

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:
Meeting held August 11, 2004
Chairperson – Michael G. Richardson – 970-482-5731
Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 970-224-6026
City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez, Mayor – 970-221-6506

Attendance:

Sandra Gibson
Eileen Hendee
Dianne Heath
C. Dean Miller
Marjorie McTaggart
Mike Richardson
Bud Herin
Jim Downey
Don Wells

Excused Absence:

Jeanette Namuth

Other Absence:

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner
Steve Budner

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Mike Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Citizen Participation:

Ron Vaughn and Don Gorsuch gave a presentation for Oakridge Site Plan Senior Campus. This would be a community, in which you could own your own home. There would also be assisted living and a nursing facility. There would be 83 independent cottages. This community would be very walk able and handicapped accessible.

Eileen Hendee cited a conflict of interest and withdrew from discussion and voting on the issue.

Following discussion the Board voted unanimously to support the project.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** - Marjorie McTaggart made a correction to the liaison reports stating that the contact name for the Fort Collins Weekly was Greg Campbell not Craig. A motion was made by Don Wells to accept the minutes as corrected, Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

III. **Correspondence:**

- A. Report on letter from Interim City Manager by Dianne Heath. She attended the meeting held with Marty Heffernan concerning the feasibility of the City purchasing the land adjacent to the Senior Center to provide much needed parking. City Council has no intention to reopen this. However, two members of Council may not be there next year and this may change the atmosphere. This property was added to the proposed Senior Center expansion.

Steve Budner encouraged everyone to fill out a form telling how they would like money spent that may be generated from Building on Basics proposal. It is important to give this form to as many people as possible. Senior Center expansion is on the list of projects being considered. Marjorie suggested getting the Aspen Club involved in voting.

Dean Miller asked if members of the Senior Advisory Board could be advocates at the next Open House. Steve indicated that he would check and let the Board know. (Note: Steve later returned to the meeting and reported that no more open house opportunities had been scheduled.)

- B. Barbara explained how Choices 95 worked for building the existing Senior Center. A committee of community leaders were brought together who actually selected the projects that were then submitted to the City Council for the ballot. At the final selection meeting there were less than 100 seniors attending but this peer group convinced the committee to put the Senior Center in the proposal.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. Bylaws Revision Mike Richardson reported that no communication had been received from the Mayor's office regarding materials turned in two months ago.
- B. Name Change Committee Dianne Heath reported on the progress made by the subcommittee. Additionally Dianne had received a letter from a citizen, Robert Nelson, offering his services to repair a player piano for the Senior Center. Bud Herin will take letter to Senior Center Council for consideration.

Dianne read an article entitled "Who Are You Calling a Senior". The article describes the feelings many people have about the word "Senior". Senior means

old, frail, and needy to most people. People feel a senior is someone older than they are currently. We're not the only city struggling with this issue.

Donna Afflerbach offered to take all the surveys collected and organize the responses. She will then report back to the committee at the meeting on August 24th at 4:00 p.m. Donna broke the surveys down in to age groups with corresponding comments.

- C. Caring Hearts Walk-a-Thon Mike Richardson reported on the event which was held Saturday, July 17 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lots of food was bought and only ten people showed up. It was suggested that if the Catholic Charities is not going to get behind the event then the SAB shouldn't either. Left over donations will be deposited in to an account for the Christmas party.
- D. Bridging the Gap Network Luncheon Jim Downey reported on the upcoming event. Nominations are encouraged for an individual who has donated significantly to services for older persons in Larimer County.
- E. Chili Cook-off Assignments The Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, October 2. Eileen Hendee will head up the team assisted by Sandra Gibson, Jim Downey, and Dianne Heath.
- F. Cooks bags, Chili Cook-off Barbara Schoenberger reported that items are needed for the cooks' bags. Members of the Board should bring items to the September meeting.

V. **New Business**

- A. Election of Officers The nominating committee, which consisted of Jim Downey, Marjorie McTaggart and Mike Richardson, secured the following slate of officers: Dianne Heath for Chair, Bud Herin for Vice Chair and Marjorie McTaggart for Secretary. Bud Herin has agreed to Chair the first three meetings in Dianne's absence. Don Wells made a motion to accept the nominations, Dean Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Commendation by Dean Miller - Commended Dianne Heath and Marjorie McTaggart for the interview in the *Coloradoan* concerning the name change and, also, for the Soap Box written by Marjorie McTaggart.
- C. Resignation of Mike Richardson Jim Downey made a motion on behalf of the Board for commendation for Mike Richardson, Chairperson. Everyone agreed. Mike Richardson read his resignation letter. Don Wells commended Mike for his ability to keep the Board in focus. Barbara presented Mike with a Chili Cook-Off Plaque for People's Choice.
- D. Joint meeting of SAB/Senior Center Council This meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 8 beginning with luncheon served at 12:00 noon. Senior Center members are invited to address the group from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- E. Oakridge Site Plan Dean Miller will write a letter to the Planning and Zoning for the Board supporting the Oakridge Site Plan.
- F. The Executive committee will write a letter to City Council for the Board supporting the inclusion of the Senior Center expansion project in Building on Basics proposal.

VI. Liaison reports

1. Dean Miller reported on the Larimer County Office on Aging. The Legislative Breakfast will be held September 24th at 7:30 a.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center. The Nutrition Committee has been asked to deal with cuts in Senior Nutrition.
2. Bud Herin reported that the Friends of the Senior Center will host the annual Cemetery Crawl on September 18th at 10a.m. and 1:30p.m. at Grandview Cemetery. Glenn Miller 100th Birthday Celebration will be held on Tuesday, September 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also at the Senior Center will be the annual celebration of Grandparents Day, September 12 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Summer Picnic held in August at City Park was a very successful.
3. Don Wells reported on the Commission on Disabilities. The last three months they have been spending their time on the location and number of disabled parking slots. The biggest issue has been double-parking.

VII. Other Business

1. Barbara Schoenberger inquired if any one had heard why Margo Kastner missed the SAB meeting. A member of the Board will call her office to find out if the meeting will be rescheduled. Item will be placed on next month's agenda.

VIII. Adjourn - Sandra Gibson made a motion to adjourn meeting. Bud Herin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, August 30th at 3:00 p.m. at Dianne Heath's office at 318 Canyon.

Next Senior Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 8, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive.

Submitted by:

Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary

Mike Richardson, Chairperson

Dean Miller, Secretary