

## Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes

August 1, 2018

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Center, 1015 Transit Drive

**In attendance:** Rita Fitzpatrick, Connie Johnson, Marie Meintz, Sara Vaas, Aubrey Day, Lorri Orwig, Claire Anderson, Carrie Schillinger, Cleasther Marchman, CJ Moore

Excused: Bob Kirkpatrick

Guests: Rebecca Michael (The Independence Center), Rachael Maxwell (Innovations in Aging Collaborative), Lee Patke (Greccio Housing), Steve Posey (City of Colorado Springs), David Geislinger (Colorado Springs City Council)

Staff: Sabrina Cotta

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### Call to Order 3:05 pm

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### Welcome & Introductions

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#### Citizen Comment

Rebecca Michael – The Independence Center

Encourage Commission on Aging to include Universal Design in Goal #2, Policy A, Strategy 3

Welcome Rachael Maxwell, new Fellow at Innovations in Aging Collaborative

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#### Lee Patke, Greccio Housing

#### Discussion:

Affordable housing program

Provide stable safe housing

Offer resources to achieve stability

Promote solutions to the affordable housing needs of our community

Founded in 1990

23 properties owned, co-owned, managed

Over 500 affordable apartment homes

Many funding partners

Offer space to other nonprofits to come in and offer resources to clients

Housing needs: seniors, veterans, transitional housing, emergency units, larger families, criminal histories, poor credit, all low-income levels, geographic diversity, housing with access to public transportation

Currently: 4 major projects

Senior (62+) Affordable Housing Project: The Atrium at Austin Bluffs (54 Units)

Many Partnerships for Senior Services

2,000 units short for senior affordable units

**Action:**

Be vocal as supporters of affordable housing, be willing to use your voice about why you support  
Talk to State Representatives about removing construction defects ordinances

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**Community Development, Steve Posey****Discussion:**

City receives federal grant funds from HUD to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all

\$4M/year from HUD

2018: CDBG went up to \$3M, HOME allocation went up to \$1.5M, Emergency Solutions Grant at \$244K

Housing Tenure in 2016: 70+% own their home 20+% rent their home

23% of CSHA units are occupied by seniors

63% of seniors who rent are paying more than they can afford for rent (more than 1/3 of income)

Projects: N. Cascade Ave Neighborhood Transit improvements– 72% low-to moderate-income, 22% disabled, 17% age 65+

Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (income based): 102 low-to-moderate income households assisted, 52% elderly and/or disabled, Typical improvements include ramp & rail installations, bath modifications, replacement of furnaces and water heaters – includes “Lights and Locks Program” \$500K CDBG included in 2018-2019 for this program

Traditions at Colorado Springs- affordable 180 unit senior project at Powers and Barnes -grand opening in October – property management company – leasing started last week – projected 75% leased by October grand opening

Looking forward: Finalize housing displacement fund (Partners in Housing will administer), community center improvements, CDBG review committee, City budget hearings

**Action:**

Advocacy is the most important – City Council, Planning Commission, etc. Express your support for the projects. Attend public meetings.

CDBG Review Committee – want someone from Commission on Aging to participate in that process  
First budget hearing, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at City Council Chambers (107 N. Nevada Ave.)  
Ordinance adopting budget, November 13<sup>th</sup>

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**Member Matters/Announcements**

Support of CBDG Funds to upgrade Otis Park Community Center space to add senior programming.  
Lorri O. motions support

CJ M. 2nds

Motion passes

**Next meeting:**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Senior Center, Dana Room,  
1514 N Hancock Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903**

**Adjourn 5:04 pm**