



Minutes Human Services and Aging Commission Meeting
January 26, 2016
Town Hall

Attendees: Commissioners: Ellen Keane, Meg Waters, Amy Reinholds (Acting Chair), Janaki Jane (Secretary). Liaisons: Lori LeGault, Town of Lyons, Emily Dusel, Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund, Edward Kean, Lyons Volunteers. Guests: Nick Angelo, Ruth Corwin.

1. Audience Business: Golden Gang update—they sent out their annual fund-raising letter.
2. Goals for 2016
 - a. What are our ideas for the goals of the position? Not programming, but perhaps to address isolation, to create relationship, to provide support in aging and youth communities to combat isolation, decrease at-risk behaviors and vulnerability through creating engagement, community, and relationship. Also to do a comprehensive needs assessment; and move the description from youth and adults to be for all vulnerable populations. We have a large population of disabled and folks with invisible disabilities in Lyons.
 - b. Future agenda items: how to present the position we are asking for next year, perhaps on every month's agenda, so that the presentation and message are very clear early on.
 - c. We need to get our message clear to the Town, find our vision, our message and our goals, and present them. We should agree on a mission and communicate that to the town, the Town and BoT.
 - d. A good idea to have a monthly update to the BoT, having it rotate through Commission members.
 - e. Sustainable Futures Commission is putting out a survey about transportation—mostly about Eco-Pass. Ellen Keane will start to contact SFC and get us connected with that.
3. Updates:
 - a. Aging Well in Lyons event last night: 60 people attended.
 - i. Results: The surveys and brainstorming sessions will be compiled and sent to HSAC, Area Agency on Aging, and anyone who requests it from Laura Matthews at AAA.
 - ii. History of Golden Gang: moved from Fire Station to Walt Self when Walt Self was built.



- iii. Idea: to collect numbers of folks in this new “senior movement” who are outside of Town limits and those within. Have a survey that looks for more demographics: in and out of town, renters vs. owners.
- iv. Do we support the idea of allowing co-op housing that has more than 3 unrelated people?
- v. A need for education about housing in town? ADU’s, mother-in-law apts, BCHA regs, etc.
- b. Medical Loan Closet: we are close to having a key to the Walt Self Basement for this, which Andrea Buus, Occupational Therapist, as volunteer coordinator, will have. Liability waiver is done, Meg Waters has a cubicle to put once we get into the space.
- c. Lori LeGault’s position expansion: The BoT awarded 10 hours extra to Lori’s position at Parks and Rec to expand work with seniors and youth, with \$15,000 for programming. Ideas for what to do with these hours and funding are requested from this commission.
 - i. Discussion about changing rules regarding decoration/use of the Walt Self Center—this is possible if the Town reaches out to BoCo.
 - ii. There were a lot of programs for seniors and youth before the flood, but many had low participation.
 - iii. Creating integration of Lori LeGault’s position with other organizations, groups and people interested in different things.
 - iv. Having programming that comes from the seniors.
- d. Issues of confidentiality with the schools are not a barrier: there is no need to mention names or any identifying information in order to offer services that are needed.
- e. Should all commission members be on the ToL BoT packet list—Lori will go to Deb Anthony and ask for this.
- f. Arts and Humanities Commission is going to have an Intergenerational Art Show here in Town Hall.
- g. Idea connection to Circle of Care for seniors/disabled to go to events with volunteers.
- h. Edward Kean would be willing to do the Meals on Wheels day that doesn’t have a volunteer.

4. Adjournment

5. Next Meeting Feb 23 rd, 6-7:30 , Lyons Town Hall