

NGLA meeting notes

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I went to the January 15, 2026 NGLA meeting at the City Council room.

Diane Crist, council representative for Ward 1, is the new liason from the Council to the NGLA. Among the things she talked about were the USA 250th anniversary and the State 150th anniversary. Apparently the City wants to do something special for that but at this point nothing is decided. She showed the existing Longmont flag with a discussion about a contest, maybe, to redesign that flag. The City also has to update the Envision Longmont project since it is supposed to be done every 10 years and was last done in 2016. Other issues were noise mitigation, what to do around the sugar factory area, increase business along north and mid Main street, composting and sustainability.

Assistant Police Chief John Garcia posted overall crime statistics which show a drop of 16% since 2024. The only area that went up last year was car break-ins, which went up 54% in the 4th quarter of 2025. The police department is short 12 fulltime officers and with upcoming retirements that number will go up. There is a delay with the drone impletation due to the issue with Flock cameras. They are looking for alternatives.

A lot of time was spent going over the coming year with the NGLA. There will be monthly meetings except for July and December.

A Neighborhood Summit in 2026 is being planned for the September meeting. This is the 40th year of NGLA and they want to have something put together to celebrate. 6 planning meetings will happen.

The Neighborhood Leaders Series meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and are held at the Senior Center. Attendance at 1 or more of these sessions can increase funding for the NIF grants. The City is working on Water Conservation Incentives that will increase the amount of funding for NIF grants. They are also working on Sustainability Incentives which would apply to both NAF and NIF grants.

NGLS Listening Sessions - workgroup. Looking for feedback for needs for the neighborhoods. There will be 3 meetings for HOAs and 1 report back meeting. Attendance at one of these sessions counts toward the NGLA meetings attendance.

NGLA Service Days - 4 are planned.

The March NGLA meeting will talk about the grants and incentives. Instead of a yearly grant cycle, there are now 3 grant cycles for NIF grants: Feb-April (Feb. 6th is the deadline for the 1st draft of the grant request), June-Aug (June 5th etc.), and Oct-Dec (Oct. 9th etc.). A basic grant is for \$6000, adding sustainability incentives or water conservation (or both) can bring that grant up to \$12,000.