

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:**

Meeting held February 11, 2004

Chairperson – Michael G. Richardson – 970-215-5413

Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 970-224-6026

City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez, Mayor – 970-221-6506

Attendance:

Bud Herin
Sandra Gibson
Jeanette Namuth
Dianne Heath
C. Dean Miller
Eileen Hendee
John A. Smith
Marjorie McTaggart
Mike Richardson

Excused Absence:

Other Absence:

James Downey

Guests:

Kay Rios

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairperson, Mike Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. Citizen Participation - Kay Rios

Kay asked for time during the next Senior Advisory Board meeting for herself, Ernie Giron (Vice President for Catholic Charity Northern), Linn Dean (member of the Board) to discuss Senior Services Program: what is offered, current funding, and the Catholic Charity Walk-A-Thon.

Walk-A-Thon planning meeting will be held on February 20th at 8:30a.m. at Le Peep's, Kay invited anyone wanting to be involved. The walk will be July 17, 2004 at the Senior Center.

The Northern Catholic Charity will be holding a Valentine's Dance at the Senior Center February 14, 2004.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dianne Heath made a motion to accept the November minutes as written, Bud Herin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Corrections to January minutes are:

- ❖ Marjorie McTaggart did not understand all the abbreviations and asked for explanation.
- ❖ In section H, A2 should have been AZ for Arizona.
- ❖ Dean Miller brought up a correction under E, line c. same-se should read same-sex.
- ❖ Marjorie McTaggart reported section F, line 4 should read Senior Center activities. Jeanette Namuth made a motion to accept the January minutes as corrected. Bud Herin seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. Correspondence

Copy of letter sent by Jim Downey to Margo Karsten (President of PVH). Margo spoke at the AARP Chapter on January 15, 2004. She did such a good job that Jim invited her to speak at the Senior Advisory Board in May. She has agreed to speak.

IV. New Business

- A. March outreach at Aspen Club, March 5th, 5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dean Miller, Jeanette Namuth, and Mike Richardson will attend. Mike will make the presentation.
- B. Presentation Schedule
 - March 10 - Catholic Charities Northern Senior Services program presentation.
 - April 14 - Barbara Sarjeant - Will do a presentation on elderly people moving. Service help with problems that might occur when relocating i.e. remodeling etc.
 - May 12 - Margo Karsten, President, Poudre Valley Hospital (Older Americans Month).

- C. Capital Sales Tax Proposal – City Council requested that the SAB submit input on an inventory of capital projects which are in consideration for capital projects to be considered in the April 2005 Municipal Election. A committee of three people was formed to write the report. Dianne Heath offered her office; Eileen Hendee, and Mike Richardson will meet with Dianne to do this project. Steve Budner will be asked to attend meeting
- D. Election of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson - Bud Herin nominated Mike Richardson for Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Mike was elected. Vice Chair nominations: Bud Herin nominated Dean Miller, he refused. John Smith and Bud Herin were nominated, John Smith refused. Bud Herin was elected as Vice Chair. Dean Miller will continue as Secretary.

V. Old Business

- A. Annual Report - Dean Miller did an excellent job on the annual report. Copies were distributed to all present.
- B. Letter to City re: property on Shields and Raintree - Dianne Heath. No answer has been received on the letter. Mike Richardson is going to set up a meeting with John Fischbach.
- C. Wheeler Realty Proposal - John Smith. John would like to attend the meeting with John Fischbach.
- D. Outreach plans - Collinwood - Dean Miller. Dean Miller will set up meeting. People will be responsible for paying for their own lunch.
- E. Retreat Follow-up (1½ hour time allotment) - Senior Advisory Board 2004 Work Plan is attached to minutes.
 - 1. Outreach
Presentations for outreach discussed and handout given to everyone.
 - 2. Advocacy
Discussed key Boards that would be effective liaison relationships.
 - 3. Communication/Coordination
Marjorie McTaggart would like to set up a column in the Senior Market Place; Dianne suggested using the Senior Voice. Mike suggested assigning jobs to different SAB members i.e. Thumbs Up etc. Dean Miller offered to write a Thumbs UP and submit it to the Coloradoan complimenting the Forum for covering senior issues. The executive committee will review letter. Dean would also be willing to meet with the editor.
Mike Richardson will be responsible for scheduling meetings with the mayor; Mike encouraged Board members to meet with their Council representative.
 - 4. Coordination/Education/Facilitation
Jim Downey and Jeanette Namuth will be in charge of Bridging the Gap Network Luncheon.
Dean Miller suggested that the group embark on a project to self educate on senior issues. He volunteered to assign each member a month to report to the Board about something they have read or learned about. Eileen will do report in March, Barbara volunteered for April, and Marjorie McTaggart will present in May.

John Smith volunteered three interns currently placed in his office to research other communities and/or states that have effective programs to meet the needs of senior citizens in those communities. We will use this information to identify programs and services of value and hope to identify issues that we may face now or in the future as our society ages.

The project to co-sponsor a plan or program with the Senior Center Council to increase utilization of the Senior Center will be delayed until September.

Dianne Heath, Jeanette Namuth, and Sandra Gibson will form a committee to develop a plan for a name change for the Senior Center to make it more attractive to a broader range of users.

Project to develop a broad-based forum on multiple topics to be taught regarding senior issues will be moved to 2005.

5. Transportation

John Smith will facilitate a "Bridging the Gap" meeting with all agencies that provide transportation for seniors to develop networking and identification of needs within our community.

Dial-A-Ride, Saint, and Smart Trips need to be protected.

Jeanette Namuth and John Smith will work as advocates for public transportation to the South and East quadrant of the metro area.

Bud Herin will work with identifying and resolving dangerous intersections for seniors.

At the end of the year, another "Annual Report" will be written. All Board members should track their activity for the Annual Report.

VI. Liaison Reports - The new Liaison assignments are attached.

TRIAD - Marjorie McTaggart. Non profit project is ready to go, just needs \$500.00.

Some suggestions were, United Way, local banks, community funding, Anheuser Busch. Mike suggested writing a Soap Box letter to the Coloradoan asking for money and telling the purpose.

Senior Center - Bud Herin. Moonlight and Roses, an annual event held at the Senior Center for couples married 50 years or longer, will be Saturday, February 28

VII A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dianne Heath and seconded by Marjorie McTaggart. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

❖ Executive Meeting Feb. 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

❖ Next meeting will be March 10, 2004.

Submitted by:

Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary