



**Town of Lyons Housing & Human Services  
Commission Minutes**

Date: **Monday, March 14, 2022**

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

*Mission: The mission of the Lyons Housing & Human Services Commission, as established in the Lyons Recovery Action Plan, is to provide coordination and communication with various private, non-profit, and county entities in an effort to assess and fill the gaps in human service provision and identify unmet needs in the Lyons and greater Lyons (80540) area.*

Housing & Human Services commission members:

Commissioners: **Crystal White (chair), Kay Sparks (vice chair), Andrew Moore, Julie Jacobs(scribe), Regan Bullers, Lynette Anderson** (Boulder County Area on Aging liaison)  
**[two vacant seats]**

Liaisons: **Wendy Miller (Board of Trustees)**, Lisa Ramsey (Town staff); **Kim Mitchell (for Lisa) Tanya Daty (will be liaison from BoT) Helen Vanderwerken (guest)**

Crystal motions to start meeting, Regan seconds.

Approve minutes and discuss action items from previous meetings. Julie moves to approve, Regan seconds, unanimous vote to approve February minutes.

Commission and Commissioners.

1. Introductions. Go over the rules regarding meetings.
2. We need more Commissioners! Ideas of people to ask? Crystal will post in Lyons Happenings and Kim will put it in town's email blast.
3. We also need more resident input. Please share the meeting times with your boards, friends and neighbors. Add this to the town e-blast as well.

Town Updates:

1. Housing- Crystal White, Lisa Ramsey. Summit has started to mobilize, won't be accepting applications until they are closer to completion. Preference for people who work in Lyons, live in Lyons, or people displaced by the flood, they can apply earlier than general applicants. Can we get someone from Summit to present to the HHSC about the onboarding process? Victoria can attend a meeting to help inform us about the development and requirements. How can HHSC assist with this process and the applications? Town staff will look into having Victoria and/or Summit attend our April meeting.
2. ZTrips Via - Lisa Ramsey – Ztrips will remain an active program. There is an RFP for bus service, 15-18 passengers to run 2 routes in AM and PM, Ztrip



would fill in gaps between the routes. Hoping to bring this back in May timeframe. Ecopass program is also still available, reach out to town staff for information about this program. How do we get the word out to the community about this? Write an article celebrating all of the options? We need to update the town web site with accurate information about Via.

3. Update on the Comp plan meeting from March 9 th ( Kay, Crystal, Andrew,) Crystal is working with Fire Dept to get people signed up for Everbridge and Smart 911. They want to craft the Comp Plan in a way that makes it more of a living document versus just revisiting it every 10 years. They plan to reschedule the community meeting in April – June. The plan fails to mention diversity as a goal for the town and nothing specific about older adults. Consider building our agendas to track the 5 main goals in the Comp Plan.
4. Crystal Everbridge/Smart 9-1-1 sign up – Still working on explaining it to people and how it works, still confusing. Fire Dept has not yet followed up on the public workshops on this. Include information in town e-blast about Everbridge.

#### . HHSC updates

1. Ideas about what else can we do to support mental health in the Lyons area.
2. Updates on human services areas
3. Older adult trips
4. Diversity, inclusivity, cultural issues – Crosswalks and Pride Month – group in town has reached out to town to work on a rainbow crosswalk on 4<sup>th</sup> and High. Paint is prepared, just need someone from public works to power wash it in prep for painting. Additional Pride Month news/happenings will be forthcoming in May for events in June.
5. Get Help Guide
6. Health & well-being
7. Housing
8. Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF) & Lyons Volunteers
9. Lyons Goodwill Fund – GG committee met on Friday, \$5000 to LEAF, \$4250 to Library, \$4250 to food forest, awarded nothing to LCF because it was for an event, not a direct service. Lisa is working on letters to the applicants.
10. Medical Services
11. Mental Health – BoCo has positions open for co-responder models, will be focusing on some mountain areas including Lyons. We can seek out more information about what they do and what the focus is of these programs, see if someone from LE can come share information about the program. Lots of calls for mental health in Lyons, 2-3 a week. Need to think about how we can engage in some preventive programming for mental health issues.
12. Resiliency & preparedness
13. Transportation including zTrip- Bustang to EP
14. Wide Spaces Community Initiative



Older adult services - Lynette update – some people want to help volunteer to do grocery runs, beneficiaries have to be 60+, can't be using SNAP benefits. Cultivate is the organization, a volunteer would do the shopping and deliver groceries to the older adult. Believes it would be a weekly option, not sure if one-offs will be permitted. Payment would likely have to be by credit card. Lynette will look into whether a gift card for King Soopers could be used for payment. Forward information on people who might benefit to Lynette. How can we get the word out on this? What will the process be for referral? Lynette will look into it and will provide the procedure at our next meeting.

Walt Self community room is getting an update, new paint, new flooring, new art, etc.

Area Agency on Aging can help get internet and laptops for the older adults at Walt Self. Consider reaching out to County Commissioner Marta Loachamin for assistance with internet access for the residents. Lynette says that AAA Connect to Tech program can give people free internet and laptops, she will look into it before we reach out to county commissioners – not just for people in Walt Self, anyone 60+ can access this. Also important to look into internet in the community center – through the Housing Authority (Lynette will reach out about this). Andrew says there is a mechanism through the schools that allows families to access free internet. How can we get the word out about these programs?

April will be a hybrid meeting.

Adjourn – 5:15

SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming events and resources

Senior meals :

- **Every Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday:** Boulder County Aging Services in-person or to-go box lunches from the “The Redstone Cafe at Walt Self community building, Tuesdays Wednesday’s and Thursdays, noon-1pm, \$3 (for ages 60+). Call by 1pm the day before to reserve 303-441-1415.