

Westminster Inclusivity Board

6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Hybrid Meeting

MISSION: The mission of the Inclusivity Board is to work with City Council to advocate for all voices within our community and to ensure everyone is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

VISION: The Inclusivity Board envisions a diverse community where everyone understands the city belongs to them and their participation matters.

Meeting Agenda

- Members Present: Jillian Hodge, Alan Farb, Rich Chamberlain, Miguel Mendoza, Donna Johnson. Members Absent: Justin Davis, Megan Peters, Steve Brachman,
- Staff & Guests: Amy Rodda, Chris Lynn
- Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Rich motions, Alan seconded, motion passed.
- City Council Report
 - Councilor Amber Hott: Absent due to sickness.
- New Business
 - Senior Resources Center presentation:
Chris Lynn, President & CEO
Senior Resources Center established for 48 years, provides wraparound care for older adults and helps them age where they choose. Provides Adult respite Care and care management. Can help organize transportation and other services. Bulk of funding comes from federal funding (Older Americans Act.) Funds enter through state agency on aging and then to DRCOG (Area Agency on Aging.) Core services - \$8 million in past and now down to \$5 million and looking tight. Receives funding from municipalities as well - Jefferson County, Wheat Ridge, Westminster, Lakewood, Arvada and individual donors. Reduction in federal funding is affecting municipal and foundation funding. Received \$5000 grant from Westminster Human Services board in 2024. Through those dollars, served 93 unique Westminster clients. Total hours - 1000 hours of service, 11 in-home clients, 35 chores clients, 44 care management clients, 3 day center clients. 58 employees for whole organization. Also provide support for family caregivers - caregiver dinner & presentation/education. Bring seniors and staff care for them during the dinner. Caregiver average age 45-64. 10,000 a day who turns 65 in this country. Need for services growing exponentially while funding is decreasing. Look at whole picture - support, caregiver, housing to provide best wraparound care. Would love to see physicians more involved. Working on creating affordable housing for seniors - 42 units - about 4 years down the road. Seeing more older adults facing homelessness. Talk about importance of older adults in the community and their contributions. Donna offered to have conversation with Chris about what Covenant Living residents can do/offer. Not currently able to have volunteers - but looking into it (used to have volunteer coordinators but no funding.) Question about partnering people to live together - another organization Sunshine Home Share does this. One of the biggest needs is companionship.
- Old Business
 - Building Community/Outreach

- Rich attended a zoning board meeting, new city planning plans. Pleased with attention to concerns such as diversity of housing and types.
 - Rich and Alan attended the City Council meeting on Monday, June 9th to accept city proclamations for Pride Month, Juneteenth and Immigrant Heritage.
- Annual Goal Review and Activity. Postponed to next meeting.
- Community Report
 - What's Happening in the Community?
 - Miguel has been active with SRC board and continues to assist with citizen reviews of policing and is satisfied with progress in that area.
 - Rich is on the marketing and advisory committee for Growing Home and they are looking for a new space to expand their food pantry out of their building on 76th. Community garden is getting started and they are working on finding new ways to ensure people are aware of their options for connections to resources.
 - Alan has reduced his contacts within the unhoused communities down to 60 lately, but Adams County has been going to larger camps. Some camps are being moved by the sheriff's dept and others are being emptied due to being offered housing, very positive! Two people reported having been told by officers just to "get out of town", which is concerning.
- Future Meeting topics
 - August 13, 2025 – Chris Chovan – Federal BRT, Mobility Programs
 - Date TBD: City Engineering – Heath Klein - Sidewalk Plowing and Walkability
 - Other topics: Potential presentation from a group Rich is in touch with regarding Affordable Housing, YIMBY, Tim Pegg. Could invite Youth Advisory Panel come to share what they've been working on.
- Closure/Reflection