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Council member Snyder named to NLC steering committee

COMMERCE CITY – The city will have a stronger voice in national public safety and crime prevention matters with the recent appointment of Commerce City Council Member Tracey Snyder to a steering committee overseeing those matters for the National League of Cities.

NLC president Kathie Novak appointed Snyder to the Public Safety and Crime Prevention steering committee on Feb. 10. Novak is mayor of the City of Northglenn, as well as NLC president.

The steering committee reviews policies and procedures and then makes recommendations that are advanced to the federal government.

“It gives us a seat at the table,” Snyder said of her new position. “This is an opportunity to make policy on a national level and bring back information that is beneficial to Commerce City and the Denver metro area.”

Snyder said some of that information includes little-known grants that are available for homeland security needs.

“This is information that’s beneficial to the city and the rest of the state,” Snyder said.

Snyder has served on a Public Safety and Crime Prevention sub-committee for the past two years. Her term on the steering committee will run through 2011. Snyder said the committee meets four times a year, including during the two annual National League of Cities conventions.

“This is going to be very exciting work,” Snyder said. “And it’s also an honor for our state, having Kathy (Novak) as president.”

Snyder and city council members from cities across the country belong to various committees that are part of the NLC, the oldest and largest organization in the United States that promotes cities throughout the country. The NLC serves as a resource to, and an advocate for, more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns.

Snyder is also a member of the NLC’s Policy and Advocacy Committee for Transportation Infrastructure and Services. The group is responsible for all policies on transportation issues, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports.