



## Housing and Human Services Commission

TOWN OF LYONS

5/10/21 meeting via videoconference

### I. Welcome / introductions / roll call

*Commissioners in attendance:* Meg Waters (Scribe), Regan Bullers, Andrew Moore, Jennifer Schwartz

*Liaisons:* Lisa Ramsey (Town of Lyons Staff), Wendy Miller (Board of Trustees)

*Others in attendance:* Lory Barton (LEAF), Lynette Anderson (Boulder County Area Agency on Aging)

### II. Commission business

- Minutes from 4/12/21 meeting approved.
- We need a co-chair to help Crystal run the meetings. Putting together the agendas would also be a job for the co-chair. (This is something Lisa has been doing ever since Amy left.) Also, reaching out to members of the community who might have insights to provide at future meetings.
- It would also be good to have a couple more commissioners. Andrew will think about whether anyone involved with the schools would be a good choice.

### III. Summit Housing project

- (Wendy Miller) Everything is in place on our end, but the company had a restructuring, so they're working things out internally. Once that's settled, they will break ground on the affordable housing.
- (Lisa Ramsey) Our interest is in helping people with the application process, if needed.
- (Regan Bullers) She will follow up with Victoria to see where things stand.

### IV. Vulnerable Citizens List

- (Jennifer Schwartz) Boulder County is ready to go with the Smart911 project.
  - When someone dials 911 from a phone within a safety profile on record with Smart911, info from the safety profile will pop up for the dispatcher to see.
  - The Town of Lyons will not be privy to the information in this system. It's held by public safety personnel. Participants provide the information that public safety personnel need to know.
  - [www.bouldercounty.org/safety/sheriff/communications/smart911](http://www.bouldercounty.org/safety/sheriff/communications/smart911)



**V. Diversity, Inclusion, & Cultural Issues**

- (Regan) Race & Privilege Steering Committee has started. They meet the first Monday of the month. There have been a couple of meetings.
- (Regan) The library has received a grant that allows them to have keynote speakers and programming. They're looking for different institutions to sponsor "front porch" sessions, and to find a couple of keynote speakers for next October/November. HHSC might be able to help publicize those events.
- (Andrew Moore) Sees benefits in connecting individuals with different groups within town and creating dialogue.

**VI. Health & Well-Being:**

- (Lory Barton) The state knows that LEAF has an interest in hosting a vaccine clinic for minors, now that the COVID vaccine is available to kids 12 and up.

**VII. zTrip**

- (Lisa) There has been an uptick in zTrip usage—largely students.
- (Lisa) There has also been a problem with people misusing the program for travel between Boulder and Longmont, which is not allowed.
- (Wendy) Could zTrip ask for ID to prevent fraud and/or misuse? They must have a need to go to and from Lyons. That's imperative.
- (Meg Waters) We shouldn't pay zTrip for rides between Longmont and Boulder, or from anywhere to Lafayette.
- (Andrew) There should be information on the voucher about which trips are legitimate.
- (Lisa) She will meet with Kim Mitchell to discuss how to reinforce this program.

**VIII. LEAF & Lyons Volunteers:**

- (Lory) On Weds, June 2, the Lyons Community Food Pantry will open back up to inside shopping. The interior has been painted, and it will have shelves and more food than previously.
- (Lory) LEAF is considering polling participants about the idea of opening two days a week. That might be one afternoon and one evening every week.
- (Lory) Mental health: LEAF has someone who can help people who can't afford the care they need. LEAF is also looking to start group meetings again in June.
- (Lory) Pam Browning is taking over as the Meals on Wheels coordinator.



**IX. Action items**

- Regan Bullers: Follow up with Victoria to see where things stand with the Summit Housing project.
- Meg Waters: Provide Kim Mitchell with a PDF of the Get Help Guide.
- Lisa Ramsey: Once Get Help Guide is on the town website, include a link in a Town of Lyons e-blast.
- Andrew Moore: Continue working with Briana from SWAP on the campaign in June to connect with local businesses.
- Lisa Ramsey: Meet with Kim Mitchell to discuss how to shore up the zTrip program against fraud and misuse.
- Meg Waters: Continue to distribute Get Help Guide hard copies.
- Meg Waters, Wendy Miller, Jennifer Schwartz: Meet to decide on Goodwill Fund Grants.

**X. Adjournment**