

CLC: Social and Civic Engagement Minutes
Monday, August 18, 3:00-4:30

Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 9:30-11 am at the East Senior Center (El Dorado Room)

Present: Barb Martig, Maureen Ewing, Kim Ann Wardlow, Arlene Poplewko

Annual Goal: To reduce the barriers that prohibit older adults from participating in civic activities. The promotion of the following three civic activities will be a kick-off campaign for inspiring older adults to get involved on a more regular basis and a local level.

1) Encourage voter registration and participation

- work with independent and long-term care facilities to provide transportation to polls and/or encourage mail-in ballots
- distribute information about our transportation services to polls and mail-in ballot applications through Carry-Out Caravan, Meals on Wheels, Elder Share, etc.
- provide volunteers to transport older adults to the polls (through Special Transit, facility buses, RSVP and Circle of Care)
- provide volunteers to help facilitate the “mail-in” ballot process.

2) Encourage participation in the Senior Day at the Capitol on February 25, 2008

3) Encourage older adults to advocate for the Older Americans Act

Outreach Campaign that lets older adults know what’s being offered

- KGUD (Longmont), Daily Camera, Times Call, Audio Information Network, etc.

* Notes from conversation with Carlos Webb x 7745 at the election office:

- you can drop off a maximum of no more than five mail-in ballots
 - because of the record number of measures on the ballot, they are struggling to keep the ballot on one page. There are no plans to print ballots with large print, but they are open to it. He said that there are audio ballots at the polls, magnifying glasses, audio polls and trained poll workers who can read the ballot out loud.
 - He said it is legal to help someone fill out a ballot, but recommended that volunteers work in teams of two that represent both parties.
 - CPWD and the Boulder County Legal Services have already been making strides in this effort and I will have more info on Monday
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