

Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes

March 6, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 pm

CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903

In attendance: Connie Johnson (Vice Chair), Rita Fitzpatrick, Lorri Orwig, Cleather Marchman, Bob Kirkpatrick, Marie Meintz, Carrie Schillinger, Sara Vaas, Claire Anderson, CJ Moore, Caedryn Carter, Aubrey Day, Lindsey Baker

Excused:

Absent:

Guests:

Staff: Sabrina Cotta, Jennifer Jones

Call to Order 3:02 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome Jennifer Jones our new staff liaison!

Citizen Comment

N/A

Budget Discussion

Discussion:

Commission has two annual requirements:

Hold a public input session/townhall and make budget recommendations to Council

Public Input Sessions – standardized questions – two people attend one location twice

Senior Center (busy on Thursdays because of the dance)

Silver Key (don't schedule on a day when RM PACE presents)

Hatler-May Village

Acacia

Temple Shalom

Categorize feedback into areas: transportation, sidewalks, other, etc.

Decide what recommendations to make and take it to Senior Center and get some final feedback on correct direction of our recommendations

Attend public feedback session on budget around summer/end of the year.

Action:

Invite all Council to attend our next meeting, particularly Councilwoman Gaebler to share her thoughts with us on our budget recommendations from last year and how to improve this year.

Create schedule over next two months – sign up for two people to go to different locations around town. Claire will create a spreadsheet for people to sign up.

Claire will talk to Laurie Onstott about best days to go to connections café.

Questions: “We are here to listen and take note of your questions.”

What are your major concerns about aging in Colorado Springs?

We’ve heard that transportation and housing are big issues, do you think that is true?

When preparing presentation to Council, include stories, input from voters/public citizens/changes and similarities from last year to this year. Create “Annual Report/Progress Report” to show progress that has been made in age-friendly areas/recommendations, where we are making an impact in the community.

Senior Day at the Capitol**Discussion:**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 9 am – 12:35 pm at Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

Need to register in advance if you are going

Bustang is an option for transportation

Action:

Claire will attend and bring back feedback

Member Matters/Announcements

Affordable Housing
Fair.pdf



El Paso County
Listening Session Flye

CONO Networking Council and Mayoral Candidate Mixer, March 19th, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, CONO
Add Commission on Aging information to candidate packets from Innovations in Aging Collaborative
Bills in Colorado Legislature to review -
If AARP supports or opposes a bill, the Commission will support sharing information with Legislative Advocates at City Council through Jennifer

Next meeting(s):

Gail Nehls from Envida will attend
Council members will be invited
Senior Day debrief
Revisit lunch/public input sessions discussions

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903
Adjournment 4:18 pm