

Growing Older in Fort Collins – Silver Tsunami as a Golden Opportunity
Report #1: Raw Data Gathered at the Event
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On Thursday, November 10th, 2011, 141 community members from the Fort Collins area joined members of the Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board (SAB), staff from the Fort Collins Senior Center, volunteers from the Senior Center Expansion Committee, and students from the CSU Center for Public Deliberation (CPD) to hear presentations about the area’s changing demographics, including the significant growth in the percentage of the population that will be over age 50 in the next 20 years. Community members then participated in small group discussions facilitated by CPD concerning how our community should respond to these upcoming changes.

Four forms of data were collected from the process:

1. When participants registered for the program online, they were asked to answer three questions that later became the focus of the small group discussions. We asked the same three questions when people checked in, providing those that did not answer the questions online an opportunity to respond. The answers to all these pre-meeting questions are provided in Part I of this report.
2. Volunteers and students from the CPD took notes from the 22 separate tables. Those notes are in the process of being typed and will be made available at a later date.
3. Participants were asked to complete a post-meeting survey with a series of questions. Those answers are provided in Part II of this report.
4. Wireless keypads were utilized to ask the entire group some questions and gather quantitative data. The results from those questions have already been posted and are available online. They are included at the end of this report in Part III.

This report provides the raw data from these various sources. Representatives of the SAB, the Senior Center Expansion Committee, and the CPD will be analyzing the results, and will present a summary at a later date in advance of a second meeting on the issue, currently scheduled for March 1, 2012.

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Part I: Data from pre-meeting surveys

Fort Collins has received many awards and accolades for being a great place to live, including many awards that specifically celebrate Fort Collins as a great place to retire. For you, what is at least one thing about Fort Collins that helps make it a wonderful place for older residents? When we are at our best, what do we do well?

On-line responses:

- Fort Collins has a wealth of health care professionals and organizations which are available to assist the senior population. Fort Collins is at its best with the Senior Center and Aspen Club.
- Community is easy to get around. There are many diverse community events and activities.
- Our Senior Center is one of the best! It's not just for seniors, and that's what I love about it.
- I particularly appreciate the many resources available in Fort Collins, no matter what phase of life I was passing through since moving here in 1971 at the age of 26. I am a resourceful person and was always able to meet my needs within this caring community whenever needed.
- There are wonderful opportunities to benefit from continued learning via world-renowned speakers (the Monfort series), Front Range forum at the Senior Center, the University offerings, etc.
- The mid-size city with good amenities, recreation and health care, and access to the University and all it offers.
- We offer many productive choices of settings, activities, and support for physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and development. Truly the "Choice City."
- Orderly, quiet, things to do, walk trails, hospital nearby, good neighbors
- Lots of opportunities for inexpensive or free recreation, esp. city supported venues.
- Northern Colorado is a beautiful place to live with fantastic climate and scenery. Naturally a person would want to retire in a place that is relaxing, beautiful, and safe! Fort Collins values its community by providing older adults and other citizens with great assistance programs.
- The weather!
- Planning and developing places for outdoor activities.
- We care about each other.
- Great volunteer engagement of all ages, including older folks.
- A good hospital system in PVH.
- An excellent Senior Center, Aspen Club, cultural activities of many kinds. Fort Collins does well providing for a great life for older residents who have money and are able to drive and participate in all the good things available in the community.
- Arts and Music, open space and nice weather, people who are caring and friendly.
- A beautiful Old Town.
- Both the Senior Center and the Aspen Club offer trips, activities, health education and support. There are walking/bike trails all about the Fort Collins area, which offer many opportunities to get outside in nature.

- Colorado State University and access to the diverse programming and educational opportunities
- Wonderful walking, biking, trail system
- Easy access to an abundance of opportunities: Lincoln Center; CSU Performing Arts; Senior Center; Great Health Care; 39 Natural Areas; Parks; Paved ADA Accessible Trail System; Volunteer Opportunities; Recreation and Classes through Parks and Recreation; Recreation Centers; Neighborhood Shopping Centers; Libraries; Downtown/Old Town; Poudre River; On street Bike lanes; ADA Ramps everywhere;
- For me, there are many things that make this a wonderful place for older residents, including the tremendous variety and high quality of cultural, educational, recreational, and outdoor activities available year round. The City does a great job at supporting the private and non-profit sectors at the appropriate levels to keep these opportunities available.
- For those of us who are physically handicapped there are not enough parking spaces reserved for people with handicapped parking permits. Time after time we must decide whether to go to a Lincoln Center event or not depending upon where we must park and how far we have to walk. Time after time we cannot find an open space at the store we wish to shop in. As our population gets older, we must expect to find that there are more and more physically handicapped members of the community.
- Fort Collins has a wealth of services that are specific to the needs of older residents.
- Fort Collins is a beautiful place to live, close to the mountains, close to Denver, full of wonderful cultural opportunities, bike and hiking trails, etc.
- Fort Collins is a great community-based city. We have great health care providers in our community.
- Fort Collins offers multiple opportunities for life-long learning--from lectures at the library, hospital and Senior Center to classes at Osher, Front Range, C.S.U. etc. It offers excellent health care with a large number of doctors and specialists and a high quality hospital. There is a wide variety of restaurants to choose from, entertainment at C.S.U. and the Lincoln Center, several theater companies and movie theaters plus a growing, dynamic library.
- Great health care
- Lots to do--art, music, culture without having to travel to Denver
- University
- Easy to get around
- Great variety of cultural, spiritual, educational, and recreational opportunities across the city, throughout the year; something available for virtually all budgets and ability levels.
- I have been here since 1962, first as a student and then as gainfully employed. During my college years, I moved at least once every semester. I got tired of moving.
- Nice climate, with 4 seasons a year are important for me too.
- I've always appreciated that Fort Collins has worked hard to retain open space in & around town.
- Lack of permanent winter snow so older adults are more likely to venture out without fear of slipping and falling.

- Looking out for each other. Having alternative transportation options that encourage people of every age to get out and use their own mobility to get around safely.
- Many activities -- cultural, recreational, educational -- to keep older residents active and integrated in the community...assuming they can get to the activity.
- One -- a built environment that highlights the great weather and nature of Fort Collins; two -- an overall safe community.
- Plenty of activities available in an environment that encourages activity and being outdoors.

When at our best, Fort Collins has a central (not so well defined) organization structure for seniors to go to for information and assistance.

- Provide future transportation options for me to get around as I get older
- Provide great Recreational Program Opportunities.
- Provide recreation and leisure options for the active senior. This includes cultural activities as well as connection to the University
- quality of life, nice neighborhoods with people of all ages living together, lots of things to do to stay active (parks, trails, cultural events, sporting events, easy access to mountains)
- real estate developments are well thought out and planned
- Recreation opportunities
- Performing arts -- it is so easy to go to a wide variety of concerts, performances, plays, etc.
- Services and resources for the aging population and their family caregivers exist to fill most of the basic needs (there are some gaps and limited capacity). Good collaboration exists between service providers which helps stretch limited resources.
- The city is big enough to meet my needs, as a consumer.
- The city makes it clear to seniors that they are valued assets whose participation in all activities is not something to be tolerated but encouraged.
- The Fort Collins Senior Center. We can provide a support structure for those who don't have one.
- The Senior Center
- The social and cultural activities. State-of-the-art hospital. Numerous activities. Several wonderful nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.
- The trail system is wonderful. I appreciate knowing that it is plowed following a snowfall.
- The variety of interesting things to do in Fort Collins.
- There is a good network of organizations serving older adults that work together to provide the best services possible.
- Vibrant downtown, hiking/biking trails, friendly neighborhoods
- We have a great medical community. Our parks and outdoors are fantastic. Bike trails are great. Our climate/weather is also very good but that is really something we just lucked out on. We have lots of activities for seniors.
- We have a high level of public safety and tons of amenities such as the Senior Center, an active theatre and night life scene, decent medical facilities (not great), good libraries, wonderful outdoor activities, and a four season climate. We are also a

town with lots of volunteer efforts for people to stay active and involved.

Newcomers are welcome and one does not have to be a life-long resident to be able to make a contribution to the community and to have influence on its direction.

- We have an abundance of resources and excellent medical facilities.
- We keep learning as individuals and a community! Many retire here because we are a university town and there is a particular energy that brings to the community. We have many opportunities to continue learning - The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (for ages 50 and better); the Front Range Forum at the Senior Center; the Aspen Club, Faith Communities, The Library District, and even more entities help us keep our minds challenged.
- We provide opportunities to keep our seniors active and engaged in a spectrum of meaningful activities - recreational, educational and cultural.
- We still enjoy feeling safe in most areas of Town with many business venues scattered all over the area, most are accessible with enough variety to meet any one person's needs without having to drive for the most part.
- When I moved to Fort Collins, I chose it for its great medical care and for its excellent transportation system for the elderly. It still has great medical care, but its Dial-a-Ride service has deteriorated significantly. It no longer services the whole city and limits those served drastically.
- At its best, Fort Collins can show off its magnificent bike trails, its great natural resources programs, its commitment to the arts, and the genuine goodwill of its population.
- wide streets, safe bike trails, a decent but not perfect Senior Center

Answers provided at the event on green pre-event surveys:

- Great Senior Center facilities, and more on the way
- Relative success in keeping seniors qualitatively involved: a) working, b) volunteering, c) recreating, d) etc. Generous/giving community
- Bike trails, active lifestyle, various cultural events, an abundance of youth
- Communication among all entities, government, businesses; walking/bike/park systems and good restaurant variety and other activities provided by city, private groups and CSU
- Fort Collins continues to be a very friendly community. Promotion of cultural, arts, entertainment and recreation brings our community out and about.
- The population is very cordial to seniors. When we moved here I said to my husband, "there must be something in the water. Everyone is always smiling."
- A variety of agencies, public and private, provide safety nets for seniors. These recreational and cultural activities involved, in part because of CSU.
- Keep the streets clear during the winter.
- Active seniors participating in city; at best we provide possibilities for citizens.
- Communicate and join forces for planning
- A lot of activities for seniors, good variety
- The Arts!!! Always someplace to go see or do an event; Osher (CSU continuing education) love those classes; Old Town
- So many opportunities to engage in volunteer work, intellectual and art music programs

- Such a friendly, cute college town and they do love us older folk! It's quiet (except downtown).
- Bike paths and natural areas and parks; friendliness and progressiveness of people- openness to newcomers; the weather; it's in Colorado; good medical facilities
- Haven't figured it out yet. I have only been here 35 years.
- Low cost entertainment; mental health services, peer specialist, shopping near
- Senior Center programming; resources for different aging needs, i.e. independent, assisted living, home care, etc.
- Provide accessible shopping and services
- Keep asking us seniors for betterments
- Wonderful medical care; 2) climate (good) and four seasons; 3) all kinds of outdoor activities; 4) all kinds of cultural activities; 5) many choices for education; 6) good public schools; 7) lots of sports, dance, etc.
- Good availability of resources--most any need a senior may have can be serviced (for a price)
- Accessibility to the outdoors; trails, parks
- The Senior Center and the Silver Sneakers program.
- We welcome new residents with many new activities-good variety of classes, learning opportunities
- Many paths to walk and bike; 2) sunny days; 3) excellent restaurants; 4) medical support; 5) many churches; 6) children will have many schooling choices
- Streets are wide, clean and maintained; Plenty of trees; For entertainment and lifelong learning
- Citizens caring for other citizens-a very caring community, i.e. not unusual to see a stranger helping an older or compromised person in the grocery store. Lots of volunteerism
- Access to recreational opportunities-parks, mountains etc. Best in cultural/arts events.
- Medical care is great!
- Great healthcare options
- If you can live within the city limits, I believe seniors have a reasonable chance to get senior services (health care, recreation, entertainment) safely and efficiently.
- I struggled to stay in Fort Collins because most of my children live here. Also, I do enjoy the many walkways. I am having great difficulty finding a part-time job to supplement my low income.
- Fort Collins is a great place for all ages-there seems to be great acceptance by younger individuals.

For all of us, we need to be thinking of the years we grow older as a time to live our dreams, to challenge ourselves, to embrace what might be, to experiment, to invest ourselves in other possibilities. Regardless of your current age, what are you most excited about doing with your time during that stage of your life (50+)?

- I am looking forward to having free time to enjoy walking in the community, going to restaurants in Old Town, and taking classes.
- Recreate. Learn. Grow.

- I am there and although I was forced to retire before I had planned to, I have been able to find balance. I supplement my retirement with part time work, socialize with my peers playing cards and joining in exercise classes, volunteering, and being free to participate in forum groups like yours and others.
- Living a healthful and energetic lifestyle is very important to me. The weather helps with this and the many outdoor activities available as well. The Miramont Gym is a wonderful place that is near to us and many walking trails too. I want to continue to enjoy travel as my wife and I have travelled in over 80 countries and intend to continue to do so.
- Time to travel, read, reflect and volunteer
- Travel, volunteer, meet new people
- Continuing to develop myself and continuing to share and teach Nia -- this is the most exciting! I plan to continue my very enjoyable work in editing and environmental consulting. I also plan to continue my travels and interactions with family and friends around the globe.
- Keep on working
- Learning new skills.
- I don't want to have any financial worries so I can support my family in need and even others in my community that need help.
- See my response to the first question above!
- Contributing to the welfare and well-being of the community. Learning new things.
- Staying active as an employee, volunteer and enjoying outdoors, attending theatre and music. Traveling with family.
- All the things I put off and "back burnered" while raising a family. At a point in my life where I want my time to be my own.
- Downsizing both stuff and house; volunteering more; taking advantage of more opportunities that FC has to offer; spending more time with friends and family; being a grandparent;
- Enjoy the outdoors - bike, hike, golf, tennis.
- I'm 69 and still working and very happy working rather than stay home---Would love to travel, but don't have the money!
- Writing, teaching over 50 folks how to stay fit and mobile,
- Volunteer work and traveling worldwide
- Volunteering, joining groups I've always wanted to devote time to, traveling, taking classes that keep my mind stimulated, getting more physically active and becoming more politically active.
- I am 75-plus and hope to be able to enjoy our community the rest of our days. There are only two problems I find with it now, the one cited above, and the drunkenness I see in old town, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. I have no idea of what to do about it, but it certainly does not add to the livability of our city.
- So many books, so little time but more now that I am retired. And on the more serious side freedom to speak my mind about issues without the constraint of being a government employee--a more free spirited advocacy than I have enjoyed in the past.
- Enjoy the development of my children and growth of my grandchildren in this community.

- Travelling.
- Continuing to learn, traveling, spending more time with friends, volunteering.
- Traveling, learning, volunteering.
- Traveling, enjoying more recreation including athletics and cultural events
- Enjoying making a difference in my career and community with my skills.
- I have more time available to do things of my own choosing, whether being with my grandchildren, volunteering, learning, being creative.
- Launching a new career after ending a successful one. Spending more time pursuing new interests/hobbies.
- I was bored after retirement, no surprise. I started volunteering, and I frequently go to as many as 2 different places a day to volunteer. They are always glad I am there; [welcome change from employment] some of the jobs are more challenging than others. Variety IS the spice of life.
- I look forward to travel both in the United States and abroad and experiencing different cultures. I look forward to my four grandchildren becoming happy, caring, productive adults. I will read wonderful books yet to be written and enjoy some classics also. I will enjoy dining out with friends and participating in community activities and volunteering on a city board.
- Spending time with friends.
- Spending time with Family and Friends. Going to my grandchildren's sporting or school events.
- creating meaning
- Start a new business, enjoy time outdoors, volunteer my time...
- I am 63 and semi-retired now and as involved in civic and cultural activities as I want to be. Between part time work and plenty of volunteer opportunities this is one of the most interesting places we have lived. I hope to stay active as long as my mind and body will allow. When I was younger I thought I'd be living on the golf course at this stage of life. Instead I find it much more enjoyable and rewarding to be out working and making a difference in the community.
- At age 83 I am living out my "golden years" in Fort Collins by choice. Fort Collins has been my home since 1967, and many of my efforts to contribute to our community have been to improve the quality of life for the elderly, especially those who are in need of care and financial help. I still find excitement in continuing those efforts to make Fort Collins a better place for the needy elderly -- and finding fulfillment in the success of ways this is happening, such as Foundation on Aging for Larimer County, Elderhaus, Dial-A-Ride, PVH, and many other services.
- making a difference for the next generation(s)
- I am most excited about future opportunities to get more involved in setting the policy agenda for the community through volunteer service on boards and commissions and possibly in other ways.
- I plan to enjoy the many activities and opportunities that are provided by our senior centers and organizations such as Aspen Club and Elder Care Network of Larimer County.
- Continuing to learn new skills, meet new people.
- I am excited about continued interaction with others of all ages in a variety of activities mental, physical, cultural that utilize my experiences and expertise.

- Spending time with family and on the interests and hobbies that I don't have time for now.
- Reading; sewing (patchwork quilts!); discussion groups; taking a class every now and again just for fun or because I'm interested in the topic; incorporating more movement/exercise/fun activities into my day; learning to cook more exotic, healthy dishes. Would love to be able to do some traveling and visiting extended family and friends, too, but always glad to have home base in Fort Collins to come back to!
- Staying active and being involved in the community - having more time for my family, enjoying the outdoors, and being involved with various organizations to help people of all ages.
- I am most excited about enjoying time with my family. I also hope to remain active and travel some.
- I am 50+ and I'm starting my own business, something I am really excited about and something said I would never do. My parents were small business owners so I have a pretty good idea all the work it involves.
- After 27 years of parenthood, my husband and I are empty nesters and we are enjoying the freedom/extra time we have to do things like enjoy all the summer music programs (Fort Collins Summer Concert Series, Bohemian Nights...), special weekend events, and things like this that we sampled when our kids were in school but to a much greater extent.
- I am not the excitable type. I am enjoying life and doing all I desire to do now at 65 and expect to continue to do so.
- Due to economic constraints and the cost of housing, etc in FC in always going to be high, most aspects of ""retirement"" still focus on being able to work and enjoy work and not fear losing a job to a younger person.
- It would be a welcome reprieve to just be able to slow down enough, have a few good friends and feel that we could all afford to go out into the community for dining, recreation, etc for that sense of ""community"" among seniors."
- Volunteering for our Community, helping others
- Volunteer more and travel more
- I plan to focus on art - painting, sculpture, etc.
- Be a productive volunteer!
- When I retired, I asked myself how I could use my talents to help make the world a better place. I continue to ask that question as I and the world change.
- I have been too busy to consider. Great question.
- Just living life.
- At one time in my career I was the Director of Nursing in a Nursing Home. As I was making my rounds one morning a lady gently placed a note in my hand. It was a list (Foods, transportation, friends, nice clothes, pets, etc...) of things she had lost since she "got old". As a Fort Collins Resident I feel it is important to replace these things on this list for our aging population.
- Enjoying the outdoors, writing, continuing education, more time with friends and family

Answers to pre-meeting surveys provided at the event:

- Market the book that was published October 31 by Springer. The title is "Grappling with Gravity" a principle that discusses how the microgravity environment of space will change us.
- Keeping my mind and body fit, healthy, active and sustainably participating!
- Mentoring young people
- Travel, participation in community issues and easing the transition of a cumulative knowledge to younger generations and jobholders
- I intend to continue pursuing my higher education to become a social worker. Attending college will help keep my mental abilities sharp. After retiring, I would like to stay busy through volunteering.
- Giving back to the community combined with travel
- I read to blind people, write their letters, checks, etc. I am an artist and musician and live alone.
- Contributing to a civil society. Having more time to help others.
- Being gainfully employed and paint or other artistic crafts.
- Helping the community
- Travel, volunteer, mentor
- Taking classes and see good performances
- Choices!! Time-Money-Places to go-Things to Do; friends
- Engaging in my passion for quilting and travel
- Resting first and then volunteering wherever I can fit in best. Enjoying our parks, mountains and funky people.
- Travel; volunteering
- Working/volunteering
- Travel
- Travel; bicycling in the community; volunteering with aging programs-?
- 50+?? Who gets to do that at 50?? Eventually-have time/ability to volunteer, take classes, consult, read, garden, travel.
- Being actively involved in interests
- More time to travel and do fun activities locally. Time to take part in classes to learn new things. Time to visit friends and neighbors.
- Simply enjoy community; family; perhaps travel
- Living close to family in northern Colorado. Actively embracing outdoors for recreation and community.
- Finding balance between work and leisure time.
- Travel-reality or by programs and films; reading-book clubs; exercise groups-non competitive, easy, variety; Osher activities; more public space; * all interaction with older adults in creative atmosphere
- Perhaps, with others, help people find a new purpose for the retirement years. 2) Continue to promote wellness ideas through supplements and foods that are nutrient dense. Nutrition first.
- Travel. Continued excellent healthcare services
- Opportunity to give back to the community and make a difference in my community even if in a small way
- Travel

- Travel, read, volunteer
- Volunteer; take care of mind/body
- Recreating within my community
- Increasing my volunteer activities; returning to CSU to obtain my Masters
- Making the economy more just and providing opportunity

Imagine it is 10 years from now, and Fort Collins is recognized nationwide as the community that got it right and reacted beautifully to the changing demographics by creating the ideal community for older Americans. What happened? What did we do?

- We provided housing and health care that every older citizen could afford.
- What an opportunity to be part of a community effort that wants to make Fort Collins a good place to live for ALL ages. As a fairly recent retiree I continued to enjoy living in Ft Collins and applaud your effort.
- Safe, vibrant independent living communities.
- I can't wait to find out. There will be hints at this forum, and I will be all ears.
- I imagine we feel as if we are a good fit to the community and are welcomed and appreciated by the diversity of all aspects of Fort Collins. This would be including the expanded Senior Center, ability to get across town easily with new transportation on the Mason Street corridor, and enjoy the entertainment of downtown. To compete with our neighboring communities, our new swimming pool includes a nice big lazy river we can walk against its current or relax on a tube or noodle and float along relaxing!
- That is the question!! I think making sure that aging is a natural step in life and glorifying that whenever possible. How to make that happen will be a very good discussion.
- Built on our inter-generational focus, the arts and safe and clean community
- We increased our attention to preventative health in all ages, including seniors (e.g., Ageless Grace, which develops and maintains neural pathways between mind and muscles, improving balance, mobility, agility, etc.). We have and will continue to have the healthiest, most functional, most content senior population in the country.
- Create opportunities for retired and low income seniors to enjoy life through recreation and learning. Provide friendly staff who truly enjoy people that use the city's facilities for all ages.
- Created more day programs for older adults, created more "older adult friendly" facilities, have events in the community that older adults can be involved in. Raised awareness to the changing demographics by bringing all members of the community together. Showing younger people that the care for the elderly is just as important as the care for children and making sure that people know that we are all connected and need to work together.
- We created intentional communities within our community where people aged in place, supported by caring neighbors, families, professionals, and lived out the last chapter of their lives feeling loved, cared about, needed and with a purpose. As their needs changed, resources were already in place to provide for these needs, and they no longer had fears of being 'institutionalized.'
- Uhhh . . . tough one.

- Most of us are not interested in being put out to pasture when we age and many of us enjoy working and need the financial boost of a part-time job.
- Ten years from now. . . Fort Collins is a model city recognized throughout the country, as well as many other countries, for supporting and advocating for the part-time job market for older Americans. Fort Collins government and leading sectors helped employers recognize the value of this group as employees and created economic opportunities for employers to hire and extend more work opportunities for older adults.
- Need to provide housing for all age and income brackets. Must be VERY careful to not price out the blue collar working class like they have in resort areas. Someone needs to put new roofs on houses, someone needs to repair cars. Blue collar workers also contribute to the fabric of a community and add diversity which is also important. Pricing them out of the area causes them to move to outlying areas and that adds to traffic congestion, pollution etc. We need to incorporate all in our community. Must not become elitist like Vail, Aspen or Boulder.
- Senior housing that is compact, close to shopping, close to Mason Corridor, fun place to live with easy access to most of what FC has to offer. The Mall has been converted to a Village with all types of housing, businesses, entertainment, restaurants and shopping.
- Created affordable communities that allow for the transition from active senior to stages needing more daily help. I view Rigden and Mackenzie as senior living without the needed services as people move through various stages of independence.
- Provided lots of affordable resources and accommodations for the aging.
- Build accessible housing; not necessarily just for handicapped but many of us aging athletes have some difficulty with stairs; create a community where older folks are considered elders and their wisdom is actively sought in all arenas. We will have built some type of housing similar to co-housing where elders can be a part of a vibrant neighborhood while having assistance with daily living thus halting the flow of elders into nursing homes where their spirits go to die.
- The reality is that many of us will not be able to keep up our standard of living in the next few years and group homes; elder-friendly neighborhoods, etc. have to be part of this vision. The concept of the family taking in their parents is NOT alive and well. And what about the women who decided not to have children? I believe we will need to rezone entire houses and neighborhoods that provide assistance when needed, a sense of community, and the idea that not only does it take a village to raise a child but it takes a village to honor and care for our elders.
- We provided better transportation for older citizens who can no longer drive.
- We had a variety of choices of activities to do and volunteer opportunities in Fort Collins.
- Our Senior Center was acclaimed as the best facility of its type in the country
- We began to increase our sensitivity to older citizens, developing living spaces in the city core, rather than on the outskirts of town, so transportation becomes less an issue. We made sure neighborhoods have amenities (grocery stores, banks) within walking distance whenever feasible. We provided transportation for seniors so they would not have to drive if they didn't want to. We worked with the hospital to

provide essential medical services in the city, so seniors didn't have to go to Loveland to get critical care.

- I don't know what you did (past tense you know) as I probably won't still be living and wandering around in the city. I likely will be in a nursing home, so I hope you have kept some good ones or even improved ones.
- Planning and land use incorporated the needs of the aging population in their reviews thus assuring that older adults can age in place. Collaborative efforts between service providers, the Office on Aging, the Foundation on Aging and the Eldercare Network created an awareness of the need for the community to donate funds for aging services thus assuring that non-profit senior serving agencies have the resources they need to provide basic services.
- Don't know -- interested to learn the answer to this one!
- Increased bus services, widened sidewalks for use of walkers and wheelchairs.
- We enhanced transportation so that individuals wishing to engage in a community activity could participate even if they did not drive. We would make sure that no one lacks in food resources or medical resources - do not need to be exorbitant, just meet basic needs.
- We created a transportation system that enabled our aging population to navigate the City to access the resources that we have.
- We considered the needs of all retired folks. Not just the needs of people who are active and independent but also by meeting the needs of more frail and disabled retired persons. Access to healthcare that is user friendly. Also, removing barriers that impede seniors with disabilities from engaging in the community examples: transportation, access to wheelchairs at all public sites, more accessible bathrooms in old town,
- Created a great, affordable transit system for older adults to get around easily (bus, train, walkable/bikeable town).
- We incorporated needs of older people into the infrastructure of the city ... available and affordable transportation, housing, recreation, health care.
- You provided housing and transport that facilitates participation in all that FC has to offer. You provided unique activities that grabbed and held the interest of seniors -- choirs, dance troupes, acting opportunities, showcases for artistic achievement, volunteer opportunities.
- Changed our city and county government to forward thinkers instead of OOPS! Will it happen? Good luck in your dreams.
- We expanded the senior center and provided more opportunities for cultural, physical and mental enrichment. We were part of a larger movement to provide national health care for all.
- There would be a real appreciation for Seniors. The community would value them and see their importance because of the wisdom and experience they possess.
- We worked to change an attitude. Somehow the value of our youth because of their potential expanded to value the elders because of their lives. I think this would be a grass roots movement that could start with changing attitudes in the business world, schools and government.
- Worked with the citizens to address and fund the future needs of the community.
- Created better transportation access and mobility options.

- Increased investment in active health promoting infrastructure.
- Improved city support of low income seniors.
- Created culture of cross pollination of ages to transfer knowledge and ideas.
- Coordinated non-profits--eliminating gaps/redundancies
- Embrace Circles Campaign to end poverty in Northern Colorado
- Utilize ""grandmas"" for daycare
- One stop shopping for seniors' healthcare
- Plenty of one story/all access residences
- Public Transportation in/around Ft Collins
- High Occupancy transport to Denver (even if managed by private sector)
- Robust Community Garden(s)
- The nation as a whole has got to wake up to the pending transportation crisis that will hit when all of us in the baby boomer cohort stop driving. Fort Collins is making a first step towards a better transit system with the MAX rapid bus system -- but much more will be needed. In addition to more funding for transit and other alternatives to driving, the city needs to put more emphasis on developing transit-oriented development and walkable communities.
- We increased REAL affordable housing (not just the so-called "affordable housing" which is unaffordable for many). We made all our street sign names large, traffic patterns accommodating older people as well as bicyclists. We planned and provided transportation which served older persons as well as the more active population. We completed plans already made regarding sidewalks, street corners, etc., to aid the elderly and disabled. We didn't forget the elderly in our great emphasis on Old Town, beer culture, and the young, active culture.
- Major developments designed for older residents were built along the Mason corridor
- We maintained Fort Collins as a well-planned, high-quality, sustainable community with walkable neighborhoods, a great multi-modal transportation system, and ready access to all the great cultural, recreational, educational, and outdoor activities we enjoy today. We didn't let the quality of life be diminished by unplanned sprawling development.
- Fort Collins needs to continue to move forward and plan for the future. If we fail to plan for the changing needs of the future population, Fort Collins will not be recognized as a leader.
- Ft. Collins city government continued to encourage the local citizens to participate in the community as much as possible.
- We designed a community with appropriate housing accessible to necessary services including recreational and cultural amenities.
- Put together a plan specifically devoted to creating an aging friendly community. This plan would be instigated and supported by the city staff with input from the community.
- As people get older, it can become harder to drive safely, especially at night, in bad weather, etc. We are a nation dependent on our cars, and losing our ability to drive ourselves places means that we lose a lot of our independence. We must make sure that we increase public/accessible/affordable transportation in and around our city, and connecting with other local cities in our region (Loveland, Wellington, Windsor,

Greeley, even a way to connect with Boulder and Metro Denver and the Airport, as well, etc.). We must have a reliable transportation system that goes beyond 6:00 p.m., that goes beyond the current geographical boundaries of TransFort and Dial-A-Ride, and that picks up and drops off people closer to where they need to go (particularly as people may not be able to walk as far as they used to, etc.). We must include transportation for fun and social activities, not just for medical appointments. We must clear more streets after snow storms - i.e., the neighborhood streets too, not just the main streets, including the sidewalks. Maybe we need to set up more volunteer transportation ride sharing, or more programs like SAINT...Etc....

- we continue to provide top quality services for the community - parks, trails, transportation choices - including better public transit, bicycle facilities, pedestrian connections - as well as enhance the senior center and partnerships with local churches, schools, and community organizations. More mixed-use districts with housing for all ages - not separate senior housing, integrate seniors with young families, singles, etc.. Easy access by variety of transportation choices (transit, walking, biking, driving) within Fort Collins and connecting Fort Collins to other cities around the region and to/from Denver and Boulder via regional transit (buses and passenger rail service).
- We were proactive and made changes to meet the needs of the new aging group of citizens. We built a community that values all age groups and promotes health and wellness.
- Fort Collins is going to need to address the mobility needs of active older adults if it is to be a community that gets it right.
- I work with seniors, most of whom can no longer drive (or really shouldn't be driving). Dial-A-Ride is good, but its restrictions severely limit who can use it. Many seniors don't qualify because even though they can't safely drive, they don't have a disability that prevents them from using Transfort and taking the bus isn't always practical or safe for them. I live within the city limits but I don't live in Dial-A-Ride's service area so I couldn't use it even if I qualified. SAINT is available, but it has very limited hours and it doesn't go outside the city limits. There is a group called Independent Transportation Network (iTNAmerica) that addresses many of these issues. <http://www.itnamerica.org/> The following is a New York Times article on the group - <http://newoldage.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/02/08/drivers-on-call/#?emc=lm&m=640830&l=9&v=2598804>
- Seniors need a transportation system that can keep them independent, safe, and active.
- We aren't there yet? OK maybe we went all out to not only make everything in town accessible but to ensure our seniors knew that. The Freedom Flight is an example-- it is totally accessible for those with physical disabilities but some of the old veterans don't think they can participate because they are wheelchair bound. Education--education--and distributed by every means--I work with seniors and while some are very computer savvy some aren't--and have no interest in being .so. Other means have to be used to reach them
- FC would stop building single family homes above \$250,000 and return to the smaller Mom and Pop community concepts.

- Several mostly self-contained neighborhoods where there are bungalow style houses, more walkways and less streets, a small grocery, bank and a few other things where the neighborhood is more self-sustaining in that the neighbors work the neighborhood and the neighbors know their neighbors. There would be a small park with a gazebo or enclosed patio for neighbor gatherings and recreation and when all know one another, all also take care of one another. This concept allows for those with disabilities to feel integrated and not segregated by need and everything would be proximal and accessible.
- We embraced the Boomer generation, who are active, continue to learn, and have continued to respect and listen and act on their requests.
- Housing was designed for aging in place. Transportation became accessible to those who used to not be able to get out. Health care became affordable. Social activities were available and interesting to a wider range of people.
- More of the same! Also, we "fixed" our transit system so that it has enough routes with frequent enough pickup times to be functional.
- Community adjusted to the needs the seniors, by providing a safe, affordable, & friendly community with amenities, to enjoy!
- As a city, we must find ways to initiate and help aging people help themselves. In a world of limited resources, we have to work together to better all our lives. Networking. Networking. Networking. How can we make each neighborhood into a more sustainable whole, less reliant on the automobile, and more cooperative? A happy city is where everyone knows your name.
- We made sure that there were an adequate number of providers to take care of the medical and behavioral health needs of this population. We continued to have the social and cultural activities. State of the art hospital. Numerous activities. Several wonderful nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.
- We created protected alternative transportation routes for everyone to use and enjoy.
- The year is 2020. I wake up with an excitement this morning. The weather is cool and crisp, another beautiful Colorado morning.

I live in a senior apartment Community close to Old town Fort Collins. Its 7am but I'm awakened by children's laughter. We have a large playground indoors in the center of our complex. Grandchildren often stop by to eat breakfast with their grandparents before school and enjoy playing on the playground. I step out with my cup of hot tea and wave good morning to them. I notice Mr. Fred in the corner-talking to one of the children, reviewing the paper the boy had written the night before. The boy was very proud of his work and loved Mr. Fred's help. Mr. Fred is a retired CSU professor and is available to all the kids for help at any time. Mr. Fred smiles and pats the boy on the head as he runs off to school.

I walk back into my apartment, look into the mirror and smile. Others would see a gray haired old lady, but I see a schoolgirl full of knowledge and energy.

I dress and get downstairs to catch the bus transit. It runs at certain times for seniors only. I board the bus and hand the driver my monthly senior pass to be stamped. I go to the back to help my friend Sarah who is in a wheelchair. Our destination: Old Town.

We are excited because it Tuesday, book club day. We make our way to the senior area courtyard. The city has so many city workers that they help monitor the senior area. We voted on our book for the week to read and Mr. Gary enters it into his ledger. Mr. Gary was the CEO of a large company many years ago, so he is able to keep us all in line. We order from the menus the local restaurants supplied us with. One of the city workers takes our order and delivers it to the restaurant on the opposite side of the courtyard. Within minute we are eating a lovely meal. The city worker that is assigned to our senior area cleans up for us.

We arrived to the stop where the bus is to pick us up. Next stop for 5 of us is the local elementary school. Mr. Eddie worked for NASA and he will be talking to a group of kids today. As we arrive Mr. Eddie begins his stories as the rest of us put out small snacks for the kids after storytelling. We smile at Mr. Eddie as we have heard his tales numerous times. The children's eyes are wide and excited. I sit next to Mr. Eddie and look out over the audience. I see 2 smiling faces waving saying that's our grandmother. I blow kisses sit back in my chair, relax and say, "Thank you God for growing old in Fort Collins."

- Increased housing on one floor--newer, care free, affordable ranch style homes.
- Improved shopping--well developed foothills mall with adequate covered parking so residents don't have to travel to other cities for shopping

Answers provided at the event in pre-meeting surveys:

- Increased involvement of Senior Center in the community
- Cautionary thinking/planning that "vintage citizens" will muddle through--FC will address this and educate all ages of citizens. FC will excel at keeping "vintage citizens" actively engaged with regional facilities for mental and physical involvement. All facilities and amenities within Fort Collins are geared to facilitate transportation, shopping, recreating, sharing and continual growing for both young and old.
- Transportation options, affordable living for all age groups
- Fort Collins provides more affordable, subsidized housing for seniors it also provides expanded transportation services through curb-to-curb jitney or van vehicles.
- Embraced our change in diversity (old, young, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.)
- At 83 now I hope to still be here. Will possibly not be able to drive and hope to have Dial-a-Ride to use. I was told to simply sell my house.
- All seniors basic needs for food, shelter, and health care met because of all the actions we take. We supported educational opportunities for people of all ages.
- Created more handicapped parking and facilities with handicapped entrances and bathrooms.
- What happened-> We invested in older adult needs. What did we do-> Spent money and time. Community design-> Need more transportation not roads, need more sidewalks and benches. Community information-> More free planning and financial literacy, more interaction between ages
- See #1
- Better transportation, more meals on wheels

- We improved transportation!! We build more senior affordable housing (really affordable)
- Kept the human factor!
- Created more (a lot more) part-time jobs because we cannot make it on our Social Security alone--our medical bills took all our cash! And everything is going up in price!
- That isn't going to happen unless some attitudes change or older residents.
- low income, BCI, NF, transportation, centralization for services
- Adequate healthcare for all, and attention to the behavioral health needs (including dementia) of caregivers.
- Transportation and access to facilities will be key. Currently no car is a major problem.
- Extended bus service every day but especially Sunday for easy affordable transportation. Maybe light rail.
- More affordable senior living units.
- Big enough facilities that don't feel so cramped or limit opportunities; good public transportation.
- Planned ahead--so to offer services and opportunities for this age group -- and -- benefit from what the population has to offer--wisdom, experience, economic vitality
- Improved access to Medicare; accessible transportation; available gerontologists; senior recreational opportunities; quality long-term care facilities; strong senior advocacy/political input.
- Need to improve transportation for seniors! Add bus route on S. Lemay south of Harmony Rd. Get Dial-a-Ride to all areas with seniors.
- Smaller communities--access for seniors; transportation; health care--financial
- We helped find affordable senior housing within our community close to their necessary needs, without having to drive.
- Increased availability of 55+ low income housing
- Public transportation opens up the nation and Colorado. Air quality is improved along with health of all. Health care/Medicare for all is instrumental in improved health and disposition of all. Poverty is greatly reduced and all in the community fed, cared for and included.

Post Meeting Surveys

The following questions were all answered at the end of the event on written survey forms.

What do you see as the most important next step(s) for our community to address this issue?

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- A brief article in the paper about today's meeting and announcements of future events
- Address our water issues. Same availability and price for all households.
- Adequate transportation for seniors
- Better healthcare for poorer people. Better transportation: further reaching and more often and reliable timing. Affordable, stable housing for low income persons. Smaller, safe one level units.

- Bring all age groups into the discussion.
- Building economic opportunities for our community, especially healthy seniors who want to work.
- Continue dialogue to develop a evolving plan
- Continue the conversation to develop a plan
- Continued community conversations
- Continued meetings
- Create a plan
- Create a vision with a variety of priorities. Start creating goals. Get creative.
- Create an aging readiness plan
- Define the top priorities, identify targeted workgroups, define specific tasks and timelines to operationalize
- Defining the needs and embrace a method/philosophy. Reality to do it.
- Develop an aging readiness plan with steps to implement-timeline that is realistic and attainable.
- Develop coalition to secure better public transportation.
- Developing more communication methods to reach seniors
- Disseminate data from today to all participants. Prioritize issues-develop draft of ten-year plan
- Enhance transportation system, intergenerational activities, increased opportunity
- Expand transit
- Expand transportation
- Find better a language to attract young boomers. Not "senior" or tsunami.
- Find focus and move forward
- Finding the space to be able to create a functional senior center.
- Focus on specific, doable projects
- Fund transportation shortages!
- Health care and health care supports (living in place, caregivers, education)
- Housing option, transportation, peer support
- Identify the most pressing issues for the future
- insuring that participation impacts change
- Integrate growing, changing population in every planning process.
- TRANSPORTATION #1
- Keep going with this process
- Keep planning
- Keep talking and fund needed changes
- Keep the momentum
- Keeping seniors (who can no longer drive) viable were able to get to places like shopping and fun activities thru Dial-a-Ride available. Keep them in their homes and out of assisted-living places prior to the time when needed.
- Make the facilities we have now respect and acknowledge the aging population-- changes to libraries, Lincoln Center and expand and enhance senior center
- More public forums (all ages in some) to collect ideas/concerns. A task force to come up with vision. Vision/goal/plan available (online-?) for public comment. Inform legislation/policy.
- More thought--More communications

- Older adults living alone, accessing resources. Adequate resources for multiple financial levels.
- Plan, then follow through
- Public transportation-around Fort Collins, and to Loveland, Longmont and Denver
- Summarize results of today's input/feedback--based on results established task forces to work on action items
- Take action steps on at least goal identified
- The transportation issue/its needs
- Transportation
- Transportation later in day. Training the younger generation to care for older people with needs.
- Transportation **options** for seniors
- Use resources wisely to maintain the sense of community

Two of the primary resources we have in Fort Collins to address these issues is the Senior Advisory Board and the Fort Collins Senior Center, cosponsors of today's events. One goal of the broader project is to provide them clear feedback about what they should be focusing on and what sort of programming or changes the Senior Center should incorporate into plans for expanding the facility. Based on your conversations today, what would you want them to focus on?

- Work with the Housing Authority to develop to develop low income housing for seniors. Focus on support for regional transportation.
- Wide range of facility opinions; multi-improvements to and multi use facilities; make everything larger and more accommodating
- Universal design
- Transportation. Maximizing opportunity for full service senior center
- Transportation, housing, inter-generational interaction
- Transportation, housing access and costs of all these including healthcare
- Transportation, health care
- Transportation for seniors and disabled; expand the senior center; include all of the community
- Transportation access. Health care access.
- Services for aging population through senior center expansion as well as services provided outside of senior center. More accessible transportation options for seniors.
- Senior Center-turn on the Wi-Fi
- Resources and ways for older adults living alone to connect to those resources
- Planning, planning, communication, communication
- Outreach to senior citizens to increase awareness
- Not sure, affordable housing
- More variety of healthy services. Both physical emotional and educational.
- More than adequate physical space at the present Senior Center--expect more funds will be needed than the City's \$5 million.
- Make room for exercise facilities and senior related meetings--Parking.

- Keeping facilities and programs to serve the increasing 65+ population
- Increased learning opportunities with classes focused on boomer's interests. Transportation more available to attend learning opportunities. Outdoor pool and more outdoor activities.
- Improve mobility
- Health/wellness activities. Fun. Meeting space.
- Get the age groups together/interaction
- Gathering information from the broader community of what the populace would like to have included in the expansion
- For training classes -- entrepreneurial training
- Focusing on the whole person-physical, mental, spiritual
- Facility and program expansion and increase community awareness
- Expand Senior Center
- Events for multiple generations
- Encouraging city Council and staff to develop an aging readiness plan
- Emphasize transportation
- Consider name change
- Changing name of center to ID the broad scope of ages 50+ and beyond
- Affordable housing, reliable transportation
- Affordable housing and health options
- Advertise the programs more at the senior center.
- Accessibility (transportation and access/knowledge of programs). Care coordination--medical and referrals to other types of assistance and programs.
- Access/transportation; Poverty/income issues

There are many other key players involved in creating an ideal community for older Americans, including but certainly not limited to city, county, state, and federal government; the private sector; the non-profit sector; educational institutions; faith-based organizations; and community groups. Do you have any specific suggestions for actions for these or other entities?

- Work together on an aging readiness plan
- Work together for the betterment of all
- Work together and set priorities so we actually get things accomplished
- Work together
- Unify
- Transportation options
- To work together
- Senior navigator
- Senior advocacy
- Raise taxes to support transportation/social services/education. This is essential to our economy and therefore to future support for seniors
- Provide low-cost retraining of seniors to change careers
- Private sector providing jobs for seniors who wish to work part time. Need more senior housing--smaller but not sharing common walls (condos).
- Outreach to increase participation
- Osher life-long learners-CSU

- Not at this time
- Non-profit housing for seniors
- No
- Need to engage private sector to meet some of the needs-housing, health
- More/better collaboration between all service providers and government entities
- More diverse opportunities to assist senior issues
- More coordination among agencies and private providers
- Medical and behavioral health providers
- Keep going; keep doing what we've already started!
- Involve taxi and other public enterprises
- Get CSU more actively involved and respect what CSU has to offer
- Encourage participation by all
- Each group to be as inclusive as possible
- Could you please add health organizations to your list-they will be hit hard by these changes--and it's not just healthcare facilities; home health assistance is better and cheaper
- Co-ordinate efforts of faith-based organizations, private sector and non-profit sectors.
- Communicate opportunities
- Churches could assist in transportation for seniors--city needs to put senior services on priority
- Bringing these players together for problem
- Best plans come together when all were presented and involved in the process
- All these sectors need to work together-no duplication, more cooperation and communication
- advertised programs more at the senior center more faith based groups working together-maybe that volunteer could do more than government in some areas
- ?

Today's process utilized the concept of "Appreciative Inquiry" (AI), which is focused on identifying current positives to build upon, as well as imagining the possible future we want to create together. While AI does highlight the positives in order to spark a different type of conversation than the typical problem/solution format, we certainly understand that the demographic changes also bring with them several concerns and potential problem areas. Are there in particular concerns or problems you didn't get a chance to discuss today that you want to bring to our attention?

- We talked about them: transportation, healthcare, assistance with living are huge, complex issues that must be dealt with.
- Universal design
- Transportation
- Today was great
- The separation of seniors from other generations-- how to facilitate communications and share lives.
- The end is near

- Political dysfunction, anti-rational attitudes
- Not at this time
- Nope-good job!
- Nope
- None
- No
- No
- No
- Move on public transportation
- Making programs and services affordable
- Lower-cost housing
- Low income issues and seniors
- Lots... let's meet again!
- Intentionally invite multiple/diverse populations (glbt, African-Americans, Latino, financial levels).
- I'm sure there are topics
- Housing access to people in need/wheelchairs
- Having enough healthcare professionals to care for older adults
- Energized and interesting
- Care and support for the increased number of people diagnosed with cognitive impairment/Alz. Disease

Having attended this event, what one thing would you MOST want people to know about this issue?

- What we can do for a better future
- We need to start now
- We need to look at the percentage of elders who will be living in poverty
- We need to continue these conversations and planning!
- We need a plan
- Understand the community and connection of the people as a unit
- There is a bright outlook for seniors in Fort Collins
- There are no easy answers
- The pending crisis in transportation/transit
- The opportunities
- The numbers of the aging population is very surprising and needs to be made known
- The depth of needs in this area
- The demographic projection
- The demographer's statistics
- That were paying attention to it and planning intentionally
- That we're discussing this now and they need to be involved
- That we have started a great new city!
- That many are working to plan the future
- That it is receiving this level of attention
- That it is an issue
- That it is a beginning

- That Fort Collins is trying to be proactive on the aging population
- That Fort Collins is a wonderful place to live. Any changes needed are minor. The real challenge will be keeping what we have now.
- That Fort Collins cares
- Staggering statistics regarding changing demographics
- Share data and ideas for getting involved
- Senior population is set to explode
- Productive
- People are planning and looking to the future
- People are interested and involved
- Participating will impact change
- Our senior population is growing faster than almost every other county in the state.
- opportunity
- Open to active communications
- Nothing in particular
- No
- It's imminent
- It is important!
- It is important and we need to act
- Invite a more diverse group of elders
- Intergenerational needs
- I am concerned that as an older retired person, I will have many limitations due to financial concerns and will not be able to live the end of my life with independence, freedom, health and opportunity
- Growth of senior population in Fort Collins
- Great conversations
- Fort Collins has a vision
- Diversity of population being discussed
- Bringing the generations together
- Be part of the solution
- Aging at multiple socioeconomic levels
- About social issues in Fort Collins!
- 50+ is not a single group.

Please provide any additional comments you have about the issue or the process (or continue any answers from the other side)

- Well structured! Would have loved to have talked longer, but will definitely attend follow-up.
- Very well done and informative. Thanks.
- Very diverse use the skills and wisdom of all
- Thanks. If possible to have meeting earlier in the day--it's hard to think by this time after a full working day.
- Thank you all (volunteers and CSU students) for putting on this information informative session
- Please continue to recognize seniors and disabled in our great town

- Must allow for proper work in society/government
- Great job-well organized. Thanks to facilitators.
- Good speakers, great interaction
- Good speakers and great discussions!
- Good for a start
- Excellent speakers tonight, well-planned
- Excellent process
- Better parking at Lincoln Center
- Action from discussion will hopefully follow

Part III: Data from Wireless Keypad Process

1.) What is Your preferred term?

| | Responses | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| Elderly | 1.41% | 2 |
| Senior | 27.46% | 39 |
| Retirees | 4.23% | 6 |
| Aging American | 5.63% | 8 |
| Older American | 18.31% | 26 |
| Chronologically gifted | 9.15% | 13 |
| Golden Agers | 2.82% | 4 |
| Geezers | 0% | 0 |
| The Wise | 13.38% | 19 |
| Other | 17.61% | 25 |
| Totals | 100% | 142 |

2.) What decade were you born?

| | Responses | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| After 1990 | 0.72% | 1 |
| 1980s | 2.90% | 4 |
| 1970s | 5.07% | 7 |
| 1960s | 9.42% | 13 |
| 1950s | 36.23% | 50 |
| 1940s | 31.16% | 43 |
| 1930s | 9.42% | 13 |
| 1920s | 5.07% | 7 |
| 1910s | 0% | 0 |
| 1900s | 0% | 0 |
| Totals | 100% | 138 |

3.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Productive Activities for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 37.17% | 42 |
| B | 40.71% | 46 |

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| C | 15.04% | 17 |
| D | 5.31% | 6 |
| F | 1.77% | 2 |
| Totals | 100% | 113 |

4.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Community Information for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 21.26% | 27 |
| B | 40.16% | 51 |
| C | 25.98% | 33 |
| D | 11.81% | 15 |
| F | 0.79% | 1 |
| Totals | 100% | 127 |

5.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Community Belonging for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 15.32% | 19 |
| B | 40.32% | 50 |
| C | 34.68% | 43 |
| D | 8.87% | 11 |
| F | 0.81% | 1 |
| Totals | 100% | 124 |

6.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Health and Wellness for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 23.39% | 29 |
| B | 43.55% | 54 |
| C | 18.55% | 23 |
| D | 12.90% | 16 |
| F | 1.61% | 2 |
| Totals | 100% | 124 |

7.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Community Design and Land Use for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---|-----------|---------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 4.88% | 6 |
| B | 15.45% | 19 |
| C | 42.28% | 52 |
| D | 31.71% | 39 |
| F | 5.69% | 7 |

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|---------------|------|-----|
| Totals | 100% | 123 |
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8.) How would you grade Fort Collins' readiness in terms of Overall Quality of Community for older residents?

| | Responses | |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| A | 11.67% | 14 |
| B | 61.67% | 74 |
| C | 22.50% | 27 |
| D | 2.50% | 3 |
| F | 1.67% | 2 |
| Totals | 100% | 120 |

9.) What does Fort Collins do well? (Vote top 3 current)

| | Responses | |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| CSU, Learning & Volunteer Opportunities | 7.94% | 10 |
| Recreation (bike trails) | 11.90% | 15 |
| Public amenities: Old Town, shopping & etc. | 11.11% | 14 |
| Health care | 13.49% | 17 |
| Senior Center & Services for Seniors | 11.90% | 15 |
| Weather | 3.17% | 4 |
| Caring and friendly community | 8.73% | 11 |
| Mountains and open space | 10.32% | 13 |
| Respects seniors | 3.17% | 4 |
| Arts and culture opportunities | 18.25% | 23 |
| Totals | 100% | 126 |

10.) What do you want to be when you reach 50+? (Pick top 3 identities)

| | Responses | |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| Employee | 8.54% | 31 |
| Volunteer | 16.25% | 59 |
| Recreator | 9.09% | 33 |
| Arts Patron/Artist | 5.79% | 21 |
| Traveler | 17.63% | 64 |
| Grandparent | 7.16% | 26 |
| Reader | 5.23% | 19 |
| Learner | 16.80% | 61 |
| Helper | 7.16% | 26 |
| Just be. | 6.34% | 23 |
| Totals | 100% | 363 |

11.) In 10 years if we got things right, what happened? (Pick top 3)

| | Responses | |
|---|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| Created a plan | 9.78% | 35 |
| Increase transit options | 17.88% | 64 |
| Transit connections to regional cities | 9.22% | 33 |
| Health care facilities, including assisted living | 9.22% | 33 |
| Housing (affordable and designed for seniors) | 17.88% | 64 |
| Created opportunities to learn | 4.47% | 16 |
| Listened and respected Boomers | 3.35% | 12 |
| Mixed-use community centers | 10.61% | 38 |
| More activities | 2.51% | 9 |
| Embraced diversity/more interaction across ages | 15.08% | 54 |
| Totals | 100% | 358 |

12.) I would have stayed longer

| | Responses | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| | (percent) | (count) |
| Strongly Agree | 12.30% | 15 |
| Agree | 31.97% | 39 |
| Neutral | 22.95% | 28 |
| Disagree | 23.77% | 29 |
| Strongly Disagree | 9.02% | 11 |
| Totals | 100% | 122 |