

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FM: Debra Kaestner, Permit Supervisor *Debra*
DT: January 13, 1989
RE: 1988 Commission On Disability Annual Report

Primary goals and objectives accomplished by the Commission on Disability (COD) in 1988 focused on promoting public awareness and enhancing specific areas of the community for citizens with disabilities. As an advisory board to the City Council and City Staff, the COD continued its role in verifying enforcement of accessibility to buildings, advocating accessibility improvements, review of existing and proposed access ramps and locations, and recommended appropriate directional signage for City facilities. In addition the COD has advised Parks and Recreation Planning and Development staff during the design and construction phases of park development.

The COD held two public awareness events. The COD sponsored the Old Town Physical Challenge on September 24, 1988, during Oktoberfest. The purpose of the event was to enhance awareness by a series of disability related activities. The community interacted with the disabled while performing these simulations. The most intensive public awareness effort was the Annual Mayor's Awards Breakfast held on October 7, 1988. The breakfast was well attended and thirty local businesses donated food and items to stage the event. The Larimer County Humane Society received an award for employing people with disabilities. Sue Flint and Forest Luellen were honored for increasing public awareness, and Jim Griffin, Bud Kamrud, Neal Smyth and both McDonalds were recognized for improving quality of life. This years recipient of the Dorothy Lasley Memorial Award was Victor Beebe.

In June of 1988 staff liaison and support was transferred from Community Development to Building Inspection.