Call to Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions

Consent items (These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion).
   a. Agenda 
   b. Minutes

Public Comments: Due to Zoom format, only items shared with COA Chair or AAA Director will be presented. Public comments must be submitted by email, in advance, to the COA Chair or AAA Director at JBarker@ppacg.org

Liaison Reports:
   a. Health and Wellness: Nymbl App

Action Items
   a. Age Friendly 2.0 Support Letter
   b. Post for new Commissioners

Information Items
   a. Membership Committee:
      i. Acknowledgement of Commissioners departing
      ii. Discuss Executive Committee for vote in January 2022
   b. Policy Committee
      i. Share 2022 PPACG legislative themes
   c. Chair Report

Discussion Items
   a. PPACG Board Items
   b. Age Friendly 2.0: What is needed from PPCOA for next phase with Innovations
   c. Top 3 COA Priorities for 2022

COA Calendar
   b. Executive Committee Meetings Second Mondays at 11:00
   c. Advocacy Committee Meetings 4th Wednesdays at 2:00

Member Announcements

PPACG Meeting and Event Schedule

Items for Next Meeting

Adjournment
Call to Order/Establish a Quorum/Introductions Chair Elisa Santos called the meeting to order at 3:04 and confirmed a quorum.

1. Consent items (These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion).

   b. Minutes Ms. Debbie Swanson moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Ms. Connie Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comments: Due to Zoom format, only items shared with COA Chair or AAA Director will be presented. Public comments must be submitted by email, in advance, to the COA Chair or AAA Director at JBarker@ppacg.org
   a. November Family Caregiver Appreciation month. Case of eviction. PPAAA Family Support Caregiver staff, Jennifer Horn, introduced John Lichtenberger son of an older woman who had her home, that she owned outright, sold through her HOA sheriff sale. Raising awareness about this little known activity that does impact older adults and leaves them homeless and often without even a safety net of resources and services in a region where we have numerous organizations.

3. Action Items
   a. Silver Key Housing application support letter. Mr. Dave Betzler moved for approval and Ms. Amy Mitchell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Information Items
   b. Policy Committee. See Chair Report.
   c. Chair Report. Chair Santos shared about continuing to work closely with the Colorado Center on Aging (Prior Colorado Senior Lobby). They held their state meeting with over 100 attendees. The Committee will seek to gather top ideas...
from the PPCOA members over the next month, due 12/12, and work to identify 3 areas to focus on in 2022.

News on the Homestead Exemption tax is that the CCA does not feel the bill will pass as written due to the impact it will have on the State budget. The CCA key issues are elder fraud and scams, mental health barriers, access to information.

Council of Neighbors and Organizations announced Sara Voss as their new ED.

5. Discussion Items
d. PPACG Board Items. Mr. Jody Barker shared the Board is working on end of year business as well as greenhouse gas and transportation projects. Mid October was the Legislative Roundtable with elected officials at the state level. Ms. Claire Anderson attended. Comments on the Homestead Act were about portability and serving veterans. Board has a retreat in December.
f. Executive Committee and Committee Chair appointments led by Membership Committee and Chair.

6. Liaison Reports:
a. Health and Wellness domain: Fountain Grocery Store presentation. RAC member Mary Koepp and Colorado Trust staffer Max Kroenstadt shared work to bring a grocery store to the Fountain area food desert and also discussed age discriminatory advertising with groceries. Ideas were shared to follow up with CCA's Advocacy Committee, meet with Fountain Economic Development, have Innovations Age Friendly 2.0 for El Paso County consider food insecurity.

7. COA Calendar
g. Commission Meeting – December 15, 2021 HYBRID
h. Executive Committee Meetings Second Mondays at 11:00.
i. Advocacy Committee Meetings 4th Wednesdays at 2:00

8. Member Announcements Park County hosts brunch with seniors at the Fairplay Community Center on 1st and 3rd Mondays.

9. PPACG Meeting and Event Schedule ☞

10. Items for Next Meeting. Vote on Innovations in Aging 2.0 support letter.

11. Adjournment Chair Santos adjourned at 4:34.

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**Guests**

Debbie Stankevich  
Jack Roberts  
Jennifer Horn  
Kent Mathews  
Melissa Marts  
Collette Fiske  
Max Kroenstadt  
Jenn Nimmo  
Laura Crews  
Markie Garcia Miller  
Bea Babbitt  
Pam Zubek  
John Lichetenberger  
JoAnn Russell
OVERARCHING THEMES
Support local control.
Oppose unfunded mandates to local governments.
Support legislation related to addressing redundant or unnecessary regulation.

PROTECT AND ENHANCE SERVICES FOR SENIORS IN THE REGION
Support Pandemic Recovery through assistance, support and testing for older adults.
Support legislation that expands federal, state, regional or local revenues available to fund the needs of seniors.
Support increased funding for transportation services for older adults and persons with disabilities.
Support increases in the quality of care and consumer protections for older adults and their caregivers.
Support affordable housing efforts for older adults through assistance such as adjusting the homestead tax exemption program.

PROTECT AND ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE REGION
Support legislation that offsets the costs of new air quality regulation requirements.
Support efforts to improve safety and reliability in all transportation modes; drivers, transit riders, pedestrians and bicyclists.
Support efforts to improve safe and reliable flow of people and goods through voluntary participation in congestion management programs.
Oppose reducing transportation funding to the region.
Oppose mandates relating to Employee Trip Reduction (ETRP) and/or Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Reduction Requirements.

**SUPPORT AIR AND WATER QUALITY**

Support legislation that protects the air and water quality of the Pikes Peak Region.

Oppose creation of undue regulatory burdens on small communities.

Support funding and opportunities for wildfire mitigation work.

**SUPPORT AND PROTECT OUR MILITARY PARTNERS**

Support legislation providing additional support to military veterans, families and active duty members.

Support legislation that addresses encroachment issues around our military installations.

Support efforts to attract and expand military operations in Colorado and oppose legislation that reduces the attractiveness of Colorado as a military resource.

**REGIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE**

Support Pandemic Recovery through flexibility of funding.

Support addressing funding being off-loaded from state and federal programs onto local governments.

Support addressing regional issues as they pertain to PPACG legislative themes.
In 2015, Innovations in Aging Collaborative (IIAC) committed to pursuing an Age-Friendly City designation through AARP and the World Health Organization.

In March of 2016, Colorado Springs was designated an Age-Friendly City. IIAC went to work and convened community members, experts, and professionals to begin writing the plan. In November 2016, the Age-Friendly Colorado Springs Report and Action Plan were released to the public.

At the end of 2020, IIAC completed our first 5-year continuous improvement cycle for Age-Friendly Colorado Springs. IIAC showed an impressive 94.3% success rate with implementing the initiatives within the plan.

In 2021, IIAC evaluated its Social Return on Investment through a rigorous study with the National Institute for Social Impact, increased its capacity by bringing on a full-time Program Manager, completed the Better Aging Civic Index Analysis with the National Civic League, focused on the 2016 Age-Friendly Plan, engaged with El Paso County for discussions around a county-wide initiative, and focused on strategic planning for the second 5-year cycle of Age-Friendly in our region.

Commencing January 1, 2022, IIAC intends to begin a second 5-year continuous improvement cycle, broadening the Age-Friendly work into El Paso County, lasting from 2022-2027.

Because of the demonstrated work and success of IIAC in the first five years of Age-Friendly Colorado Springs, we support the second five-year cycle of Age-Friendly in our community and encourage IIAC to explore Age-Friendly on a county-wide level beginning in 2022.