



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

**Date: Monday, April 11, 2022**

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

Hybrid Zoom & in person

Lyons Library Effie Banta conference Room

**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 (secretary), Regan Bullers, Lynette Anderson (Boulder County Area on Aging liaison) [two vacant seats]**

**Liaisons: Lisa Ramsey (Town staff)**

**Visitors: Tanya Mercer-Daty (incoming BoT); Victoria Simonsen**

Approval of March minutes: One typo identified (“anonymous” instead of “unanimous”). Crystal moves to approve, Regan seconds, unanimous vote to approve pending correction of the typo.

Trustee-elect update – Tanya Mercer-Daty

Conference on homelessness, there will be ARPA funds available, Polis announced \$200M provided for adequate housing, \$100M for a competitive grant program meant for transitional and supportive housing. Allowable uses include affordable housing developments. Should town consider applying? Tanya will send link to Victoria and Kim with information. Per Victoria, there is a local person interested in donating 2 acres specifically for veterans experiencing homelessness, might be a good fit.

6:30 tomorrow night (4/12) – meeting for comp plan at library, 5:30 is chance to meet the trustees.

Lynette – Veteran’s Community Project out of Longmont – trying to get a handle on veterans in mountain areas to provide services through Veteran’s Officers. Lynette will forward their contact information to HHSC and can try to get someone to talk to us about available services.

Housing update – Victoria Simonsen



Spoke to Summit contractor today, they think project won't be complete and accepted until next April. They won't start taking applications until 4 months prior, so likely December 2022 if this timeline is accurate. Mostly issues with supply chain. They commit to giving Lyons a full month notice ahead of general public to help people with application prep so they can apply on the first day. HHSC can help people get the paperwork in order so they can apply right away. Plan is for 24 single family homes, mostly 3 bedroom with garages. Four 4-plex townhomes, mostly 2 bedrooms, 3 will be handicapped accessible units (40 units total). State level – preference for flood impacted people and people who live and work in Lyons. Lynette and Victoria will try to gather information about what is needed for the applications. Consider doing workshops, appointments, or other ways to make the process efficient given the limited person-power we have.

Start with training of some kind for HHSC so we are prepared.

**Upcoming HHSC meeting plans for affordable housing:**

May – get guidelines for applications, income levels, and copies of the contracts with Summit and the State

June – prepare outreach eblast and flyers

July - identify people who might want to apply – email blasts to let people know about the opportunity and requirements

August – training for HHSC on how to help with applications

Sept – prescreening for potential applicants; workshops and 1:1 education around how to apply

Reach out to the state to confirm the preference for flood-impacted people and people who live and work in Lyons – Victoria will take lead on this.

Co-responders update - Victoria Simonsen

BoCo co-responders are a group of mental health professionals who respond along with LE to certain incidents. They are planning to place a co-responder for Lyons. Funded through 2023. Advertising for the position now.

BoCo came to town to ask if they can provide office space for a co-responder, town is looking for space for this person. LEAF is considering taking the building next to town hall and converting it to food bank and could offer an office for co-responder, then sheriff's office can move to the Depot. Need to find alternate place to store small machinery.

Goodwill Grant update – Lisa Ramsey

Q – Lyons Prepared did not spend all of the funds last year, can they still spend it? We



usually say no but checks went out later than usual. They cashed the check already. Commission members voted to approve spending the money this year if they use it by August for a slash pile pickup this year (May or June).

Housing subcommittee: Table discussion for a later date.

Lyons Fire update – Crystal White

Met with fire chief, they are working on getting 3 different tones for emergency sirens. Setting up a pancake breakfast to talk about getting people signed up for emergency notifications. Victoria met this morning with Fire Dept, over next 2 months there will be a rollout of fire education and mitigation strategies for in town residents. Each HOA will be asked to identify an HOA fire rep. They will run mock drills for each group. Will ask each HOA to fund a dumpster and chipper for their areas. Town will fund town-wide curb pickup and chipping event for people without an HOA. Andrew is meeting with fire chief regarding the school.

Adjourn at 5:30