

Town of Lyons

Human Services and Aging Commission

3/8/16 Meeting Minutes

Originally scheduled for 2/23/16

Attending: Commissioners Joycelyn Fankhouser, Amy Reinholds, Meg Waters, and Ellen Keane
Annie Mannering, Ruth Corwin, Emily Dusel, and Tosh Golias

Audience Business: Tosh Golias stated that he was attending to learn more about HSAC. He recently joined the Community Foundation board and is involved with Lyons Prepared.

General Business and Update:

- The group discussed the resignation of three commissioners: Joycelyn Fankhouser (chair), Janaki Jane (secretary—out of town limits), and Bill Myers.
 - Joycelyn suggested Paul and Vivian Jannpour as commissioners. Emily Dusel (LEAF) stated that she is interested. Ruth Corwin and Annie Mannering are also considering submitting an application.
 - The process is for interested candidates to submit an application and the mayor approves.
 - We will wait to have a new chair until we have more commissioners....and probably after the upcoming election. At that time we will know who our BOT liaison is.
 - We are unclear how a quorum is defined when we only have 4 commissioners and one is out on maternity leave.
- Joycelyn/Amy reminded us that Lyons Prepared is no longer under HSAC. Emily Gubler is now coordinating LP with the fire department. They have requested special radios for each island. They continue to look for neighborhood captains. Lyonsprepared.com
- Joycelyn informed the group about BoCo Strong.
 - They have submitted a grant application for training community leaders. They will eventually write a grant application to implement a project.
 - One goal is to identify people who are at risk in the community (health problems, disability) to ensure that we will check up on them in an emergency (let

fire/police know who to contact). They also hope to get them engaged in ongoing senior services.

- LTFRG is no longer doing case management.
 - Unmet needs is still meeting regarding ongoing projects....new people cannot access the money that is available.
 - Catholic Charities is turning toward working with undocumented population
 - People who need assistance can still request volunteer help
 - Emily D said if someone cannot access CDBGDR or LTFRG monies, LEAF will be able to help them with some things, but not total rebuilds.
- United Way mental health vouchers have stopped
 - MHP has a provider at Milestone Family Practice on Fridays. They take Medicaid and charge on a sliding scale
 - Ruth Corwin said she would attend a presentation at Longmont High School that will address mental health needs in Longmont
- Home Access Grants
 - Money is being provided in the form of grants or loans for rental assistance and rebuilding. Serving the most vulnerable first. Deadline is the end of March
 - There will be additional monies for bridges and culverts. Bridger and culverts must be in compliance with code or it affects our insurance rating as a community/county.
- Golden Gang/Meals on Wheels
 - MoW was not given money from the town
 - It is unclear who will take over MoW...Lori LeGault (parks and rec) or LEAF. Since there was no town representation at the meeting, this remained unclear.
 - We discussed Walt Self and how to make it more available to seniors, not just those living there
 - Joycelyn stated that there is new BoCo housing program to provide "light case management" for people in public housing. They may be able to help with the issues at Walt Self.
 - The Loan Closet is set up at Walt Self. Meg will write an article for the paper that describes how to donate and access the medical equipment available. Other than Andrea, someone needs to have a key. People can call Andrea Buus for access/donations: 303.641.6950. Also lyonsloanacloset@gmail.com
 - Annie Mannering reported on the senior event at the community church.
 - 70 people attended
 - People want to socialize more
 - A report was distributed electronically by Amy R.
 - Check out Lyons Longevity on FB

- Lyonsdreamteam@gmail.com
 - Annie, Ann Berman, Coco Gordon and Ruth Wilson are the dream team
 - They are planning events: hike with Red Fox, happy hour at Ax and Oar, senior movies, and a picnic in August.
- Transportation
 - New BoCo transportation person hired
 - Bob of VIA would like to attend one of our meetings. Ellen will send him an email and invite him for the April meeting.
 - Ellen will contact SFC to get information on transportation
- LEAF
 - 2nd Wed of each month BoCo Health Kids and Adults: county staff will be at the church 1-5 pm to provide direct access for food stamps, Medicaid, TANF, and info on low cost insurance.
 - 3rd wed anyone (not just 60% AMI) can get financial/budget education. Can also schedule meetings at any time with the BoCo representative. Learn financial fitness, debt consolidation, moving toward home ownership, etc.
 - Alicia Jennings (LCSW) is a new volunteer at LEAF on Wed...providing support
- HSAC future goals
 - Will discuss new goals at next meeting
 - How Lori LeGault should use the 10 hrs per week for HSAC
 - Creating budget
 - Community (Lyons and 80540) Needs Assessment
 - Should BoCo also support HSAC work that extends beyond town boundaries? LEAF does get county money.
 - How to rectify miscommunication with BOT regarding requested position
 - Did not receive timely feedback from mayor regarding BOT decision
 - Did not get constructive feedback on position description prior to presenting to BOT
 - Budget was not understood by BOT
 - Have not had a board liaison for some time
 - Some people on board did not think we should have access to MJ tax money for prevention, because of perception of HSAC views on MJ legalization

Next meeting March 22, 6-7:30 pm at Lyons Town Hall