Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday August 8, 2012
Lafayette, Senior Services

Board Members Present:
Claudia Johnson, Carol Poore, Ruth Gensert Jones, Jay Ruggeri, Robin Osborne, Mike Eikenberry, (alternate 2) and Diane Robison

Board Members Absent:
Bob Magin and Jean Gilmore (alternate 1)

City Council Liaison:
Brad Wiesley, City Council

Senior Services Staff:
Renee Fabini, Recreation Specialist
Sean VonRoenn, Recreation Superintendent

Public representative:
Robert Wilson, Lafayette Police, Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch Program

OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Claudia Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The July minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:
Robert Wilson reported on what his program is all about. His program ties into our **Community Awareness** STP Goal 2: Personal financial and environmental safety is a community priority. STP Strategy A: Identify, develop, and strengthen neighborhood connections.

- The program started in 1976 by the Arvada Police Department .The philosophy is that if people get to know each other, they watch out for each other and crime decreases.
- Crime reports—www:crimereports.com tracks crime in the City of Lafayette and is updated daily
- Crime Map on the City of Lafayette Official Website keeps track of the number and type of crimes. Go to the Police and Quick Links on the right side of the page.
- Notify Me is located on the left side of the Police page and will notify you of all city events, etc.
- HTTP://Neighbors.whitepages.com-- put in your address and the site pulls up all your neighbors.
- Citizens Police Academy—9 week mini-academy for citizens 18 and up.
    - Wednesdays from 6 pm-9 pm starting 9/12/12 through 11/7/12.

    - Applications available at the police department until noon on Friday, August 31, 2012.
    - Criminal background checks are completed on all applicants.
    - Only 25 seats available.
- Senior Safe is a booklet about Senior Adult Safety. It includes how to avoid falls, home security, household safety, drugs and medical safety, health management, and healthy lifestyles. Robert will drop some off to leave at the Senior Center.
- HideLockTake.com
    - Hide your things
    - Lock your car
    - Take your keys
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day
    - September 29 2012 10am-2pm in the southeast corner of Wal-Mart parking lot.
    - Items which cannot be accepted are: needles, mercury thermometers, Oxygen containers, chemotherapy or radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Brad Wiesley, City Council Update on meeting regarding Senior Center/Services

- Nights Out was successful.
- Minor water restrictions have been implemented.
- City Administration and Curt Cheesman discussed the Senior Center.

STAFF REPORTS

Sean VonRoenn, Recreation Superintendent

- Joint Board deferred

Renee Fabini, Recreation Specialist

- 43% of activities were cancelled—Renee provided a breakdown of all Senior Services Activities by month for 2010, 2011 and 2012 so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACC:

- Meeting Update. No report as there was a July meeting.

HOSPITALITY:

Cards sent by the Hospitality Chairman

Sympathy	1
Get Well	2
Thinking of You	26

HOUSING:

- Josephine Commons update by Carol Poore
    - Rent begins September 1, 2012
- Jay Ruggeri updated the Comp Plan and DRCOG Boomer Bond

- Comp Plan meeting held July 25, 2012 at the Senior Center. Revisions will be distributed at the next meeting.
- DRCOG Boomer Bond
  - Support Systems—Boomer Bond Assessment Tool was sent to all board members. Several members did not receive the tool. Diane Robison volunteered to resend the tool to the board.
    - Six focus areas are:
      1. Mobility
      2. housing
      3. support systems
      4. community engagement and education
      5. safety and security
      6. community design for active aging
  - What is the Boomer Bond?
    - It is the first special project of DRCOG's Metro Vision Implementation Task Force.
    - It will help local governments understand the impacts of an aging population and arm them with strategies and tools that can support healthy, independent aging, allowing older adults to remain in their homes and communities for as long as they desire.
    - Objectives are to:
      - Develop a regional awareness of the impacts of an aging population.
      - Provide information on best practices to local governments that will help them plan for and effectively serve their older citizens.
      - Provide concrete examples of changes that can benefit older adults and people of all ages and abilities.
      - Promote regional cooperation and commitment to creating communities that work for a lifetime.
      - Recognize communities that are working to create and age-friendly region.
  - Boomer Bond Status Report was given to the board. The report was a detailed record of the key activities from May-June 2012.
- AARP strategies will be circulated. Renee will check to see if these are available electronically.

NUTRITION:

- Diane Robison reported nothing new as per Curt Chessman's statement last meeting about not changing our lunch program in the near future.

FOUNDATION:

- Robin Osborne gave an update.
  - Robin asked about the $5000 transfer from the city. Renee will check Superintendent Robin is still working on prospective board members.

Mary Lester was going to resend the email but that was lost in the transition. Renee thinks that she knows where it is located and will resend the email.
  - Robin will revise the original letter and also resend it now that people are back from summer vacations.

PR/MARKETING:
- Deb Wilmot will work with Curt.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNGER SENIORS:
- Discussion group on current events. Need to get the word out. Renee will work on this.
- Ruth will check on optimist club

COMMUNITY AWARENESS:
- Better signals
- Flyers at the library and recreation center
- Booths at area churches
- Door hangers
- Speakers
- Special Events

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:
- Advisory Board Alternate position
  - After discussion, the board voted to approve Mike Eikenberry, (alternate 2) and send his name to City Council. Claudia Johnson and Diane Robison interviewed him on July 17, 2012.
  - Renee will draft a letter to send to City Council.
- Desired qualities for the Senior Services Manager position
  - Carol Poore presented a list of qualities she felt important.
    - Minimum of two years administrative experience
    - 2-3 years of working experience with older people with a variety of needs and interests.
    - 2-3 courses in geriatrics at the college level.
    - A clear understanding of the needs of low-and fixed-income seniors.
    - Empathy for seniors and their unique needs and experiences, indicated by anecdotal evidence.
    - An understanding of budgeting and fiscal priorities, for the city and for senior services.
  - Robin Osborne presented a list of qualities she felt important.
    - Bilingual
    - Agreed with Carol Poore's suggestions.
  - Renee read the list Lorna Beard submitted.
    - A lot of experience in recreation and senior services. The Longmont Senior Services Manage has a degree in social work and years of recreation practice.

        - A certificate in gerontology or formal education/training in working with older adults. This would include someone that is knowledgeable about the aging process, both physical and cognitive changes as well as recreation programming. We deal with a wide variety of clientele and you need to be able to recognize issues and challenges of older adults and family caregivers.
        - Knowledge of the Older Americans Act and all of its programs. We participate in many of these programs and the basic work that I do in information and assistance is mandated by the Older Americans Act. Transportation and congregate meals are also funded through the Older Americans Act.
        - Knowledge of trends in aging, the age wave and recreational/social programming the responds to these needs.
        - Experience working with resources/social work or Information Systems so that they understand the key elements of case work. I think that this helps with program management, time management and having a realistic concept of how recreation and resources work together.
        - Knowledge of grant writing and program development.
- Senior Services Manager position is closed. Interviews will be held in the next few weeks.
- Bylaws
    - Renee will send the new format to Diane Robison to update our By Laws to the City format by the next meeting.
- Board Goals need to be updated. Deferred until the September meeting.
- Presentation to City Council 8/9/12
    - Claudia Johnson will do a 3-5 minute presentation.
- Peach Festival
    - Saturday, August 18th. Booth 31 and 32.
    - Recreation Center Staff and Renee and Lorna will set up and tear down the booths.
    - Staffing of the booth will be:
        - 0830-1100 Claudia Johnson and Ruth Gensert Jones
        - 1100-0130 Carol Poore and Jerry Spencer
        - 0130-0400 Bob Hanes and Mike Eikenberry
    - Ruth and Claudia will meet at the Senior Center at ~1:00 to price the donated items.
- Holiday Party
    - December 12, 2012
    - Entertainment and menu
        - Catered
        - Brochure states that the fee is $10/person
        - RMCMA will provide entertainment.
- VFW Thanksgiving Dinner
    - May not be available pending the sale of the building.
    - Previously has been free to the public.

- Senior Services has previously donated money.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senior Law Day is Saturday, August 11, 2012. We will have a van and Joyce is driving. Claudia and Ruth will attend. If you want to sign up, contact Renee Fabini.
- Toxic Waste Disposal is located at 63rd and Arapahoe.
- 2012 Create Our Future Together Conference
  - November 1, 2012 8am-4pm at Flatirons Church
  - For:
    - Individuals working with older adults.
    - Organizations serving older adults
    - Leaders in an aging community

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS for the August 8, 2012 Meeting:

- Board Goals-- Please review 2011 Goals/Strategies prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

5:28 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 3:30 P.M. at Lafayette Senior Services.

Submitted by Diane Robison, Secretary