



## STATEMENT OF VISION

*Lafayette's panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains inspires our view into the future. We value our heritage, our unique neighborhoods, a vibrant economy and active life-styles. We envision a future that mixes small town livability with balanced growth and superior city services.*

## Senior Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Josephine Commons 455 N. Burlington Ave. Lafayette, CO**

### **Board Members Present:**

Robin Osborne, Bob Magin, Carol Poore, Denise Ramunda, Bob Hanes and Patricia Brazee (alternate)

### **Board Members Absent:**

Carl Miller and Jay Ruggeri were excused.

### **City Council Liaison:**

Brad Wiesley

### **Senior Services/City Staff:**

Vern Swanagon, Staff Liaison

Curt Cheesman, Director Recreation, Facility Management & Senior Services

### **Public Representatives:**

Members of the public in attendance and making comments:

Patricia Peterson, Cindy Miller, Patty Bulizak, Nancy Hanes, Christine Kracker-Gabriel, Linda Volker, Miriam Wilks, Rosemary Hanley

### **OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Kathleen Johnston was introduced as the second alternate Board member.

### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Several members of the public expressed disappointment and concern about the departure of the noon-day lunch coordinator. Others said that they had observed instances of disrespect to seniors by staff members taking over lunch duties.

Some felt frustration at new, more complex rules for signing up for lunch, resulting in some seniors who depend on the lunch, being turned away.

Dismay at the new name of the senior center was brought up as well as regret that no older citizens had been asked for an opinion on a new name.

Robin Osborne, Board president, agreed to add lunch procedures to the May board agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Bob Hanes asked that the March minutes be amended, reflecting more accurate plans for using the bus the city purchased from Affinity. "Use of the bus on Wednesdays is dependent on hiring and training a driver."

Bob Magin moved the March minutes be approved as amended; Bob Hanes seconded and the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

Brad Wiesley reported that the Lafayette water supply appears to be adequate for the coming summer.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Vern Swanagon advised that the Boulder County Agency for Aging will be updating their long-range plan for seniors in the county. To gather ideas for the updated plan, there will be a Community Conversation held at Josephine Commons on May 19 from 9-10:30 AM for public input on what issues are important for older persons.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AAC:**

Robin Osborne reported statistics reflecting the types of clients and cases handled by Boulder County low-cost Legal Services in the past year.

Mental Health Partners, offering specialized services for older adults, had 394 contacts in the past year.

Boulder County Care Connect has a yard buster program, providing volunteer help with yard work for older persons.

There will be a Caregiver Symposium on May 22 from 10 AM-5 PM, including lunch, at the Plaza Convention Center in Longmont.

**HOUSING:**

Nothing new

**OUTREACH:**

No report

**PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER SENIORS:**

No report

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS:**

Bob Magin reported that information should be available soon about creative activities available to older persons, important because minds are stimulated by the arts.

A visit to Affinity revealed a very caring community. Residents of the 136 units have taken ownership of activities that take place there. The city of Lafayette was complemented on all it does for senior citizens.

One issue was raised regarding the alignment of the crosswalks across Baseline Rd. and there was concern that the "walk" light was not on long enough for people using walkers, or otherwise slow in their mobility, to cross the street in the allotted time. Brad Wiesley

agreed to contact the city manager, who in turn will contact the State Highway Department about these issues.

Carl Miller submitted a report on his visit to the lunch program at Josephine Commons. Conversation brought up the lack of affordable, available transportation in Lafayette. Some felt that trips on Via, especially within Lafayette, were too expensive.

The advisory board will investigate who to talk to about this and what the possibilities are.

**FOUNDATION:**

No report

**NUTRITION:**

Mayors from near-by communities helped to deliver Meals on Wheels on March 19. Christine Berg, Lafayette mayor, acknowledged this special day.

**HOSPITALITY:**

No report

Curt Cheesman addressed the topic of the senior center name change, done, in part, as an attempt to attract the Baby Boomers to the center and its activities. Various comments and suggestions were offered.

Bob Hanes moved that the discussion about the name change be tabled until the May meeting. Bob Magin seconded and the motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next meeting will be May 14, 2014 3:30-5:30 PM at Affinity, 860 W. Baseline Rd.

**SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS for next month's meeting:**

Continued discussion of the senior center name change

Discussion of procedures for the noon lunch program

Updates for 2014 Board goals

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Robin Osborne moved, Carol Poore seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:**



Robin Osborne, Chair

Carol Poore, Secretary