

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES: Meeting of September 10, 2003
Chairperson – Mike Buderus – 223-0907
Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 224-6026
City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez, Mayor – 221-6506

Attendance:

Mike Buderus
Mike Richardson
Bud Herin
John Roberts
Eileen Hendee
Chris Bartlett
John Smith
Dianne Heath
C. Dean Miller
Darren Gunn
Jim Downey

Excused Absence:

Other Absence:

Guests:

Hattie Wells
Martha Owen
Sylvia Pacer
Jean Lambert
May McFectcis
Sarah Nauta
Marge Hulen
Evelyn Szuhay
Naomi Meyer
Helen Michael
John Boni
Gwen Ruf
Medora Stump

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner
Steve Budner

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson, Mike Buderus, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

The Board introduced themselves to the guests from Parkwood Estates. Mike Buderus reviewed the purpose and projects of the Senior Advisory Board. The Senior Advisory Board hosts outreach meetings to meet with older citizens throughout the community to hear their needs, concerns and ideas for City government.

II. Citizen Participation:

John Boni commented on what a good program Dial-A-Ride is and how essential it is for many residents at Parkwood Estates.

Marge Hulen indicated that the driveway to Parkway Estates needs a reflective device showing where the curb ends. John Roberts asked if maybe this was something Parkwood Estates should fix.

John Roberts commented that there is need for more public transportation to the southeast and that SAB has sent a letter to City Manager and City Council asking them to revise routing so that riders can access the services along the Harmony corridor.

John Roberts asked if residents at Parkwood use the programs and services at the Senior Center. John explained what a wonderful facility the Senior Center is. Jean Lambert said that transportation is a problem.

Bud Herin asked if anyone had a problem crossing the street and if pedestrian stripes might help? John Boni agreed that a pedestrian crosswalk would be helpful.

Jean Lambert commended the City for the median flowers.

Bud Herin reported that the SAB was encouraging citizens to use "Thumbs Up" in the Coloradoan. The median landscaping would be a good subject for an article.

Dean Miller asked residents what they considered their major concerns might be in the next five years. Prescriptions and health care, and money were noted as primary concerns.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Corrections to the August minutes:

Eileen Hendee's name was listed as in attendance and absent. She was not at the last meeting.

C. Dean Millers name was not listed as present. Dean was at the meeting.

The name for the mall is The Foothills Mall not the Foothills Fashion Mall.

Under III. Citizen Participation minutes reported that John Richardson would contact John Fischbach, should have read John Smith.
Bud Herin made a motion to accept the minutes; Dianne Heath seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

III. Correspondence:

Received a letter from TRIAD. TRIAD of Larimer County is teaming up with the City of Fort Collins and local automotive service facilities to offer a "Car Care and Safety Check" event. The 30-point visual inspection "Care and Safety Check" will be held Saturday, September 27, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Foothills Mall. During this time emergency alternate fueled, and antique vehicles will be on display with informed personnel to demonstrate and answer question. TRIAD is still looking for sponsors for this event and asks for assistance from SAB.

Letter from Karla Smith, City of Fort Collins Boards and Commissions Coordinator explaining that when three members of the Board are present, it is considered a public meeting and should be posted. Minutes do not need to be taken, but a notice should be posted 24 hrs. in advance. The posting of the notice covers for the open meeting requirement because there is always a chance that official business could be brought up or discussed. Social events need to be posted.

Letter from Mark Beck notifying the Board that nominations are being accepted for the 2003 Mayor's award sponsored by the Commission on Disabilities. The award is to honor individuals, businesses and service agencies exhibiting dedication to persons with disabilities. Mike Buderus asked for names of a person/business with these qualifications. John Roberts made a motion to nominate Rick Aulino (volunteer with City of Fort Collins Adapted Recreation Program for over twelve years), Bud Herin seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Barbara Schoenberger will do the paperwork; Eileen Hendee will review and sign on behalf of the Board.

Mike Buderus mentioned that four members will be leaving the SAB at the end of the year. Steve Budner suggested Jean Lambert be asked to apply.

IV. New Business:

Mike Buderus informed the Board that due to a job change he will not be able to meet during the day. The time will need to be changed or he will have to step down from the Board and as chair. Mike Richardson would then take over those responsibilities. John Roberts suggested 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Barbara Schoenberger suggested delaying a decision until the executive board can call members and find out times that will work. Other Boards in the City meet in the evening with a meal served.

V. Old Business:

A. Meeting schedule

1. Outreach meeting with Aspen Club is tabled for right now. Eileen Hendee will check the program schedule and report back to the Board.

2. The SAB will host an outreach meeting at the Fort Collins Senior Center on Wednesday, October 8. The Board will share lunch with the Senior Center Council. Members of the Senior Center will be invited to meet with both groups starting at 1:00 p.m. The SAB will have their regular meeting following public participation. Members of the Senior Center Council will be invited to stay for meeting. Dianne Heath will not be able to attend.
- B. Bridging the Gap
Committee has met. Responses are coming in very well. Committee reviewed the nominations for the Senior Service Award and the sub-committee has made a selection. It was reported that a moderator will be needed since Mike Buderus will not be present.
 - C. John Roberts read the draft of a letter he has written on behalf of the SAB to Transportation Services expressing our concern about the lack of service along Harmony and other locations in the southeastern portion of the community. A motion was made by (not recorded) for John to finish the letter and send. Darren Gunn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dianne Heath suggested sending a copy to the Coloradoan.
 - D. No report from Mike Richardson on the transportation meeting.

(NOTE: At this time the Board took recess to have lunch with the residents at Parkwood Estates. Following lunch, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Senior Center land issues.)

Mike Richardson called the meeting back to order.

- E. OOA report for Mayor. Dean Miller was unable to attend the OOA meeting. Steve Budner reported on the mapping project of Larimer County that the OOA is working on. This project will attempt to identify where older adults live in relation to services and resources. The Board asked for additional information and the possibility to review the report again at a later time.
- F. Mike Richardson reported that the efforts by the Board were very successful at the annual Chili Cookoff. The Senior Advisory Board team won 1st place for People's Choice and sixth in overall competition. Mike extended his appreciation to everyone that contributed to their success. Each Board member will need to pay Mike Richardson \$7.00 to cover the costs of participation.
- G. The Board has concluded that a letter should be sent to the City to encourage them to purchase the property adjacent to the Senior Center on Shields Street for future development. The Board believes that this property will be very beneficial in meeting the future parking needs of the Center. Dianne Heath will write the letter.
- H. 2003 Work Plan review project to develop and distribute a survey to collect data regarding use of leisure services and barriers to participation was discussed. A draft questionnaire developed by former Board member, George Kress, was given to Board members. Members are asked to review the survey and give feedback to Barbara Schoenberger. Dean Miller, Eileen Hendee and Barbara Schoenberger will continue to work on the project.

VI. Liaison Reports

- A. Larimer County Senior Network – Mike Buderus reported that the next session would be September 12 at Hospice from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first presentation will be on Frauds and Scams, 2nd session will be on Homeland Security and Complications for Older Adults. Linda Ellis, Director of TRIAD, will give both presentations.
- B. AARP – James Downey reported that a large mailing was sent for the October Conference. This is the 6th annual AARP Conference that is open to public and free. The event is co-sponsored by the Senior Center. “Reinventing Aging in a Changing World” is this year’s topic.
- C. Office On Aging – Dean Miller reported that the OOA has tendered a proposal to increase the Senior Tax Work Off program for the year 2004. Videos on West Nile Virus are available to be checked out. Blizzard Boxes will be available this winter.

Dianne Heath made a motion to adjourn meeting. Bud Herin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting October 8, 2003 at 12 noon.

VI. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned

Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary