inspectors.

The resident mentioned new certification standards that had just gone into effect. The Mayor noted that she was not familiar with the state legislation that required the certifications, but that she agreed that a lack of certification requirements for appraisers could result in inconsistencies.

The Mayor then informed the group that the City was in the process of formulating an RFP for pipeline insurance that might be able to be added to customers'/residents' water bill. The insurance would cover repairs done to water and sewer pipes from the street to the resident's house.

A resident added that the last he heard, Dave Allen was trying to get a proposal to Council regarding the issue.

A resident asked about the construction of recreational and non-potable holding ponds for the Thornton Recreation Center. Does Thornton need permission or what kinds of permissions did the City grant them to add pipes to divert water from Grange Hall Creek.

The Mayor replied that Thornton, to her knowledge, was still studying ways to supply the ponds. She pointed out that Thornton would not be able to dig in Northglenn without permits—and part of that process would be close examination of the project's impact on Northglenn residents. She also said that Thornton does have some easements in Northglenn, along which they could lay pipe without permits. She added that the easement agreements did require Thornton to "put things back they way they were."

Another resident asked if the filtering function of plants growing along creeks and canals

was considered when authorities cleaned them out. He added that the Marion St. construction had created a small pond and changed the grading of the area and wondered if that was by design.

A general discussion then began about the increased number of mosquitoes in the area, particularly at Windburn Park. Several questions were posed about adding some kind of fountain, or aerator to the pond to increase the fish and cut down on mosquito larvae.

The Mayor pointed out that the reason the flow to that pond had been eliminated was because it was classified as a wetland. The wetland classification meant that there were state and federal protections in place that would have to be satisfied in order to add any kind of aeration system. She said that Northglenn had formed agreements with other nearby cities to combat the mosquito problem through a three-phase program that targets the insects at different stages of their development.

A resident asked about the qualifications for candidates for city council.

The Mayor told the resident what the requirements were, and when he indicated that they seemed easily met, and no guarantee that the candidate would be a good council person, the Mayor pointed out that spots were open for a charter review committee which would have the ability to make suggestions about council candidate requirements to be put on the ballot to be voted on by the public.

A concern was raised about the condition of the 112th / Huron St. intersection and when it would be repaired.

The Mayor said that it was agreed that Northglenn would repair the portion in the City at the same time Westminster repaired the portion in their city. While the repairs had been slated to start soon, Westminster had to postpone the project indefinitely until funding became available.

There were a couple complaints about Code violations at specific addresses.

Residents, who continued to meet on Monday mornings in the Mayor's absence, decided that they still wished to hold Coffee with the Mayor every Monday morning and asked if it was possible to have a schedule of the council members who would be attending Coffee with Council posted in the Connections.

One resident posed a general concern about the level of public participation in events around Northglenn including the Candlelight Vigil and the Art on Parade event. The residents suggested some kind of permanent signposts be erected on which banners could be hung announcing upcoming events.