

## Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes

April 3, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 pm

CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903

**In attendance:** Rita Fitzpatrick, Lorri Orwig, Cleasther Marchman, Bob Kirkpatrick, Carrie Schillinger, Sara Vaas, Claire Anderson, CJ Moore, Caedryn Carter, Aubrey Day (Chair), Lindsey Baker

Excused: Marie Meintz, Connie Johnson

Absent:

Guests: Dave Geislinger, Dave Somers

Staff: Jennifer Jones

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### Call to Order 3:02 pm

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### Welcome & Introductions

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### Citizen Comment

Rebecca Michael – The Independence Center

New issue brief on Universal Design – understanding and asking for it

Sent to 190 contractors in Kit Carson – Park Counties

Open house this year to see how Universal Design concepts work

The Independence Center was selected to be part of a learning collaborative for housing

Next issue brief coming in the next few months on Visitability

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### Presentation by Dave Somers, Envida

#### Discussion:

Formerly Amblicab

Re-envisioned as organization that did more than just transportation

Promote access and support independent living with dignity

Transportation – serve 24,000 rides per year, 12 vehicles, medical, education, work, volunteer, recreation, etc.

Primarily serve older adults with disabilities and low income

Non-emergency medical transport for rides under 60 – qualified on Medicaid

Rides over 60 through Older Americans Act - \$3.50 suggested donation for ride

Door-through-door rides inside City limits

Can provide door to door rides into the County

Now offer fixed route from Calhan into Colorado Springs (23 rides in March) \$5 each way -3x a day, 4x per week

Hours around 6am -6pm

Approx. 24-48 hours to schedule a ride – getting closer to “mobility on-demand”

Mobile App – Amble

Home care – 100 clients, unskilled care through Medicaid -Home and community based model

Employ family caregiver

Close to 100 additional employees

Vision: Want to get to Yoder and Rush, Cripple Creek, Monument, etc.

Coordinate with other transportation and healthcare providers in the region to cross over county lines and get people where they need to go

Coordinate not duplicate

How can specialize transit do mobility on demand

**Action:**

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**Budget 2019 Process**

**Discussion:**

In our ordinance, we are tasked with making budget recommendations to Mayor and City Council  
Recommendations:

Visit Mayor’s staff at this point in the year and share recommendations with them

Mayor will begin budget process around this time

Ensure senior transportation is addressed in transportation study that is starting this year

Budget is released first Monday of October

Present to City Council during budget hearings in October if we want to comment on something that is not in the budget- perhaps get on work session agenda in advance

Prioritize recommendations from Commission and where allocated funds should come from

Emphasize “age friendly” component, what works for older adults, works for all ages

Send an informal liaison to CTAB – Citizens Transportation Advisory Board to relay concerns and ideas from Commission

Same for PPRTA Board

All these ideas will influence budget process

**Action:**

Communicate with Departments and participate in budget hearings in October

Public Input Process:

Contact Silver Key to make reservations if you are going to Connections Café

Silver Key: Claire and Rita

Hatler May: Lorri  
Acacia: Aubrey and Rita  
Senior Center: Sara  
Temple Shalom: Carrie

**Talking Points:**

Hi I'm from the Commission on Aging  
We'd like to talk with you about affordable housing, transportation accessibility, etc.  
Compile notes and come back at May meeting with feedback and proceed with recommendations based on input

**Other thoughts:**

Explore CASOA Data  
Meet with Deb Mahan, ED of Gazette Charities (Bob and Lorri will reach out)  
Booth at Senior Expo sponsored by Gazette in the Fall

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**Senior Day at the Capitol**

**Discussion:**

Rescheduled to April 11<sup>th</sup> due to the bomb cyclone

**Action:**

IIAC can't attend and has two extra tickets if a Commission member wants to attend

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**Presentation to Senior Resource Council**

**Discussion:**

May 15<sup>th</sup> 7:45 am  
Springs Funeral Services North

**Action:**

Lorri Orwig and Connie Johnson will present  
Let Jen know if you are planning on attending

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**Next meeting(s):**

Ethics Training  
Report on Senior Day at the Capitol  
Public Input info and feedback on April visits  
Dayton Romero from Silver Key? Housing Navigator program

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**Commissioner Updates**

Townhall on Senior Issues with Senator Bob Gardner and Rep. Terri Carver

Saturday, April 6th, 10-11 am

Library 21c

Senior Center Affordable Housing Fair

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm

Legislative Update Handout

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903**

**Adjournment 4:43 pm**