**Colorado Springs Commission on Aging Minutes**

October 2, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 pm

CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903

**In attendance:** Carrie Schillinger, Lorri Orwig, Lindsey Baker, Aubrey Day, Sara Vaas, Cleasther Marchman, Caedryn Carter, Claire Anderson, Connie Johnson, CJ Moore

Excused:

Absent:

Guests: BJ Scott, Barbara Yalich, Mikaela Burns, Elisa Santos

Staff: Carly Hoff

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**Call to Order 3:00 pm**

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**Welcome & Introductions**

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**Citizen Comment**

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**Presentation by Barbara Yalich & BJ Scott, Co-founders and current Board members of Innovations in Aging Collaborative**

**Discussion:**

History of Innovations in Aging

Early 2008 – Insurance companies were going through changes and cancelling contracts with doctors/hospitals – several hundred seniors had lost their provider – Peak Vista opened a primary care clinic for seniors

How is our community planning for this demographic shift?

BJ reached out to a number of people she knew who were more familiar with the aging space

Barbara Yalich was one of those people – Barbara had begun to do some work at the CU Aging Center

Saw in paper that Dr. Tucker Hart Adams was retiring – enlisted her to help with data/info

Pulled in Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalaback, Sara Qualls, Toby Gannett, David Lord

Realized there was no organization around planning for shift in demographics in our community

Began to meet as a collaborative to talk/plan

2010- Held first Summit on Aging

Invited all affiliated with service providing agency/nonprofit

Takeaway – working in silos, aging space needs to start “talking to each other”

2012-IIAC incorporated as a nonprofit

Brought first notion of Age Friendly concept

Age Friendly aligned with breakout session concepts from first Summit on Aging

Now IIAC is focused solely on Age Friendly

Suggestions for moving forward:

Celebrate all we have done – tell the story of what a wonderful community this is!

Pull others into the circle – broaden the circle to serve seniors

For-profit and nonprofit senior serving businesses should be a partnership

Use Parks Board as a model

Perhaps the Commission could carry forward the mantle that was started by holding an event – public meeting/summit

Engage the senior serving for-profit companies -invite them in to support

Pay attention to the statewide efforts- SAPGA and CO Commission on Aging – take a lead on engaging statewide leaders

Keep advocating to City Council on issues not just budget-related

Could 1 or 2 reps from Commission on Aging go to Town Halls and partner with Council member

Citizen Comment:

Collaboration is key

Meet seniors where they are – go to the senior living communities!

**Action:**

Circle back around with City Council -buddy up on Town Halls

Think about ½ day workshop for Commission on training/advocacy (January)

Circle back with Jody Barker – AAA Director

How can we get to seniors where they are?

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**Chair/Co-Chair/Secretary Vote**

**Discussion:**

Motion to approve

Carrie Schillinger, Chair

Lorri Orwig, Co-Chair

Claire Anderson, Secretary

**Action:**

All approve new slate of officers

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**Commission Interview Update**

**Discussion:**

Have interviewed a number of great candidates

Offers coming in the next few days

3 openings plus 2 alternate positions

New members attend November meeting

A few Commission members will meet and orient new members

**Action:**

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**Budget Discussion Memo and Approval**

**Discussion:**

Public Budget Hearing coming up soon -

**Action:**

Add comma after “Uber” at bottom of page two rather than a period.

All approve budget memo

Can we have a Facebook page?

Could we do a small business card to share?

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**Commissioner Updates:**

Check out the Age Strong Boston Public Awareness Campaign

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**Next meeting(s):**

Sign-up Sheet for Potluck

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at CONO, 1506 N. Hancock Ave., 80903**

**Adjournment 4:26 pm**