

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: March 16, 2022
ITEM: Administrator's Report

ORDINANCE
 MOTION / RESOLUTION
 INFORMATION

US 36 / Broadway Focus Groups: Staff and consultants met with the business community along the 300 and 400 blocks of Broadway Avenue to share the conceptual drawings and get input and feedback for their needs and wishes. Staff will be presenting the most up-to-date plans at the Board meeting on March 21st. There will be a public input session on March 31 at 6:00 pm at the library.

Co-Responders: Two neighboring communities have decided to fund their own mental health co-responder staff, and another has received a DOLA grant for the position. The Boulder County Sheriff's Office and Co-Responders can reallocate their funding to provide for a professional to be located in Lyons. The position would be a full-time Boulder County employee with benefits, and they are asking the town for an office space for the person. This individual would office in Lyons three days per week and be available for case management within unincorporated Boulder County two days per week. Current funding would support this position through 2023. Following that, it is hoped that the Opioid settlement funds can continue the funding of this position.

Apple Valley Water Treatment Properties: Brian McCann Real Estate will be listing our properties. He is currently working on the advertisement and has provided the contracts for legal review. He is proposing being under contract for 90 days.

Human Resources Update: We are reaching critically low staffing levels in our Public Works / Parks Department. One of our full-time workers took a position with CDOT. We have three full-time workers and one seasonal worker going into the busy spring. Staff is discussing strategies on hiring and reviewing our current policies for On-Call and the potential of adding overtime pay. We do have savings from vacancies that could be applied toward incentives to drive and work in Lyons. The Office Manager / Permit Tech position was accepted by Selina Davis, who will start next week. Interviews for Code Compliance Officer are scheduled for later this week. The Planning position remains open, and the postings refreshed.

New Trustees: The new trustees are meeting on Friday afternoons to start getting orientated to their new roles. Staff is providing training, materials, and other resources to assist in a smooth transition.

Sandstone Park Loading Dock: At a previous Board meeting, there was a discussion regarding the loading dock at the southwest corner of Sandstone Park. After further research, LaVern Johnson told us that the feature is not listed on the State or National Historic Register, "but it should be". It was installed in 1953 and was used to load bags. The baggage car was there and then it was used to sell treats until it was moved to the Depot.

Goodwill Grant Awards 2022

In 2022 the Goodwill Grant Committee received four grant applications. The following organizations applied for grants:

LEAF requested \$13,000 to be used for the Lyons Community Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Basic Needs Assistance and Resource Matching, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Lyons Volunteers.

The Lyons Regional Library applied for \$4,300 in grant funding to be used for ARF!, Pride Month, Lyons Listens Storytelling, supporting the "Eyes of Freedom" art installation, SEED, QPR, and organizational support.

The Lyons Community Farm Project applied for \$5,000 in grant funds to be used to buy trees and plants, tools and compost.

Lyons Community Foundation's application requested \$5,000 in funding to be used for their Hootenanny Fundraiser.

The Goodwill Grant committee consisting of Wendy Miller, Andrew Moore, and Lisa Ramsey met on March 11th to discuss the merits of each application. The maximum allowed per grantee with the current application is for \$5K.

Grants were awarded in the following manner:

LEAF received the maximum allowed at \$5,000 to be used in funding Meals on Wheels, Basic Needs Assistance and Resource Matching, and Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Lyons Volunteers.

The Lyons Regional Library received \$4,250 to be used to fund all programs listed above. No funds are to be used for administrative costs.

The Lyons Community Farm Project was awarded \$4,250 in grant funds to be used to buy trees and plants, tools and compost.

The LCF request was not awarded any grant funds as it was deemed to be in conflict with LEAF's request as the event to be funded would have raised funds for both LEAF and LCF. There was also concern that the event did not fit within the definition of a project and did not qualify for funding per the criteria outlined in the application.

The HSAC needs to update the goodwill grant application to also note / include who should / should not review the applications going forward.

COVID Update:

CDC Tracker updates: [COVID-19 Community Levels](#): High Medium Low

- Based on case numbers, hospital beds in use, hospital admissions
- **Boulder County COVID-19 Community Level:**
 - **LOW: 63.3 cases/100,000 7-day cumulative incidence rate, 4.3/100,000 (<10) COVID-19 new hospital admissions, 2.8% (<10%) staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients**
 - We continue to see COVID-19 cases in the community; the rates of severe illness, hospitalization, and death are low
 - The current stress on our health care system is **Low**, determined by the number of new hospital admissions and the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients
 - **Low** Community Levels in Boulder County are due to several factors including the high number of fully vaccinated people who are staying up to date with boosters, recent widespread infection, and the availability of therapeutics
 - •State modeling projects 90% of Coloradans are immune against omicron (CSPH 2/16/22)
 - Immunity from vaccines and prior infection will fade but is expected to remain high into the start of the summer
 - Uncertainties include timing and characteristics of future variants, waning immunity, as well as the timing and target population for future vaccine doses and availability of therapeutics
 - Need to continue to monitor and prepare for the future
- **Testing positivity:** On average, 396 PCR tests were conducted per day in the past week, lower compared to the average of 699 PCR tests per day during the week prior. Test positivity remains stable at 4.4% compared to 4.2% last week. (To be aligned with CDPHE, the percent positivity is calculated by using data from the Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) system, which does not include all labs testing for COVID-19 and does not include home test kits).
- **Hospitalizations:** As of 3/14/22, 7 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 related illness in Boulder County hospitals compared to 18 last week. **Pediatric Cases:** As of 3/14/2022, the four Children's Hospitals (RPTC, Colorado South, Colorado Springs, Colorado North Campus) have 9 confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations (57% ages 0-4) and 7 persons under investigation (PUIs).
- **Deaths:** Boulder County has had 126 deaths since May 1, 2021, for a total of 383 deaths. Among the deaths since May 1st, 2021, the average was 72 years of age for the unvaccinated and 83 years of age for the vaccinated. Since May 2021, 45 or 36% of deaths were among those associated with long-term care facilities.
- **Cases by Age Groups:** In the last seven days, the 7-day average cumulative case rate per 100,000 has declined among most age groups, increasing slightly among 12-17-year olds and 55-64 yrs. The 7-day cumulative case rate per 100,000 is highest among 23-44 yrs. Case numbers highest among 23-34 yrs.
- **Vaccinations among all Boulder County residents:** Almost 230,000 people in Boulder County are fully vaccinated, 69.7% of the total population. Over 307,000 Boulder County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, 94.1% of the total population. 551 Boulder County residents received their first dose COVID-19 vaccine this past week (1333 last week), with an average of 136 doses administered per day compared to an average of 328 doses per day last week. 39% of Boulder County residents have received a booster/third shot.
- **Percent of persons not fully vaccinated (partial or unvaccinated) in Boulder County:** Boulder County has approximately 327,000 residents according to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate. 230,000 people are fully vaccinated, leaving about 97,000 not fully vaccinated. 13,600 are ineligible (ages 0 to 4). 80,000 have received

a partial dose. The remaining 3,400 people are eligible and unvaccinated. Approximately 97,000 Boulder County residents are not fully vaccinated because of their age or another reason. This represents just under 30% of the overall population.

- According to latest estimates, those who are boosted are 2.1 times less likely to be infected with COVID-19, 9.2 times less likely to be hospitalized, and 15 times less likely to die compared to people who are unvaccinated.