



CARE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

Members Present

Sarah Vaine, Abby Hiller, Dave Miller, Julie McCluskie, Marc Schlesinger, Lucinda Burns, Jeanne Bistranin, Kevin Burns, Lorie Williams, Erin Major, Kendra Coffin for Dennis McLaughlin, Tom Gangel

Guests Present

Kate Berg – Summit County Planning Department

Staff Present

Amy Lange, Admin Assistant – Youth and Family Services

Approval of Minutes

Erin motioned to approve the minutes of 4/25/2016, second Lorie, motion passed unanimously.

Updates & Other Issues – All

Introduce new CARE Council members

Welcome to new members – Marc Schlesinger representing Physicians/Seniors, Dave Miller, Keystone Science School, representing Recreation, Abby Hiller Student Representative, Kevin Burns, Vail Resorts representing Business/Ski Areas, Tom Gangel will represent Mind Springs Health and fill that opening. Kendra Coffin, Community Service Officer was there to represent new member Dennis McLaughlin, Breckenridge Police Chief, representing Law Enforcement.

Senior Needs Assessment – Lorie Williams reported on highlights of the Senior Needs Assessment that was conducted this past year. 670 Surveys were mailed and there were 168 responses. Age surveyed 55+. She distributed a handout with comparisons between the 2010 survey results and 2016 survey results. Compared to 2010 the level of need either remained stable or increased in 2016. Areas of need that remained stable included Meaningful Activities, Social Engagement, Financial & Legal, Mental Health, Basic Necessities, Institutionalization Risk, Safety and Recreation. Areas of need that increased since 2010 included Civic Engagement, Health Care & Physical Health. (handouts attached)

Lorie explained that Civic Engagement is accessibility to public information. Discussion ensued on housing needs for the senior population. Seniors are wanting to downsize and possibly rent. The type of housing available like townhomes and apartments are limited. Goals – Action Plan to include outreach to the more vulnerable senior population and enhance volunteer programs.

Mental Health Initiative – Jeanne Bistranin reported that The Summit Foundation has created a committee to address the stigma of mental health issues in the community. The committee is action oriented and its goals are to identify gaps in mental health services, to make it accessible and affordable, and encourage coordination among providers. Committee wants to reduce the stigma of mental health issues, collaboration of services and peer support. Jeanne explained that the committee isn't looking at doing any more surveying but use the information that has already been compiled in the community. Access to services main concern. Erin reported that the school health clinic is up 88% with behavioral health issues.

Funding from the Memorial fund for Patti Casey will be available from The Summit Foundation to help with this initiative when more specific outcomes are established.

Universal Pre-K Update – Lucinda Burns reported that the goal of Universal Pre-K is that all children have access to preschool to ensure that they are kindergarten ready. Expanding access has all kinds of options that Summit School District is considering including; available buildings and facilities, possibly building a centralized preschool or

to use current resources. ECO's focus - who is in need of the services and who is and who is not accessing these services. Scholarships would be available for those who need them.

Currently it is predicted that with the shift of people staying longer in the county the demand for pre-K will increase approximately 2% a year for the next 5 years.

Lake Hill Update – Katy Berg, SC Planning Dept. – Katy explained that Lake Hill was acquired by the County in February 2016 from the Forest Service. She explained that a County wide needs assessment for housing showed that approximately 1685 housing units would be needed by 2025. The Lake Hill 45 acre site on the Dam Road just outside of the Frisco Town Limits will have approximately 450 - 500 units. Planning has included the public over the last several months and is being developed into a Master Plan for the area. The County will partner with the Town of Frisco to develop the infrastructure, etc for the site.

Highlights of her report - * Layout will maximize use of the land, * There will be several housing types and prices, * Rental and Owned properties, * Properties will be restricted to people who live and work in the County, * Some will be deed restricted, * possible Senior housing to include Independent, Rental and Townhome housing options.

Discussion ensued on the shortage of housing for seasonal workers and how this will help them. It will take approximately 10 years to build this area out. Overall cost of the project is still being worked on. Voters will determine in November on whether or not they want to continue to fund workforce housing with 5A.

Healthy Kids Colorado Survey – Julie McCluskie – There will be a community meeting in November to discuss the overall results to all surveys; these include the Bullying Survey and Marijuana Survey conducted last spring. She highlighted some results – A plateau in Behavior/Mental Health issues and increase in perceived harm, both good results.

The presentation in November will be much more comprehensive and all of CARE Council will be invited when this meeting is set.

SSD Master Plan – Julie McCluskie – A one year Master Plan for facilities has been developed to address needed maintenance to roofs, boilers, etc. Also, to have Chrome Books for all students to use. She distributed a Fact Sheet about the ballot questions coming up in November to supplement needed technology, repairs and renovations. (SSD Fact Sheet Attached)

Ballot Questions – Housing & School District – Thomas Davidson – Thomas gave background on the formation of the Housing Authority in 2006 and the 5A sales tax increase to fund new development in the County. In November, voters will decide to continue with a .6% sales tax increase for 5A. 5A has generated approximately 7.8 million in the last 10 years and can be renewed, which will hopefully happen in November. This will help the whole community partnering with the towns to use the funds collected. The money will be used for acquisition of land, infrastructure and housing development. Ski areas and The Summit Foundaton are on board, and there is tremendous support of all area businesses.

School District ballot questions 3A & 3B will be asking for an increased Mill Levy for Technology and Maintenance. Growth in student population has been evident over the past several years and there are bonds retiring for SSD this year. With borrowing costs near 40-year low, construction costs rising and increased student enrollment projections, the Board of Education believes this is a good time to address its highest priority facility needs.

Adjourned 4:40 p.m.

Future meeting dates:

- CARE Council Large Committee meeting, TBD April 2017, Miners Creek room 3 pm -4:30 pm
- Upcoming Executive Committee meetings, Monday, January 9, 2017 11:45 am – HHS Conference Room MOB

Meeting Handouts Attached:

- Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults – Summary sheet
- Summit School District November 2016 Election Fact Sheet

Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA) Results for Summit County

The purpose of the CASOA was to:

- Identify community strengths
- Articulate specific needs
- Estimate contributions made
- Determine the connection in the community

In June, the **National Research Center** mailed out a random selection to **670** older adult households. A total of **168** surveys were obtained with an overall response rate of **27%** with a margin of error of **8%**. This is the second CASOA as there was one done in 2010.

Benchmark data comparison:

National Research Center used national benchmarks to compare Summit County with other communities. They compared over 35,000 responses from older adults 55+ in over 175 communities.

The survey questions were based on 6 different Community Readiness categories with three showing as highest priority for Summit County respondents:

Overall Community Quality – Place to live and retire, quality of services, recommend or remain here

Community & Belonging – Sense of community, openness & acceptance, neighborliness & safety

Community Information – Availability of information about resources & financial and legal services

Productive Activities – Civic & social engagement, caregiver burden, recreation, financial & legal needs

Health & Wellness – Physical health, mental health, Health care services & independent living

Community Design & Land use – Housing variety & availability, ease of travel, access to daily needs

Key findings:

Based on benchmarking data, **Summit County ranked #1 out of 175 communities:**

Our community is an excellent or good place to live

Older adults are valued in our community

Great opportunities to attend meetings about local government or community

Participating in a recreation program or group activity for one hour per week

Excellent fitness opportunities

Good overall physical health

Usually participates in moderate or vigorous activity

Overall good mental well being

Unable to find affordable health insurance

Overall great quality of life

#2's include:

- Good overall services are provided
- Excellent opportunities to volunteer
- Used the senior center within the last 12 months
- Great opportunity to enroll in personal enrichment classes
- Good recreational opportunities

What was ranked on the lower end of the scale:

- Likely to recommend living in our community to older adults
- Watching civic activities on local television
- Volunteering time to some activity or group for one or more hours per week
- Participating in a club for more than one hour per week
- Participating in religious or spiritual activities for more than one hour per week
- Availability of affordable quality physical health care
- Availability of affordable quality housing
- Variety of housing options



- We also found it interesting that over 40% of older residents are caregivers for 7-12 hours per week.

Compared to 2010, the level of need in Summit County either remained stable or increased in 2016. Areas of need that remained stable included Meaningful Activities, Social Engagement, Financial & Legal, Mental Health, Basic Necessities, Institutionalization Risk, Safety and Recreation. **Areas of need that increased since 2010 included Civic Engagement, Health Care & Physical Health.**

Summit County Opportunities and Challenges

Survey respondents were asked to rate a number of aspects of the community which were then converted to an average scale of 0 (the lowest rating, e.g., "poor") to 100 (the highest rating, e.g., "excellent") and then combined to provide one overall rating for each of the six dimensions of Community Readiness.

Summary scores provide a broad picture of the perceived fit between what **Summit County offered to older adults and what older residents needed:**

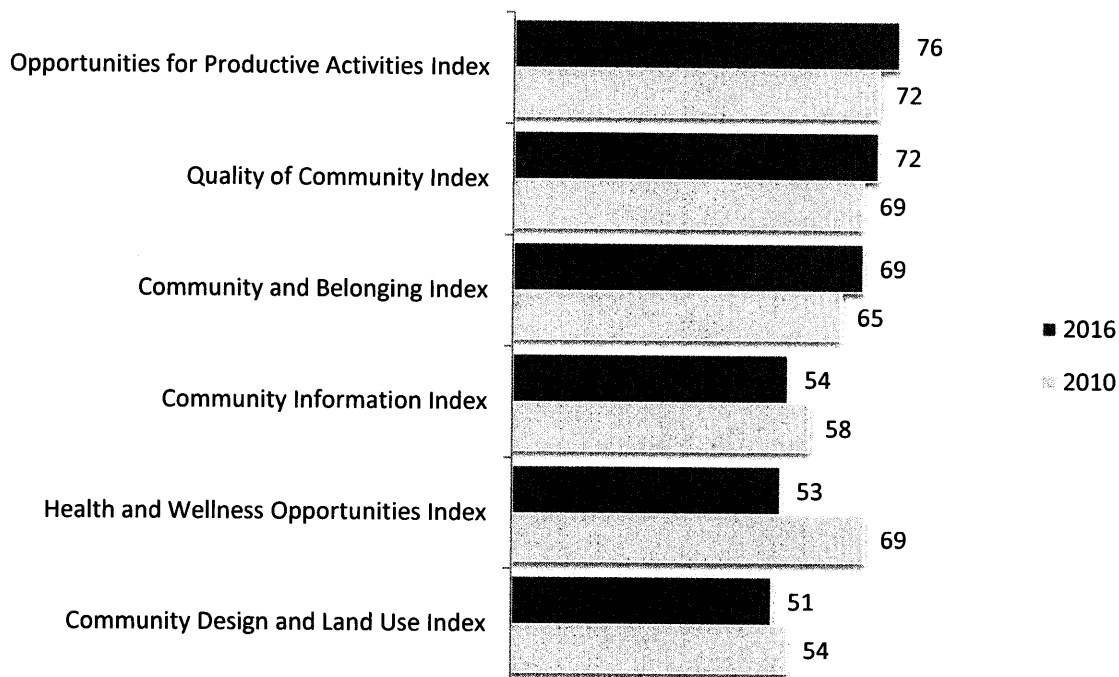
- Older residents felt the areas of Productive Activities and Overall Community Quality best met their needs
- The area of Community and Belonging received slightly lower, but good average ratings
- Community Information, Health and Wellness and Community Design and Land Use were rated less favorably and received the lowest average ratings
- Most ratings for each of the dimensions of Community Readiness remained stable between 2016 and 2010 (see Figure 2)
- There was a decline in Health and Wellness (Figure 1): Summit County Community Readiness Chart

Figure 1: Summit County Community Readiness Chart



Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive

Figure 2: Summit County Community Readiness by Year



Scale: 0=Lowest/most negative, 100=Highest/most positive



Summit School District November 2016 Election FACT SHEET

Supplemental Capital Construction, Technology and Maintenance Mill Levy - Funding for capital construction and instructional technology

The \$1.8 million mill levy will provide necessary operating funds for the district to pay for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the district's school buildings and for improvements to instructional technology infrastructure and access. This mill levy continues the district's commitment to safe learning environments, high academic standards and maintains taxpayer investments in the school district assets.

Bond Issue - Pursuing critical repairs and renovations to school buildings

Summit School District is seeking a \$68.9 million Bond, with a 20-year payback term, to address critical repairs and upgrades at all 12 buildings in the school district. This includes the replacement of leaking roofs, updating heating, electrical and plumbing systems, and addressing other high priority building needs. Funding will also be used to improve the accessibility for students, staff and visitors with disabilities, update safety, security and emergency response systems in each school, and address enrollment growth and overcrowding at both Summit Middle School and Summit High School.

What are the anticipated benefits?

The Board of Education believes both funding proposals will benefit students, families and taxpayers in the following ways:

- Protecting and maintaining school district and community assets
- Extending the useful life of the district's school buildings, reducing costly emergency repairs and improving energy efficiency
- Providing safe and secure, high-quality learning environments districtwide
- Addressing overcrowding at Summit Middle School and Summit High School by providing room to learn and eliminating the need to modify school schedules
- Improving accessibility to buildings and classrooms for persons with disabilities
- Creating 21st century learning environments that provide more opportunities for leveraging instructional technology and collaborative learning
- Providing every student access to media-rich instructional technology

With borrowing costs near 40-year lows, construction costs continuing to rise and increasing student enrollment projections, the Board of Education believes this is a good time to address its highest



priority facility needs. Additionally, three of the district's older bond issues were recently paid off, which helps to temper the tax impact of the proposed bond measure.

What are those opposed to the two measures saying?

- Given our uncertain times, some voters are concerned about any tax measure being placed on the ballot.
- Others in community suggest that the district should simply cut back on expenditures, freeing up monies for capital expenditures, rather than increase revenues through more taxes.
- Some district residents believe that the district should pursue grants, including trying to get greater access to marijuana tax revenues.
- Taxpayers would pay less in property taxes next year if the two measures were not approved. The district should not refinance new debt just because some existing debt has been paid off.

What is the tax impact?

The estimated tax impact of the mill levy is \$.66 ("66 cents") per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value. The estimated tax impact of the bond measure is \$.70 ("70 cents") per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual value.

A **Bond** is a financial loan issued for the purpose of financing the infrastructure needs of the school district. Summit School District last asked for a bond in 2004 to fund the renovation of Summit Middle School and complete other district facility repairs.

A **Mill Levy** is an assessed property tax rate used by school districts, local governments and other jurisdictions to raise revenue in order to cover annual expenses. The Supplemental Capital Construction, Technology and Maintenance mill levy was approved by the Colorado legislature in 2016 for school districts to acquire additional resources for capital and technology needs.

Colorado allows school districts to seek funding from their communities. All proceeds from the two measures stay local.

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