

Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes

June 6, 2018

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Center, 1015 Transit Drive

In attendance: Claire Anderson, Marie Meintz, Connie Johnson, Ritz Fitzpatrick, Sara Vaas, Aubrey Day, Bob Kirkpatrick, Carrie Schillinger

Excused: CJ Moore, Lorri Orwig, Janet Lockhart, Cleather Marchman

Guests: Alex G., Intern in Innovation and Sustainability; Hannah Van Nimwegen, Planning Department; Hayley Gleason, IIAC; Brian Champion, Vicki McCann, Metro Mountain Transit
Staff: Sabrina Cotta

Call to Order 3:04 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Citizen Comment

One Ride – one call – one click center

Launch July 2, 2018

Call center/management hub

Transportation needs will be collected and quantified

Currently: City contracts with 4 HSP (Human Service Providers) to provide specialized trips

New model: streamlined access, best fit scheduling, 7-day, life answer access, reduce duplicative service, lowest cost solution, expand service hours, days, service area, reduce duplicative activities, minimize staffing needs at HSPs

Trip Brokering: do more with same funding

One Ride – clearinghouse, need-based referrals, individual trip planning, transportation databank

Potential programs: volunteer driver, veterans vanpool, call-a-ride

Soft opening during first few months – build rapport and gain their trust, implement marketing plan

Number to call is 719-663-7433 (ONE-RIDE) my1ride.com

Discussion:

Action:

Hannah Van Nimwegen, City Planning Department , Accessory Dwelling Units

Tasked to look at ADUs, following direction from City Council

Tool to meet housing goals

CSU fee change for homeowners with ADUs – pay just for two dwelling units at residential rate - goes into effect January 1, 2019

Can't supersede some HOAs

PUD is a customized zone district, there's no way to supersede that either, unless amend or rezoning

Infill district doesn't have many PUDs – north and east not many – Spring Creek within the Infill district does allow PUDs

Benefits: supports aging in place, those with dependent adults, boomerang children; offers homeowners an opportunity for supplemental income; adds housing stock; provides variety of housing options

Outcomes: increase neighborhood density, increase the housing supply; decrease cost of elderly care

Compare City of Colorado Springs code to other comparable cities that allow ADU code

Potential directions: allow ADUs as a use by right in single-family zone districts, owner occupancy requirements, amending code sections seen as a barrier to ADUs (min lot size, min separation requirements, etc)

Early in process – generating ideas, initiating conversations with key stakeholders, survey for public input, draft proposal

Discussion:

Action: City can express support from our group in terms of aging in place and livable communities.

Budget Recommendations Discussion

Staff recommended Flanagan and Panorama

General feedback was that priority was: 1. Housing, 2. Transit, 3: Infrastructure & Community

Include a recommendation under Housing? Match HOME funds – keep funding level at same level as 2018

Eliminate mobile community center recommendation → save for next year?

Recommend double funding for sidewalk improvement program & give priority area to ¼ mile around transit stops

Remove downtown terminal recommendation – draft memo to Transit recommending that they include universal design in relocated downtown terminal

Remove recommendation for funding to improve pedestrian access to transit stops

Prioritize recommendations:

1. Appropriate matching funds from the general fund for grant funded housing projects that increase affordable age friendly housing
2. Appropriate funds to support service agencies addressing homeless senior population needs
3. Appropriate additional funding to expand transit service for evening and weekend routes
4. Appropriate additional funding to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services for the redevelopment of two or more underutilized parks with an emphasis on senior use
5. Appropriate additional funds for a 50/50 match program to fund residential sidewalk improvements
6. Appropriate funding to retrofit existing streets to include complete streets infrastructure

Discussion:

IIAC Comments:

IIAC supports recommendations, align with our Age Friendly plan, thank you for moving these forward

Suggest adding specificity to some of these:

Add Flanagan and Panorama as underutilized parks

Retrofitting existing streets – use complete streets infrastructure to connect community hubs and senior-serving locations, i.e. Silver Key and PPLD, Senior Center, Community Centers, YMCA locations

Agencies supporting homelessness: Recommend as a “for example agencies already cater to senior homeless needs” i.e. Silver Key, SRM, Marian House, Westside Cares

Action: Encourage complimentary policies in the future to regulate housing costs

Make budget recommendations at Council work session (2nd and 4th Monday at 1 pm), as an informational presentation (July)

Ask to meet individually with Council follow up discussion after presentation

Email vote to approve memo

Commissioner Updates/Announcements

Next meeting: Alzheimers Association, Senior Resource Council

Brainstorming on getting people to public meeting for next year

Vote to ask the city to include PlanCOS as an appendix to the Comp Plan

Ask PlanCOS, City Comp Plan, to adopt Age Friendly Colorado Springs as an appendix to the Comp Plan

Janet, Bob and Connie’s appointment is up in August 2018. Connie & Bob will continue and Janet has chosen to resign, so Marie will be a voting member in August.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Transit Service Center, 1015 Transit Dr.

Adjourn 5:03 pm