

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes, October 2, 2019

Members present: Art Quintana, Juana Mendoza, Susan Alling, Sara Beery, Jack Belchinsky, Jeannine Tarrant, Michelle Cregut

Excused: Wilma Cocannouer

Guests: Michele Waite; Karen Roney; City Council Liaison Marcia Martin; Pam Brown; Lindsey Parsons, Aging Services Division

- I. Jeannine called the meeting to order. On behalf of city government, Karen Roney presented a certificate of appreciation to Michele Waite, recognizing her invaluable service to the city as long-time Manager of Senior Services. This effort was initiated by SC Center volunteer Pam Brown.
- II. No members of the public were heard.
- III. Susan moved to approve the September minutes as corrected. Sara seconded. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Lindsey Parsons (ASD planner) presented an executive summary of the current status of the 2020 Boulder County strategic plan (Age Well Boulder County). Included topics were the source of the "8 domains" format; target populations; data sources including community conversations; and key findings (need to plan for increasing percentage of persons over age 60; national rise in proportion of persons with chronic disease or disability; effect of high standard of living in Boulder County on cost of living for aging persons; unique needs of subpopulations of aging in the county, mountain residents, minorities). Longmont city effort to update its Envision...Aging Well plan is coordinating with the county planning. A county summit meeting on November 18 will solicit community feedback.
- V. Marcia reported that council has reinstated the ordinance requirement that 12% of new residential development must be affordable, or cash in lieu of. Permitting fees are being reduced. Longmont needs a public facility offering memory care.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS: Budget and staffing update: The senior center will hire a 3d resource specialist in January. Until a 30-hour custodial position is filled the center is using a contractor for afternoon and evening services; Michele is working with other departments to create a 40-hour position. Interviews will be held Oct. 16-18 of applicants for the recreation supervisor position.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Marcia reported that City public access services are being upgraded. The Longmont Observer won the bid and their contract will begin Jan. 1. New scope of services may include future video recording of this board's meetings. Better indexing of items by key words is intended.
- VIII. REPORTS: (a) Marcia reported that Council has approved the design of a housing development south of Rogers Rd. between Hover and Airport Rds. It will include single family homes, townhouses priced for the middle-income market, and a veterans' housing project. (b) Jeannine reported that the Area Aging Council in September discussed a national report on affordability/livability of communities, 2000-2010. ACC has made significant improvement in services for mountain communities. (c) Susan reported that the Friends have seen an increase in requests for help with urgent needs. They are promoting a "Bring a Buddy to the Senior Center" campaign. (d) Marcia reported that water rates will gradually increase over the next 5 years, but electricity rates will not increase. Utility rates will be adjusted for seasonal and volume use to reward conservation. (e) Michelle reported that TRG approved distribution of remaining CDBG funds. (f) Art attended the Latino Coalition but there was no significant discussion of aging issues. (g) Jeannine reported that LEDP discussed Lockheed's plan to build a new facility here, and the availability of start up grants to entrepreneurs. (h) Jack reported for the Sustainability Implementation group that 650 attended an event featuring electric vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Submitted by Sara Beery