

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

Date: **Monday, June 13th, 2022**

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

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:

In attendance:

Commissioners: **Crystal White (chair), Kay Sparks (vice chair), Andrew Moore, Julie Jacobs(secretary), Regan Bullers, Lynette Anderson (Boulder County Sheriff's Office Co-responder) [two vacant seats]**

Liaisons: **Tanya Daty (Board of Trustees), Lisa Ramsey** (Town staff)

Guests: **Victoria Simonson**

Welcome / introductions / roll call.

Approve minutes from previous meeting. Regan moves, Kay seconds, unanimously approved.

Guest Speakers

1. Lynette Anderson – New position as co- responder for Lyons BCSO (30 min.). Her role will be less formal than usual co-responder, people can reach out directly to Lynette by phone or email to request services, usual process requires a co-responder to be called directly by law enforcement. Services include crisis de-escalation, offering resources like VA, LEAF, etc. May be able to do longer term case management. Total of 6 people on the team for Boulder County, there is always someone on call to cover if needed. Lynette will be housed with the deputies once they move into new office at the Depot. Hours are 12:00 – 8:00 Monday – Friday, after hours on call available via email. Lynette's position in Lyons with AAA has not been filled and is not being advertised. Christine Vogel is POC, Kay will reach out to her to discuss concerns about vacancy.
2. Victoria - Town Administrator Summit housing (45 min.). How Summit Housing will be managing applications. Vetting will be done by Highland Property Management out of Cheyenne. They will start the process 90 days prior to the development opening. The information they need for the application has to be from within the prior 90 days. They can do some basic things around 120 days but nothing submitted until 90 days prior.

Applicants will have to show that they have 2x the rent in income. Application fee of \$28. Will have to show proof of income, sign a release to get that proof. No one with past felony will be allowed, no past violent criminal activity and no sex offenders. Will need: Proof of ID, birth certificate only if there is a child involved. Need to be 18 years old. Credit check, background criminal check, child support checks will all be conducted. Third party will do verifications. 60% or below of AMI, ideally between 40 – 60%. Can bring forward Section 8 vouchers.

Requirements for preference for people who were displaced by the flood or who live/work in Lyons.

Don't think it will be open for about a year.

How to confirm displacement by the flood? Probably use utility records.

HHSC action items: *Create a list of people who were displaced and reach out to them to see if they are interested. Public outreach to try to compile a list. Brainstorm in September on how to get the word out to flood-displaced people. Have an informational meeting in October for flood-impacted people about what the requirements will be, let all of the relevant agencies and groups know and put out the word. Another session for people who live/work in Lyons in November with the same information. See if Highland Property Management can attend one or both meetings.*

3. Tanya Dady BOT liaison. New BOT went through goals and priorities for the next 2 years. Each set of goals is correlated with a specific commission to help identify roles and goals. They are trying to enact the goals of the Comp Plan as best they can.

5 of the goals this BOT wants to focus on, one with a clear HHSC role:

Economic development – **HHSC role**

- *Offering essential services in town. How to attract and retain services in town. Identify opportunities for services (Rx, MD/outreach clinic, etc.). “Essential services” has not been defined in the Comp Plan. HHSC can help define these essential services. How do we recruit some of these service providers? Dentist is about to retire, can we find out what his plan is – sell the practice versus close it? We can look at Comp Plan responses to see how they defined or commented about essential services. Locations for services? Before July meeting, HHSC members will look at comments related to essential services, Lisa emailed it to all of us. Send Tanya a summary of what we come up with and she can report back to BOT.*

Wildfire mitigation

Annexation and buildout of eastern corridor – may be some role for HHSC if low-income people are displaced during the buildout.

Improving walkability and safety

Improving trail connections

New agenda items

1. Diversity & Inclusivity – Some young (teen and young adult) LGBTQ+ community members report that they are feeling discriminated against or unwelcome by businesses and community members. Crystal can get some more details as she builds trust, Lynette may be able to reach out.
2. Pride Month – 9:00 – 11:00 at Stone Cup for conversation and socializing; 12:00 Sandstone Park for march; 1:00 – 3:00 for speakers, booths, and other activities. HHSC members will be at all of the events.
3. Lisa Ramsey – going through vulnerable citizen's list and calling them to ask if they would like help getting set up for emergency alerts. There are only about 10 – 12 people, if we can each do a few we can get this taken care of. Lisa will come up with a script for us to use and will send us each some names.

Adjourn @ 5:00