



Town of Lyons
Human Services and Aging Commission
May 24, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners: Emily Dusel (Co-Chair), Amy Reinholds (Co-Chair), Ellen Keane

Liaisons: Wendy Miller (Board of Trustees), Lori LeGault (Town staff)

Guests: Bob D'Alessandro from Via Mobility Services, Annie Mannering and Ruth Wilson from Lyons Longevity, other former members of Lyons Golden Gang

Audience Business

- Annie Mannering and Ruth Wilson of the Lyons Longevity group visited the director of the Nederland Senior Center. The director position is paid for by grants. The meals are hosted in the Town of Nederland Community Center. Lyons Longevity will have a community potluck at the June 4 concert in Sandstone Park.

Reports on actions Items from Previous Meetings

- Homework for Commissioners to prepare for 15-min presentation to Board of Trustees: research other communities for how they fund, manage, and coordinate health & human services, including budget and staff.
 - Grand Lake: \$65,000 annually is budgeting for human services agencies/nonprofits that apply and the town board decides which applications to fund, based on what they are doing in the town. There is no human service staff or department in the town.
 - Nederland: The town board has a "Good Will Account" at the town board's discretion to give away money. The town provides space at no cost at the town community center for three nonprofit organizations: The Nederland Area Seniors, Clothing Closet, and Nederland Food Pantry. Similar nonprofits in Lyons all have costs to rent space.
 - Longmont: Town provides special grants for human service nonprofits for a total of \$1 million a year (.32 percent of the City of Longmont operating budget). Longmont has a Housing & Human Services Department. Meals on Wheels gets no-cost space at the City of Longmont Senior Center building. There is a Community Services department that covers youth, senior services, the library, and in-house programming.
 - Mead: Senior 501C3 is set up through Longmont community foundation, and they use town building for lunches and meetings. The food comes from a Weld county-managed program. \$11,000 a year spent for a staff person to work as a Senior Program Coordinator at 10 hours a week and \$8,000 for senior events. In process of examining roles: talking about recreation coordinator Janet Torres (janettorres@townofmead.org) to oversee the Program Coordinator to help her get things done. The town gives money to the food bank - typically when the food bank make a request, not part of a general budget allocation.
 - Estes Park: Has a Senior Services Department



- (<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofestespark/node/60486>) with three employees, and Amy has reached out to them.
- Basalt: Has a "Town Sharing Program" that nonprofits can apply to (Judy Kibbutz town finance director 970 279-4396). Childcare assistance program: <http://www.basalt.net/301/Childcare-Financial-Assistance>. Denise tomaskovick - GIS planning commission. deniset@basalt.net. Town council determined a \$75,000 need and funded it for last two years. Administered by Kids First Pitkin County program: financial aid for child care, and a kindergarden preparedness program. Hoping to negotiate space for a daycare facility on a new development.
 - Grand Lake and Leadville: town resources on town website link to child protection, vet services, and mental health services, some which is provided by county government.
 - Amy Reinholds attended a Foothills United Way resilience grant information session on May 23, at the suggestion of Amy Hardy. More info here: <http://www.unitedwayfoothills.org/grant-opportunities>. Update on Foothills United Way: Amy Hardy is leaving her position. We can consider another way to liaison with Foothills United Way. Is LEAF a member of the Human Services Alliance or the St Vrain Community Council (meets Tuesdays at Longmont Justice Center, 8:30 am)

General Business

a. Golden Gang (Emily Dusel and Lori LeGault)

- Lori and Keith Carr from Boulder County Area Agency on Aging about the Golden Gang's inactivity and noncompliance as a nonprofit, and Rich's desire as president and sole remaining board member to hand over Meals on Wheels program into "good hands." Lori gave Keith a copy of the Golden Gang nonprofit bylaws. The state of Colorado has already reprimanded the Golden Gang as a nonprofit not keeping up with requirements and not renewing on Oct. 12 2015. August 15 of this year is the deadline for the Golden Gang to stay registered with the state.
- Keith has already talked to Lyons Longevity group about their goals for other senior activities (but they don't have the time or volunteer resources to take on the task of running Meals on Wheels, which is the mission of the Golden Gang nonprofit)
- Dave Cosgrove, Lori's boss, doesn't have the responsibility or control over the Golden Gang, which is a separate nonprofit, not part of the town. However, the Town of Lyons does not want to see the Meals on Wheels program go away from Lyons. Other nonprofits can administer Meals on Wheels.
- LEAF's mission is to provide a human services safety net. Meals on Wheels and providing hot meals fits within the mission, Emily said. An option is to let the Golden Gang nonprofit dissolve and LEAF could take over Meals on Wheels. There could be an advisory board for the Meals on Wheels/senior nutrition program, if it moves under the



LEAF umbrella. Emily said the LEAF board was meeting that night to decide whether to take on Meals on Wheels. But LEAF doesn't want to take over a program without having a community conversation.

- If the Golden Gang dissolves, what happens to its budget?

b. Transportation discussion with Bob D'Alessandro from Via

- Via is available for people 60 and above, people with disabilities, or anyone in a rural community (and Lyons qualifies as a rural community).
- Via offers rides within Lyons on Wednesdays and Fridays only: "door to door" with pickups from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$1.25 one way and \$2.50 for a round trip
- Via offers rides from Lyons to Longmont on Tuesdays only: call for trip times. Cost is \$4 one way or \$8 round trip.
- In addition, there is a mileage reimbursement program for other times when there aren't Via scheduled rides in Lyons, but your friend or family member can drive you.
- To ride on the scheduled days, or to get mileage reimbursements for your friends/family drivers, you must be in the Via computer system. Visit the website <https://viacolorado.org> or call 303-447-2848 to register with the Via computer system.
- Bob's email address is rdalessandro@viacolorado.org. Via website is <https://viacolorado.org> and the phone number is 303-447-2848.
- Lori LeGault is interested in working with Lyons Volunteers, potential riders, and Via. See Action Items section.

Reports

- LEAF (Emily Dusel) - was discussed under General Business about future of Meals on Wheels. Emily had to leave early for a LEAF Board Meeting.
- Other senior community events & issues
 - Lyons Longevity will have a community potluck at the June 9 concert in Sandstone Park. The next happy hour at Ax & Oar is July 13.
 - Lori mentioned that the best attended activities with town Parks & Rec have been the book club and the fitness class.
- Affordable housing and tenant-landlord protections (Amy Reinholds)



- **Amy** will follow up with Jacque Watson about safe and registered accessory dwelling units (ADUs) for renters. (An upcoming workshop with the Planning and Community Development Commission will cover this topic on June 20 at 5:30 at town hall)
- Trustees are still interested in partnering with affordable housing developers and getting funding for some affordable housing on eastern corridor, which they discussed at Flood Recovery Town Hall meeting on May 25.
- Amy is following live-work artist housing with Chrystal Decoster, former housing committee member Susanne Ducker, and others who are interested in applying for a state grant for affordable artist housing that won't come up until 2018.
- Habitat for Humanity: 2nd & Park subdivision/rezoning is still in process. One step was completed June 6. Other steps not until July when Craig returns from Telluride. There is a new Habitat Rebuild project in the confluence neighborhood this summer. Amy will help Habitat Spread the word when it begins and volunteers are needed

Action Items for Next Meetings

- **Emily:** Next steps for Meals on Wheels? Update from Emily after LEAF Board meeting: LEAF cares very deeply about this Meals on Wheels service. However, LEAF has declined to take on the program. We are currently working closely with Longmont Meals on Wheels to come up with a solution - probably some kind of partnership. I'll keep you posted.
- Our HSAC presentation can't be June 20 because the Fire Dept has that date for an issue that is time-sensitive. Mayor Connie Sullivan has scheduled us for **Monday, July 18.**
- **Ellen** to send introduction email to Lori LeGault, Bob D'Alessandro and Lyons Volunteers.
- **Lori** is interested in helping with the following Via issues: 1) coordinating volunteer drivers for Via and 2) a Via awareness and education campaign in Lyons to let the community know how Via works (maybe share info or have a Q&A at an upcoming Lyons Longevity happy hour like July 13 or at the community picnic at the Sandstone Park concert on June 9).
- **Ellen** to contact Angel Bond (Email intro by Joycelyn) regarding transportation survey.
- Updating our unofficial HSAC liaisons - any additional people we are missing who should be attending our meetings, people to reach out to like Lyons Volunteers, Emily Draving, Mental Health Partners. Boulder County Area Agency on Aging is hiring a new Options Counselor for both aging and disability resources. Rebekah Van Sweden is moving to a new role but will remain in her role for a few more weeks until the new person is hired. The number for Boulder County aging resources is still the same for Lyons: 303-823-9016.
- New commission members? We only have 4 commissioners, and the time of meeting for Amanda Bushek is difficult. Should we consider a different time for meetings?
- Follow up on email from Trustee Dan Greenberg about St Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition <http://stvrainsafeschools.org>:
One of the concerns the Board expressed in previous request for funding a position was the inability,



due to privacy laws, for a school district employee to share and discuss private information with a non-district employee. It appears that this issue may be resolved by state law soon. Trustee Greenberg talked to Don Haddad who mentioned that SVVSD works with the Safe Schools Coalition and that they have been an important partner for youth advocacy. He suggested that they may make a powerful partner for the Town, if we so desired. Taylor Stein (tstein@bouldercounty.org) works with Safe Schools via Oasis and Boulder County Public Health. Taylor told Dan that although Safe Schools has never specifically partnered with a municipality, she was open to the idea and felt that the first step was for someone to attend a meeting. Their main focus begins with supporting the LGBTQ community, and Taylor added that they do focus on all safety issues in schools. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 515 Coffman, which is the Community Hub Building.

Do you think this fits in with the work HSAC desires to do? Might this possible partnership fit the need HSAC identified last year in its desire to have a youth advocate?

Next Meetings :

Amy, Ellen, and Wendy determined that we should schedule another working session for HSAC commissioners on June 14, 6-7:30 p.m., Lyons Town Hall

The next regular meeting (4th Tuesday of the month) is June 28, 6-7:30 p.m., Lyons Town Hall