

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES: MEETING Of April 5, 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
C. Dean Miller
John A. Smith
Chris Bartlett
John Roberts
Eileen Hendee

Excused Absence:

James Downey

Guest:

Kay Rios
Wayne Smart
Gordan Thibedeau

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson, Mike Buderus, called meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

John Smith made a motion to approve minutes for the meeting held on March 5; Bud Herin seconded motion. The motion was carried.

III. Citizen Participation:

None

IV. Guest Speaker:

Darren Gunn introduced the guest speaker, Gordan Thibedeau, with the Fort Collins Area of the United Way. Gordan explained the process for allocations for funding applications for United Way monies. Local volunteers make up the Board. Panels of volunteers evaluate proposals in five separate targeted areas: Health and wellness, Basic and emergency services, Seniors and the disabled, Youth, Self-sufficiency. The United Way Board believes that the senior population can be serviced in most service areas and are a very high priority.

In response to the questions relating to the funding for senior services through Catholic Community Charities Northern, the United Way believes that they funded the program appropriately. The United Way has funded Catholic Charities longer than any other local organization. Funding this year equaled support in the past. United Way believes that the appropriation of the funding received from United Way is an administrative choice by CCN. It was noted that the funded proposal was directed to the Mission program.

Senior Advisory Board members questioned Gordan on the process used to establish community priorities. The only reference to seniors in the plans presented linked the older with the disabled. This was of concern to the SAB.

Dean Miller will follow up with United Way to verify that the Board has an inclusive plan for services for seniors than was indicated at the meeting.

(NOTE: Kay Rios drafted response to the Senior Advisory Board:

“First, money was previously awarded to the agency rather than the program. That much is true. HOWEVER, CCN has always been up front with where the money was going. It was always listed on the front of the application and it showed that \$60,000 was going to senior services with approximately \$80,000 going to the Mission and Kitchen operation. Second, this year, when CCN was told they could not apply for senior programs, the applications went in for \$60,000 for the Mission and \$40,000 to operate the Kitchen. An additional \$40,000 was put in for emergency services. This had not been funded before although the need has been growing. So none of this money was aimed at senior services nor can it be used in that manner if granted since it will be specific to a program. Third, Gordan doesn't know that CCN will be funded at the same level since the allocations are only anticipated at the end of May. So how could he make that statement? Fourth, there isn't any extra money to shift anywhere. The money for senior services is just gone PERIOD. The emergency services money is badly needed for just that and, even if the amount of allocation is \$140,000 – it will go where it is granted.”)

III. Correspondence:

- A. An invitation for Board members was received from AARP to attend the AARP – Caring Conversations workshop that is scheduled to be held April 28th from 8a.m. to 12:30p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center. This event will focus on palliative care.

IV. New Business:

- A. 9 Health Fair

1. The 9 Health Fair will be held at the First Christian Church on April 11 and 12, 2003.
2. The SAB will share an informational table at the event with VOA.
3. The goal in participating is to have an opportunity to meet area residents and discuss their needs, ideas, and issues. Additionally, the Board will provide education and assistance by providing an assortment of written material detailing local resources.
4. Barbara Schoenberger will collect material and display apparatus. Mike Buderus will set up the information table and return unused material to the Senior Center.
5. Volunteer Schedule

April 11 – 7a.m. to 10a.m. – Mike Richardson/Dean Miller

10a.m. to 1p.m. – Mike Buderus/Chris Bartlett

April 12 – 7a.m. to 10a.m. – Dianne & Al Heath/John Roberts

- B. The Senior Advisory Board has been selected for review by City Council. A questionnaire was sent to the Board for completion. Mike Buderus provided a copy of the questionnaire to each member of the Board and asks that each member complete the form for deliberation at the May.
- C. Boards and Training for new members was held recently. Three of our Board members attended the session and reported that the information was very beneficial and the presentation was very good. feedback
- D. 2003 Bridging the Gap was discussed. Jim Downey was unable to be at meeting because of a court date. An initial planning meeting for Bridging the Gap will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at the Senior Center. The Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board will be hosts this year. Jim Downey will serve as chair for the event with assistance from Eileen. All members of the Board need to be involved so that the event is successful. Jim Downey recommended that it would be beneficial for new members such as Bud, Chris, Mike and John to attend the meeting. Bridging the Gap event will be September 26th.

V. Old Business:

- A. A copy of the letter sent to United Way from the Senior Advisory Board regarding Catholic Charities Northern funding was given to all members of the Board.
- B. Marcile N. Wood Award – A thank you note was received from Jo Thompson for her nomination.
- C. Human Relations Commission Award – Due to a miscommunication by committee members, a nomination was not submitted this year.
- D. John Fischbach, City Manager, requested 2004-2005 City Policy discussion recommendations from the Board. A draft response based on priorities established at the Work Session was presented to the Board. Members recommended that the response should include more specific information and be linked to proposals submitted for budget. Kay Rios suggested going back to look at priorities committed to Affordable Housing and also how Transportation will be impacting seniors. John Roberts volunteered to revise letter with Mike Buderus
- E. John Fischbach, City Manager also requested 2004-2005 Budget recommendations from the Board. The Board decided to link budget input to issues presented in the memo regarding City Policy discussions. The Board also asked that specific

information be included. John Roberts and Mike Buderus will complete the memo to be submitted.

- F. 2003 Work Plan Review was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.
- G. Tax Day Scramble Golf Tournament – Steve Budner is chair of the Tax Day Golf Tournament for the Friends of the Senior Center that will be held at the Mad Russian on Saturday, May 3. The committee needs assistance in locating donations for the event. Bags for the golfers require donations of 128; prize items need to be donated in groups of four; silent auction items can be single items. The Senior Advisory Board will get a team together for the event. Players will include Mike Buderus, Mike Richardson, John Roberts, and the manager from Parkwood Estates who is playing at Bud Herin's request.

VI. Liaison Reports (A draft liaison assignment sheet was distributed to the Board. Corrections will be made and distributed at the next meeting.)

- A. Aspen Club – Eileen Hendee reported that on May 6th Dr. Walter Bortz will speak at the Fort Collins Marriott from 3:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.
- B. Senior Center Council – Bud Herin reported that the first Boomer Dance will be held at the Senior Center April 19th.
- C. AARP – Dean Miller suggested that the goals need to be more attractive to a younger group and more concise.
- D. VOA/RSVP – Barbara Schoenberger reported that meetings are being held to discuss the local congregational meal program operated by VOA. Funding issues may lead to cutbacks in the program.

VII. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Executive Board will meet Monday, April 28th at 3:30p.m.
Next meeting will be on May 14th at 1:30p.m.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary