

Commission on Aging Minutes

April 4, 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, Sara Vaas, Rita Fitzpatrick, Marie Meintz, Bob Kirkpatrick

Excused: Janet Knox, CJ Moore, Carrie Schillinger

Guests: Howard Brooks

Staff: Sabrina Cotta

Call to Order 3:07 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Gil Gilmore has submitted his resignation for the Commission

Action: Sara Vaas has been nominated to join as full voting member

Rita moves, Lorri seconds

All approve

Citizen Comment

None

Presentation: Energy Resource Center, Howard Brooks

Nonprofit since 1979

Perform an energy audit in every part of the home, also looking for health problems (sewer leak, mold, carbon monoxide, etc).

2/3 of the homes they touch are seniors

Help people save 25% on their utility bills

Heading off serious health and safety issues

If you receive LEAP, SNAP, TANG, AND, OAP, SSI or SSDI, ERC can weatherize your home for free

Social enterprise business: Hire ERC and pay for your home (fee for service), profits go towards a neighbor's home -

-Helps serve additional 50-100 families

Report Out: Senior Day at the Capitol

Great experience, enjoyed listening to the Governor, Mayor Hancock, etc.

Looking for an opportunity next time to perhaps talk with a legislator OR share what our ideas, thoughts, problems, issues are on a local level

Looking for a more tangible outcome or a greater takeaway

Action: Invite other Commissions on Aging to a joint meeting, meet with other similar groups outside of Senior Day at the Capitol

Action: Keep an eye on state legislation that would affect us on a local level

Action: Create agenda item to follow City Council agenda items, both work session and normal meeting

Action: Sabrina will send links to Council agendas, work sessions, Bike Master Plan

Respond to Sabrina if you support it, Sabrina and Aubrey will draft letter of support

Action: Commission will create subcommittees so that subject matter experts are actively aware:

1. Transportation (Lorri & Aubrey)
2. Housing (Claire, Sara, Connie)
3. Legislation (Rita & Lorri)

Legislation opportunities

Support of proposed senior housing on Templeton Gap and Austin Bluffs

Presented at last work session, first vote at April 10th meeting

Old North End Transportation Recommendations

New proposed route on Union, would run from Boulder St. north

Could consider including southbound Union route into Southeast

Action: Call or email as a Commissioner or individual with comments/support

Keep track of advocacy opportunities and send to Sabrina once you have approx. 5

Presentation: Heat Map

Add street overlay

Add Senior Center

Add parks and trails

Commissioner Updates/Announcements

Lorri Orwig:

Transit took out the requirement of having to charge people \$3.50 charge per ride from initial RFP

Sabrina Cotta:

Sustain-A-Fest, April 14th, 12 pm – 6 pm, Sustain-A-Center

Next meeting: Senior Resource Council and Alzheimer's Association

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Transit Service Center, 1015 Transit Dr.

Adjourn 4:59 pm