

Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes

May 2, 2018

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Center, 1015 Transit Drive

In attendance: Claire Anderson, Aubrey Day, Connie Johnson, Cleasther Marchman, Lorri Orwig, Marie Meintz, Bob Kirkpatrick, Janet Lockhart, Sara Vaas, Rita Fitzpatrick, Carrie Schillinger, CJ Moore

Excused:

Guests:

Staff: Sabrina Cotta

Call to Order 3:04 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Citizen Comment

City Code of Ethics Training -Rebecca Greenberg, City Attorneys Office

Required annually per City Code of Ethics

Budget Recommendations to Council and Mayor

Public meeting – May 31st, 4-6, Council Chambers

One more before June meeting – potentially Silver Key at lunch hour

COA must create recommendations before June 6 meeting to present to Council

June 6 finalize recommendations

July meeting tentatively moved to July 11th

Suggestions:

Transit

Infrastructure

Housing

- Ensure funding to expand transit service for evening and weekend routes
- Ensure that the funds are appropriate to guarantee that the relocated downtown terminal is universally accessible
- Funds allocated for the redevelopment of two or more underutilized parks as age friendly pilot projects that include concepts of universal design
- Identify funding streams and create implementation strategies to retrofit existing streets to include Complete Streets infrastructure
- Increase community center funding to include the development of a mobile community center

- Develop (or increase funding of) a 50/50 match program to fund sidewalk improvements around transit stops
- Matching funds from the general fund for HUD funded projects that increase affordable age friendly housing
- Funding to support service agencies addressing homeless senior population (through match?)

Parking Lot/May Not Require Funding :

- Ensure signage on parks and trails are ADA Compliant
- Create listing of Age Friendly park amenities for all Colo Spgs parks
- Support the YMCA in a wider distribution of senior programming throughout the City of Colorado Springs
- Encourage the city to create incentives for infill and affordable housing options
- Increase awareness of alternative housing options like accessory dwelling units to amplify demand for a variety of housing options
- Endorse modified zoning codes to allow for alternative housing options like accessory dwelling units

Commissioner Updates/Announcements

Lorri Orwig:

Lorri has resigned her position at Silver Key, will remain involved in senior housing/transportation issues

Carrie Schillinger:

Carrie has resigned her position at AAA, will be working at _____.

Welcome back, Janet!

CJ Moore will be attending the Regional Leaders Trip to Boise will report back on aging efforts, will miss next meeting

Rita Fitzpatrick: AARP is supporting HB18-1380, Grants for Property Tax Rent and Heat
Can contact Senate State Affairs Committee to support the bill

Future meeting: ask UCCS Aging Center to present

Next meeting: Senior Resource Council and Alzheimer’s Association

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Transit Service Center, 1015 Transit Dr.

Adjourn 5:04 pm