

## **Commission on Aging Minutes**

February 7, 2018

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Center, 1015 Transit Drive

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

### **Call to Order 3:00 pm**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

### **Citizen Comment**

No public comment

### **Presentation: Katie Sunderline, Neighborhood Services, Neighborhood Development Outreach Specialist**

- Neighborhood Services Division: new department in the city
- Code enforcement (under same department as city planning)
- Works with citizens – will help mediate problem, figure out creative solutions
- A variety of issues responsible for: public health and sanitation, minimum housing standards (roaches, bed bugs, heating, plumbing) vehicle parking and storage, weeds, litter and debris, obstruction of public ways, graffiti removal, zoning violations, outside storage.
- CONO often works with code enforcement and HOAs/neighborhood associations, to see if there is a volunteer in the neighborhood who may be willing to help with things like snow removal, etc.
- Quality of life team: deals with outstanding violations, help with one-time cleanup
- Issues on public property is jurisdiction of police (non-emergency line)
- Cannot handle mold testing/removal

### **Presentation: Sara Vaas, CONO**

- Around over 41 years as volunteer board
- 4 years ago, became 501c3 organization and hired Dave Munger as ED
- Staff of 5 full time employees, \$300,000 budget now
- Serve El Paso and Teller
- Umbrella org- bring resources and connection points to neighborhoods, for people to speak on their own behalf to city/county officials
- 3 priorities- education, connection and action
- 2017: Civics on Tap, Coffee & Community, HOA Workshops, HOA Roundtables, Monthly neighborhood meetings, Neighborhood leadership trainings, HOA Law Day, Nextdoor

Tutorial, Candidate Forums/Townhall, Facilitating public meetings, Coaching and mediation of over 100 neighborhoods, Parks events notices, Enhances land use notices

- 2018: Bring a series to every council and city district
- Enhances land use notices: city sent a postcard within 1,000 feet –CONO sends follow up email to postcard, gives further assistance navigating process
- Coordinated Cleanups with City & County
- Neighbor Up! Week 2018: Waive Tier 2 Neighborhood Park and Barrier Fees during May 4-May 13<sup>th</sup> to increase community, reduce barriers, help people plan their own neighborhood event
- Diane Loschen – new CEO in March

Commission thoughts: neighborhood safety, social participation, age friendly concepts

Isolation is a health determinant – reconnecting people, physical activity

Austin, TX matching program – Neighborhood provides volunteer hours, city department pays for supplies

Commission work day: commission exists, we're here to help, be a resource

**Presentation: Claire Anderson, ONEN iVillage**

- AARP Survey, 65% of adults want to remain in their home
- Village model is neighbors helping neighbors in a more formalized fashion, so that people can remain in their own homes as long as possible or reasonable
- ONEN iVillage is Colorado Springs' first Village
- iVillage (intergenerational village) is located in the Old North End Neighborhood
- Services provided will include transportation, yard work, snow removal, home maintenance, etc.
- Fees support the program coordinator
- Membership Dues are \$20/month for individual, \$30/month for household

**Update: Department Change**

Commission will now be housed in the Office of Innovation and Sustainability rather than City Council (We are still a Commission under City Council).

**Discussion: Senior Day at the Capital**

Sign up online

Opportunity to interact with other commissioners from across the state, great opportunity to learn as new commissioners

**Comments: Gil Gilmore**

Think about how we build affordable housing

Look at how ONE-RIDE is advertised

**Items for next month /Member announcements**

For March meeting: Send Sabrina justification for overlays/clarification on heat map – justify against strategic plan goals – for 60+ population

Presentations from Senior Resource Council & Energy Resource Council in future

Next month: Parks, Senior Day at the Capitol

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Transit Service Center, 1015 Transit Dr.**

**Adjourn 5:01 pm**