



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.

Lafayette GO Center 103 S. Iowa Ave

Board Members Present:

Robin Osborne, Carl Miller, Bob Magin, Bob Hanes, Jay Ruggeri, Denise Ramunda, Patricia Brazee (alternate), Kathleen Johnston (alternate)

Board Members Absent:

Carol Poore

City Council Liaison:

Brad Wiesley

Senior Services/City Staff:

Vern Swanagon, staff liaison

Renee Fabini, Recreation Coordinator

Curt Cheesman, Director Recreation, Facility Management & Senior Services

Public Representative Providing Comment:

Nancy Hanes

The following members of the public attended but did not Comment:

Joyce Summers, Irby Downes, Gladys Schmid

OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

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

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nancy Hanes requested an update of the information presented at the last Senior Advisory Board meeting that was held at Josephine Commons.

Robin Osborne mentioned that a debriefing was on this meeting's Agenda; she gave a brief explanation of what the debriefing referred to. Robin Osborne explained why we were at the Senior Center instead of Affinity; a meeting will be scheduled at Affinity at a later date.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2014 MINUTES:

The Board discussed Bob Hanes concern that the minutes from the April 2014 Board meeting did not reflect the names/specifics of what was stated by the public. Robin Osborne reminded the Board that the minutes should capture the general content. She felt that what was stated in the minutes sufficed that. After discussion, Bob Magin motioned to approve the minutes and Carl Miller seconded.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Brad Wiesley discussed an issue with regard to city street lights. Denise Ramunda questioned the street lights changing too rapidly.

STAFF REPORT:

Vern Swanagon handed out a document announcing a Community Conversation for Lafayette Residents to be held at Josephine Commons May 19th. The conversation is part of the Boulder County Age Well process. Information is being sought regarding concerns that older adults have, their biggest struggles, and what they want and need to age well. Robin Osborne will facilitate and Vern Swanagon will be the recorder for the conversation.

Vern provided and discussed the Fact Sheet for the congregate meal site located at Josephine Commons. Information was provided regarding the operational structure, funding, donations, age and eligibility requirements, the reservation system and the restrictions on the use of space at Josephine Commons. Vern reminded the Board that the Nutrition Lunch Program held at Josephine Commons, but operates independently of Josephine Commons as a program for all members of the community to participate in. Every Board member received a copy of the Fact Sheet. It was also provided for the staff at Josephine Commons and will be provided to participants who attend the lunch program alongside the other information that is already being distributed.

Curt Cheesman discussed why it was necessary to read the fact sheet and understand the information. He will be presenting information to City Council regarding the funding necessary to continue to provide healthy, nutritional meals to those who are in most need. He stated that it is necessary to figure out how to provide for the future based on the growth anticipated.

Vern informed the Board that a new Nutrition Coordinator, Stephanie Moriarty, was hired. Shirley O'Leary, who is currently providing customer service at the lunch site, will continue with these duties. A Meet and Greet will be scheduled for participants to have the opportunity to talk with them. Lorna Beard will supervise both positions. She will continue to be involved at the meal site and behind the scenes to insure consistency, compliance and safety in the operation. Lorna Beard will also continue to provide resource assistance and referral for participants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**HOUSING:**

No report.

PR/MARKETING:

No report.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER SENIORS:

No report

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:

The Board discussed participating in the Peach Festival which is scheduled for August 16, 2014. Bob Magin would like the Board to pay for a booth to promote senior art with all the proceeds going back to the senior artist. The Board discussed Bob Magin's ideas and whether its funds should be used for the Peach Festival. Bob Hanes made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting so more information could be gathered. The motion was not seconded. Jay Ruggeri made a motion to approve the spending of Board funds for the large booth. Bob Magin seconded. The Board voted on Jay Ruggeri's motion and the motion failed by a simple majority. Bob Hanes made the motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Robin Osborne seconded. The Board voted and the motion to table passed by a simple majority.

Jay Ruggeri asked whether driver's had been hired. Vern Swanagon stated that there were 6 part-time (classified as seasonal, intermittent) employees hired to drive recreation trips, and the existing Affinity at Lafayette shopping trip (to the end of the year). Curt Cheesman stated that the new mini-bus will receive a "wrapper" in the near future to identify it as belonging to the City of Lafayette. Vern Swanagon discussed the potential of creating destination stops for some planned trips and one day per week for lunch.

RTD routes were discussed. There is a desire to have an RTD route include Josephine Commons. Brad Wiesley stated that Boulder County is in negotiation with RTD. However, ridership needs to be justified, and nothing is planned for the immediate future.

FOUNDATION:

No report.

ACC:

Robin Osborne discussed the Age Well Strategic Plan Update.

NUTRITION:

Vern Swanagon stated that May was National Nutrition Month. The Nutrition Lunch Program celebrated by providing a special menu and some give-aways. There were 6 new community members who attended.

HOSPITALITY:

17 cards were mailed.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**DEBRIEFING DISCUSSION**

The Board revisited the last meeting with the issue of the lunch program. There was discussion regarding how important it is to recognize not only those with concerns, but those (the majority) who enjoy and are satisfied with the program. The Board agreed that all voices are important to consider

The Board agreed that there needs to be a feedback loop to enhance communication. Vern Swanagon agreed to develop and provide a suggestion form (with suggestion, solution and resolution included) and a locked suggestion box for comments at both the GO Center and at Josephine Commons. Josephine Commons was picked as a location based on the fact that many participants throughout the community go there for lunch. Robin Osborne stated that it is important for the Board and participants to find a way to not only emphasize the negative, but highlight the positive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS for next month's meeting:

Peach Festival booth suggestion and ideas

Lafayette Mini-bus status

Update on Suggestion Boxes, Nutrition Lunch Program

Transition of Lafayette Senior Services to Lafayette Go Services

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned, at 6:00pm,

Next meeting June 11, 2014 3:30-5:30pm at Affinity At Lafayette.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathleen Johnston, Alternate Board Member in absence of the Board Secretary.