



Long Pine Foundation
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LONG PINE FOUNDATION

"HELPING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE"

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Dear Long Pine Foundation Supporter:

We thank you for your past and continued support of Long Pine's Palace/Fire Hall Renovation Project. Your contribution enabled us to exceed our original goal of raising \$650,000. To date, the Long Pine Foundation has raised \$670,038.01 in cash and pledges.

Many of you have been wondering what is happening with the project. The short answer is we don't know. Construction on the project has not yet begun because of numerous delays in action by the current city council. The City of Long Pine has repeatedly ignored requests by the Long Pine Foundation to be placed on city council meeting agendas to discuss the project. The city council has delayed, over and over again, any progress in building a new Fire Hall and renovating the Palace.

Reasons for delay include the following: 1. Allegations that the money is not available or will not cover the cost of construction. A financial statement is included which shows all the funding sources for this project. 2. Inadequate insurance covering in-kind (volunteer) labor. The city insurance agent, Mike Butterfield, gave assurance that this is not an issue as additional insurance, if necessary, is available at a nominal cost, and 3. Concern that pledges of cash and in-kind labor will not be received. The pledges are not a significant part of the funding. They total 7% of the funds raised to date. If they are not collected, it may mean scaling back, but won't affect completion of the project.

The Long Pine Foundation believes a new Fire Hall and improvements to the Palace are beneficial for Long Pine. We will continue to support and work toward completion of these projects. All requests the city council has made for information from the Long Pine Foundation has been provided. Despite this, the council has still not taken action to move the project forward.

On October 8, 2008, the city council tentatively decided to pursue a new path towards building a new Fire Hall. They are looking into building a new fire hall at a separate location in Long Pine. This is a much different plan than what has been pursued for the past few years.

If you made a cash donation for the Fire Hall, are you in support of this new plan? If your donation was intended to support the new Fire Hall and Palace renovation, how do you want your donation allocated? Enclosed is a form to indicate your wishes.

Please be assured that your money is safely deposited with the Nebraska Community Foundation awaiting the city council's decision to begin the project. Please contact any member of the Long Pine Foundation for more information.

Thank you,

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