



Town of Lyons Housing & Human Services Commission AGENDA

Date: **Monday, June 13th, 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 in attendance:

Commissioners: **Crystal White (chair), Kay Sparks (vice chair), Julie Jacobs(secretary), Regan Bullers, [two vacant seats]**

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

Approve minutes from previous meeting. Unanimous vote to approve with no revisions.

Old business

1. Summit Update/recap – Our plan was to identify displaced persons by Sept. Kay will check with Victoria on how this list will be created and how HHSC can assist. Kay will also check with Victoria on getting a Highland rep to come out in Oct. and/or Nov. for the informational workshops HHSC plans to present.
2. Vulnerable citizens list – Lisa will get with HHSC members on the list and outreach, has a resource for us to give them - “Get Help” guide. Notes that some people on the list might have higher needs and may need more concrete assistance from someone from Lyons Prepared. Get Help guide likely needs to be updated – Lyons Flyer, Co-responder position.
3. AAA hiring update, they have several applications for Lynette’s position in Lyons. BoCo reached out to Lisa for help with hiring process. Deadline for applications is today, screenings and interviews to start shortly, hoping to hire in early August.
4. Our Center – there is supposed to be a mountain liaison for case management and similar services, they have not been able to hire anyone yet and it is a gap in services, Kay may be able to touch base with a rep to see status of this position.
5. Essential Services follow-up for BoT – Regan talked to the local dentist, Dr. Johnstone, who is planning to retire at the end of the year, intends to sell the practice. He believes there is enough business for a full time practice. Review of comments from Comp Plan survey - Essential services identified included medical services and pharmacy as important needs. LEAF plans to have medical services once a week once they move to

new location. Is mail order pharmacy a possibility? Can we do education for vulnerable people on how to sign up for mail order rx? Another identified essential need – sidewalks in disrepair or nonexistent. HHSC members agree that sidewalks are essential, create serious issues for people with mobility, people with strollers, etc. Rec center was mentioned often as a desired facility, but is this essential? Laundromat was also mentioned, LEAF is hoping to have laundry facilities in the new space so this may address that need.

New agenda items

1. Cemex Discussion. HHSC Identified concerns – Pollution, environmental injustice/disparate impact: Unfettered CO2 emissions at a dangerously high levels for 15 more years. Potential solution – allow the plant to operate for 5 more years with concrete, identified reductions in emissions annually and with a guarantee that it will be dismantled at the end of the term (not just decommissioned). Another concern is housing – unsafe and unhealthy housing situation created by proximity to the plant, same solution as above. Julie will submit these comments this week on behalf of HHSC.
2. Safe housing meeting with Zack Bertges. Julie met with Zack for an introductory meeting to discuss safe housing and code enforcement. Current focus for Zack is ADUs and getting them all registered and up to code. HHSC would like to make formal recommendation to BoT for budget item for code enforcement for ADUs. They create budget in August, make rec before then for a low interest fund to make loans for these improvements. Lisa will look into how to take action on this formally. Regan makes motion to make recommendation to ToL for this funding for ADUs, Julie seconds, approved by HHSC.

Move to adjourn – adjourn at 4:36