

Commission on Aging Minutes

March 7, 2018

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Center, 1015 Transit Drive

In attendance: Claire Anderson, Gil Gilmore, Aubrey Day, Connie Johnson, Cleather Marchman, Sabrina Cotta, Lorri Orwig, Bob Kirkpatrick, CJ Moore, Rita Fitzpatrick, Carrie Schillinger
Excused: Sara Vaas (alternate), Janet Knox, Marie Meintz (alternate)

Guests: Angie Vehlewald, Pat Ellis

Call to Order 3:05 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Citizen Comment

Pat Ellis, President & CEO, Silver Key

Provide services seniors need to live

One of most important is transportation

RFP for rides paid for by Mountain Metro is a challenge

Silver Key may not be able to respond to RFP

Loss of 120-1,500 rides per month

Silver Key provides 50,000 rides/year primarily funded by AAA and City

Silver Key has denied 2000 since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1).

63% of rides are medical and grocery shopping- critical transportation

53% clients live on less than \$1000/month

City will require that client pays \$3.50 each way for rides provided by Mountain Metro – if they don't pay will need to pay in advance before next ride

Against the mission of Silver Key, concerned about impact on seniors of city, and on reputation of Silver Key

City will not pay for rides that don't go through joint call center

Older Americans Act requires that you can only provide free rides

On average, Silver Key gets \$1.40 per ride

Commission on Aging: If you would like to respond, you could email City Council and Mayor, provide public comment at Council meeting, send memo to Council and Mayor

Presentation: Inclusive Parks, Facilities & Programs – Parks Recreation and Cultural Services

Tilah Larson, Senior Analyst

Britt Haley, Parks Design and Development Manager

Stewards of General Palmer's Vision

Today's Park System: 145 Neighborhood Parks, 7 Regional Parks, 90 pieces of public art, Pikes Peak, etc.

Responsible for recreation & administration, enterprises, cultural services, park operations, design & development

Park Planning & Development: Site development --land use concept-- final program development -- final plan prep – construction

Trust for Public Land did study of parks users- dedicated people who use open spaces more intensively than other communities, a lot of those are retired and go 3+ times/week

10 minute walk campaign – Mayor Suthers endorsed – everyone within a 10 mile walk of a park

Garden of the Gods Transportation study – over 6 million people visited GOG last year – most drove their cars - City looking to partner with US Transportation to look at transportation solutions

Transportation Plan Open house: Monday 5:30 – 7:30 draft transportation study plan, March 12th

Recent projects: Venezia Community Park – 1st Community Park in 15 years, part of Briargate

Master Plan; Nancy Lewis Park— neighborhood park, 1st fitness zone; North Cheyenne Canyon Park

– Master Plan process 18 months (old plan is 19 years old) – plan is on city website for comment/review

Volunteers – 150,000 hours annually, 3,000 volunteers

Alternate years – renovate park, renovate playground

Trust for Public Land – identify parks to renovate in Southeast – do they need infrastructure or programming?

Parks for renovation 2018:

Memorial Park

Fountain Park

Bancroft Park

SE Colorado Springs Park

North Cheyenne Canyon Park

Commission on Aging:

Comments on benches with arms

Rep to attend Parks Board meetings

Attend GOG Transportation meeting

Discussion:

City attorney has approved procedures

Need to vote to formally adopt Rules and Procedures of Commission on Aging

Lorri Orwig moves to approve, Bob Kirkpatrick 2nds

All approve

Commission hold a Forum for Public Comment?

What are we hoping to gain from Forum

How many people should attend

Where to hold it

Partner with Gazette Senior Expo – October 24th?

Survey with Gazette specific to whats happening around aging in City of CS

City of Colorado Springs Strategic Plan – create survey based on progress and measures

Do exercise on strategic plan around budget

Flyers to share at different areas

Leave time for Commissioner Comments

Senior Day at the Capitol

Take Bustang from Woodmen Park and Ride

If you plan on taking Bustang, send cell phone number to Sabrina – plan for meeting up

At Senior Day – talk to other Commissioners and ask them about their focus, ideas

Find your representative beforehand

Sabrina will put together talking points for us

Look at Colorado Senior Lobby beforehand

Commissioner Updates

Carrie Schillinger:

Douglas County Seniors Council

Meet 1st Thursday of month

Newer group

Will attend our April meeting

Not appointed, volunteer group

They'd like to establish relationship with our group

Our neighbors to the north

Joint meeting in 2018?

Gil Gilmore:

Identification of Elder Abuse Briefing – attended with Cleasther and Connie

Ashton Applewhite Talk

August 14, 2018, 10 am, Ent Center for the Arts

Legislation state – follow tax credits for retrofits

Items for next month /Member announcements

Ethics Training in May

Energy Resource Center in April

SRC in May

For April, report on Senior Day at the Capitol

For April, heat map

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Transit Service Center, 1015 Transit Dr.

Adjourn 5:00 pm