

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES: MEETING OF JUNE 11, 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  
Darren Gunn  
Dianne Heath  
Bud Herin  
Chris Bartlett  
John Roberts  
Eileen Hendee  
James Downey  
Dean Miller  
John Smith

**Excused Absence:**

**Other Absence:**

**Guests:**

Marjorie McTaggart  
Kay Rios  
Mary Waring, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Margie Joy, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Liaison:**

Ray Martinez, Mayor

**Staff:**

Barbara Schoenberger  
Karen Bryner

**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairperson, Mike Buderus, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. (Preceding meeting, Lunch was served and John Roberts showed slides of his most recent trip around the world.)

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Dianne Heath made a motion to approve minutes for the meeting held on June 11; Bud Herin seconded motion. The motion was carried.

**III. Citizen Participation:**

Marjorie McTaggart brought to the Board's attention concerns expressed by Oakbrook I and II residents regarding the difficulty pedestrians have crossing Stanford Road to get to the Mall. Marjorie also mentioned that benches are needed around the City. Jim Downey made a motion that a letter be drawn up and submitted to the City for the pedestrian crossing and benches, Jim will write the letter. Motion carried.

TRIAD, City of Fort Collins and Natural Resources are working together for the car care and safety program this fall. The problem is finding a parking lot large enough to hold the event. Montgomery Ward's parking lot would be good, however, no one knows who owns it. Alternative fuel will be shown. The day will be the last Saturday in September. Sponsors are still needed.

**IV. Mayor Ray Martinez:**

Bud Herin complimented the Mayor for the pedestrian crossing stripes on Mason three days after being notified. The Mayor suggested that when writing a letter of concerns, it should be sent to him and he will pass the information along.

Mayor met with the Parkwood Estate residents in the last month. The residents mentioned they would like to host an SAB meeting.

The Mayor asked for the top priority of the Senior Advisory Board. Eileen Hendee said bus service to the PVHS Harmony Campus. John Roberts indicated that Transfort canceled bus service to the south/east part of the city two years ago, just before the opening of the campus. This prevents seniors from getting to that facility. Social Security Office has recently moved to Timberline and Horsetooth area. Mayor Martinez said the reason the route was cut was because no one was using it. An evaluation will be needed. He also reminded the Board when a bus route is added the cost is \$350,000.00. Mayor Martinez feels that the hospital needs to be a participant in meeting the transportation needs.

The Mayor feels that services will be effected due to budget cuts (such as City employment and benefits).

Dianne Heath stated that the City should acknowledge that there is an aging population in the City. The City needs to be aware and plan for the future with an aging citizenry. This would assist the City in doing things such as timing red lights so those pedestrians can cross streets safely.

The Mayor will do a presentation in July at the Senior Center. He encouraged inviting seniors.

**V. Guest Speaker – Mary Waring – presentation from North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization.**

**VI. Correspondence:**

Kay Rios – Catholic Charities Northern received a 46% cut from United Way. A Walk-A-Thon will be held July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7a.m. Kay asked the SAB to host the breakfast at the Walk-A-Thon. 250 people are expected. Everyone agreed to make a donation of \$20.00 each. Volunteers are needed for the event.

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Schedule of Outreach Meetings**

1. July 9 at Parklane Towers – An interactive time with the Parklane residents with refreshments will be held before a brief business meeting.
2. September 10<sup>th</sup> – Parkwood Estates – Eileen Hendee will make arrangement
3. October 8<sup>th</sup> – Senior Center with Senior Center Council and Senior Center members. Lunch will be served for SAB and Senior Center Council before other seniors arrive so that the groups can discuss common concerns. The SAB will then hold a brief meeting.
4. Wheeler Commercial would like to give a presentation at the August meeting about the possibility of swapping land with the City.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. Reviewed questionnaire prepared to submit to City Council for evaluation of the Senior Advisory Board. Everyone agreed it was very well done. John Roberts made a motion to approve; Bud Herin seconded the motion. Barbara will submit to Council.
- B. Bridging the Gap – Jim Downey reported that plans are moving ahead. The Luncheon will be held Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Board members need to be available to help with event. The committee has compiled an updated list of invitees.
- C. Report on cross walk on Mason Street – Bud Herin reported that the work has been done. City responded very quickly and did a nice job.
- D. 211 Discussion – Mike Buderus did not contact the office. Jim Downey will find out price for magnets. John Roberts would like SAB to distribute magnets at the Homecoming Parade to publicize the service. He would also suggest a sponsor cover the cost of the magnets.
- E. 2003 Work Plan review
  1. Dianne Heath attended the Coloradoan First Night. At the event, Dianne tried to emphasize senior issues; however, the advertisers are still gearing toward the 25- 40-year-old purchaser. Whenever there is a senior that is doing something special, it needs to be brought to the attention of the Coloradoan. Most of the time they will interview them.
  2. Jim Downey suggests getting a Thumbs Up program recognizing a senior whom has done something special.

**IX. Liaison Reports**

- A. Bud Herin reported from Senior Center Council: Senior Health and Fitness Day was a very successful event. On July 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Boomer Dance at the Senior Center.

- B. John Roberts reported that United Way is taking a lot of criticism because they appear to be making decision about programs they want rather than requests. They are adding more smaller organizations. Dean Miller feels that Catholic Charities Northern did not present their case well enough to be competitive in the contest particularly because of the large increase of the request. However, they still received a substantial amount of money. It was suggested that rather than giving to United Way you should give the money directly to the organization you want the contribution to go.
- C. Chris Bartlet reported that Meals on Wheels received more funding than was expected.
- D. Jim Downey reported that CCERAP will have a meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> on the Older American Act.
- E. Dianne Heath will not be at the July & August meetings.
- F. Dean Miller reported that VOA, Office on Aging will focus on and target low income minority, rural, frail, and socially isolated seniors. There will probably be some changes with congregate meal programs such as eliminating one day a week at some locations.
- G. Mike Buderus reported that the Larimer County Senior Network session will be Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Smith from Larimer County Options for Long Term Care and Mary Beth Hertsick from Maxim Home Health Services will be speaking on the topic of Medicaid Long-Term issues, primarily giving an overview of recent changes. They will be talking about the new ULTC form, new assessment responsibilities, new cost containment policies, new brief nursing rules, new rules affecting therapies and more.
- H. The Executive Committee will be the nominating committee.
- I. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary