



Town of Lyons
Human Services and Aging Commission (HSAC)
June 27, 2016
Commission Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners: Emily Dusel (Co-Chair), Amy Reinholds (Co-Chair), Meg Waters
Liaisons: Wendy Miller (Board of Trustees), Lori LeGault (town staff)
Guests: Annie Mannering from Lyons Longevity, Ruth Corwin

Audience Business

a. Senior news (Annie Mannering):

- Lyons Longevity is putting together another Thursday potluck, and a happy hour the 2nd Thursday in July with a presentation about safety (physical safety, fraud prevention, etc.).
- Annie Mannering and Cathy Rivers are planning a dance. Proceeds would be split between Lyons Longevity and the food pantry.
- We need to be more aware of the “silver tsunami”—i.e., of the needs of the aging population in the community

General Business

a. Golden Gang/Meals on Wheels (Emily Dusel, Amy Reinholds, Annie Mannering, and Wendy Miller)

- Seems it’s in everyone’s best interest to dissolve the 503(c)(3) and turn the MoW program over to an entirely new entity.
- Annie would like to see locally produced food in Meals on Wheels, so that meals at Walt Self are more nutritious. Perhaps town could take on MoW?
- Rich and Keith Carr need to discuss further. Boulder County Area Agency on Aging has the resources to support Meals on Wheels but won’t serve anyone who isn’t a qualified senior. Currently MoW will serve people with disabilities and those who are just out of the hospital (for a limited time).



- Lori LeGault and/or Wendy Miller will find out how to get Meals on Wheels on the agenda for the Town Board to discuss. Maybe as a stopgap until another 503(c) can be formed, the town can take over MoW.

b. Transportation (Amy Reinholds):

- Amy attended the Lyons Volunteers board meeting to discuss possibility of LOV taking on transportation/ride sharing. They had a number of questions they would need to have answered before taking on a Via-like transportation solution, including:
 - Needs assessment: At what times of day do people need rides? Round trip or one-way?
 - How does Via's reimbursement program work?
 - What other services are out there for transportation? Could Lyons Volunteers plug into Lyons Rides Facebook page? Would the LEAF van be available? What about the RTD Ecompass?
- Lyons Volunteers' insurance policy doesn't currently cover transportation. They would prefer to plug their volunteer drivers into a program that already exists, rather than start from scratch and handle all ride coordination. Perhaps Via Reimbursement model.
- Another question to answer, if Lyons develops a transportation program: Would rides be available to anyone below a certain income level, or only seniors? Via currently serves all Lyons residents, because Lyons is considered a rural community, but Via only serves Lyons on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (within Lyons), and Tuesdays (from Lyons to Longmont and back).
- (Emily): LEAF van is currently being used only to move food around for the food pantry. Long-term, LEAF would like to provide transportation solution, but that hasn't come to fruition yet because of resource issues.

c. Lori LeGault's HSAC-related activities:

- Lori would like to have a mini open house for senior services available in town. Commissioners think this is a great idea.
- Youth in town need good summer camps. She has discussed with Andrew Moore (principal of Lyons Elementary) having a camp in Lyons similar to the Hygiene camp. They couldn't travel for field trips, but Lori might serve as point person for coordinating activities in town for the kids, including gardening (with Lyons Garden Club), arts activities (perhaps involving the town's Arts & Humanities Commission), activities at the library. Andrew wants to meet with her in August. Lori asked whether this is something that would fit well under HSAC's jurisdiction. Some commissioners feel it's a better fit for



the town Parks & Rec portion of Lori's job, as it's more programming than human services. However, commissioners agree it is much-needed and would be a great benefit to the town.

- d. The town of Lyons Human Services and Aging Commission recommends that the town Board of Trustees take a strong position on affordable housing. HSAC supports affordable housing, safe accessory dwelling units, and safety for all renters in town.

Action Items

- a. Medical Equipment Loan Closet promotions: Meg Waters to take a stab at creating a brochure.
- b. All Commissioners to review <http://stvrainsafeschools.org> and determine if HSAC has recommendations for how Lyons might want to partner with the St Vrain Valley Safe Schools Coalition. The contact person who was recommended to Trustee Dan Greenberg was Taylor Stein (tstein@bouldercounty.org) who 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 includes all safety issues in schools. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 515 Coffman, which is the Community Hub Building.

Next Meeting:

July 18 presentation to Lyons Board of Trustees

Next regular meeting: Aug. 22, 12:45-2:00 p.m., Lyons Town Hall