

Sec. 2-8-200. - Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission.

(a) Commission established. There is hereby established an Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission that shall act as an advisory committee to the Board of Trustees and exercise the powers granted by this Section.

(b) Members. The Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission shall have no more than seven (7) voting members and any number of appointed non-voting members.

(c) Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission shall be as follows:

(1) Advise the Board of Trustees on all matters pertaining to human services and aging, including education, health and mental well-being, transportation, social connections, safety net and economic support.

(2) Make it possible for residents of the Lyons area to have an opportunity to access services available throughout the county ***and help oversee programs and facilitate service delivery within the Town.***

What does “oversee” mean? Please define.

(3) Actively support the engagement of the aging generation in the Town, ***provide volunteer services within the Town to provide for basic aging needs***, enhance communication to the Town regarding services available for this age group, and improve transportation resources.

Need direction. Possibly similar to LEAF’s functions as they grow their volunteer program

(4) Advocate for, increase access to ***and inform the community regarding*** programs and opportunities that will help children, youth and families make healthy choices.

(5) Design programs that are tailored to and accessible to the most vulnerable households, including those in poverty, with disabilities, minorities or those affected by natural disasters and other debilitating shocks. This may include programs and ***policies*** to increase the resiliency of these groups in terms of emergency preparedness.

Does the BOT see program design as an immediate need? If so, what does this process look like?

(6) Upon request by the Board of Trustees, the Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and make recommendations upon ***matters pertaining to housing and human services*** ~~any special matter or concern~~.

(7) The Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission shall take an active role in seeking funding sources, including grants, as well as technical partnerships with governmental and nonprofit agencies, to sustain and enhance the services and programs offered.

(8) The Lyons Housing and Human Service Commission shall take an active role in identifying funding sources, including grants, to develop new and support established housing options.

(9) When needed, the Lyons Housing and Human Services Commission shall facilitate the process of accessing appropriate housing for qualified groups, such as low-income, affordable and workforce.