

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:

Meeting held October 13, 2004

Chairperson – Dianne Wireman-Heath - 970-498-4006

Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 970-224-6026

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

Attendance:

Sandra Gibson
Dean Miller
Marjorie McTaggart
Bud Herin
Jim Downey
Don Wells
Jeanette Namuth
Eileen Hendee

Excused Absence:

Dianne Heath

Guest:

Edward Ronwin
Kay Rios

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Steve Budner
Ingrid Decker

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Bud Herin called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. A quorum was present.

Public Participation: Steve Budner, Adult Recreation Administrator addressed the SAB regarding current issues from the Office on Aging. County is going through budget cuts for the year 2005 and budget hearings will be scheduled in the near future. One of the cuts identified is the Larimer County Senior Tax Work-off program. Open to workers 60 years of age, eligible seniors are compensated at a rate of \$6.00/hr. by the department that hires them. They can work off up to \$300.00 of their property tax. In 2004 the Senior Tax Program had 109 applications. Due to resource limitations, the County was only able to hire 63 of

the eligible seniors who worked 3, 143 hours. This budget is scheduled to be cut completely.

Steve Budner also spoke to issues of the Senior Center Expansion. The concern of City Council is if they let one board have an opportunity to be on agenda to talk about BOB, they will have to let every board come to talk about it. The Council believes that this would take up too much of their time. It was decided in the Leadership Planning Meeting (Mayor Martinez, Diane Jones, Darin Atteberry, and Steve Roy) to allow the Senior Advisory Board to come to the November 30th study session. Board representatives will not be allowed to sit at the table or speak about BOB. If members want to speak to Council they can do so at any regularly scheduled Council meeting during the public citizen participation portion that BOB is not being discussed. BOB will not be on their regular Council meeting agenda until Feb. 1st. Steve's recommendation to the Board is to try to go once, twice, several times to the Council meetings prior to that November study session.

Edward Ronwin, retired professor and frequent user of CSU facilities, address the Board about the current issues of parking at CSU. He supports the return of free parking for senior citizens and disabled persons at CSU. He asked for the support of SAB in his work to secure this privilege. Jim Downey and other members of SAB agreed with Edward that parking is a problem on the campus and this is something that will be put on the agenda in the future.

Kay Rios spoke to the Board about Dial-A-Ride. The budget for Dial-A-Ride is over by more than \$100,000.00 this year. One or two people have been cut from riding each day. This decision was made without contacting anyone. The Dial-A-Ride Advisory meeting is held the first Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. (next meeting will be November 4) at Catholic Charities Northern. Kay suggested it would be good to have a member at these meetings.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Marjorie McTaggart that the September 8th minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Namuth. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

Invitation was sent to SAB members for the Boards and Commission Appreciation Reception. The reception will be held on Wednesday, November 10th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Canyon West Room of the Lincoln Center. RSVP's are required by October 29th.

Friends of the Senior Center Wine & Cheese Social will be held at the Senior Center, Thursday October 28th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP by calling the Senior Center. The intent of the event is to encourage membership in the Friends.

IV. Old Business

- A. Bylaws Revision Update - Dianne Heath reported that she gave a letter to Barbara Schoenberger. Bud did some calling and asked Mayor Martinez to go over the letter and attachment that was sent to him. The letter was written and signed by Mike Richardson and the attachment is a modification of section 2-398. It was decided to change the wording to more accurately reflect what the Senior Advisory Board actually does. Ingrid Decker with the City Attorney's office helped with the modification. Mayor Martinez sent a letter requesting additional information. Following discussion, Marjorie McTaggart made a motion that Barbara Schoenberger review the tape of the June 9th meeting. The information from that tape will be used at the executive committee meeting to reply to the letter. Motion was carried. Information will be sent to Ingrid Decker.
- B. Name Change Committee - Bud Herin reported that the subcommittee voted 7 to 1 to recommend that Senior Advisory Board recommend a name change to City Council for the Senior Center. Recommendations of names were also given. A report from subcommittee chair, Dianne Heath, was read. A suggestion was made to wait until after the election & BOB to present this issue to City Council. A motion was made to table the name change until March of 2005. An amendment to the motion made by Marjorie McTaggart was the February meeting. Don Wells second the amended motion and the motion was carried.
- C. Bridging the Gap - Jeanette Namuth and Jim Downey reported that it was very well attended event and that participants reported that they enjoyed the experience very much. A discussion was held as to whether it should remain at the Budweiser complex or move to another facility. Barbara suggested choosing the committee for next year soon because of such a large undertaking. Final report of the 2004 event will be given at the next meeting.
- D. Sundance Bluegrass Festival and Chili Cook-Off - Eileen Hendee said it was fun and the SAB team won an award. Barbara Schoenberger reported that numbers were down for the event this year but that it does appear that we broke even.
- E. Planning and Zoning Meeting report - Dean Miller- Harmony Corridor the Planning and Zoning Board voted 5 to 2 in support. Part of the proposed project is consistent in needs for guideline in development of that area. The 2 votes against it felt it was not in keeping with the spirit of the intent of the overall development. There was an argument that where the center is to build is not a prime location for any business. Dean feels this is an issue that is still going to meet some resistance; however, they were given a green light to go ahead with the development of architectural planning for this development.
- F. Letter to City Council re: Building on Basics - Bud Herin - Council meeting October 19th needs 2 members of SAB at that meeting. Bud Herin & Don Wells will attend the meeting on the 19th. Nov. 16th will be Jim Downey & Marjorie McTaggart and Dec. 7th will be Dean Miller (maybe) if not Bud Herin.

Bud encouraged members to contact their City Council representative telling them why SAB is interested in BOB.

- G. Margo Karsten follow-up - Jim Downing - Jim has not received a call back. SAB is interested in inviting Margo to talk about transportation to the Harmony Campus.

V. **New Business**

- A. Work Plan - 2005 (and planning session) - Don Wells made a motion to have a work plan 2005 session Nov. 4th from 1 to 4 p.m. followed with a wine social from 4 to 5:30pm with the Mayor and City Council. Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.
- B. Outreach meeting in November at Spring Creek- Bud Herin - Bud will confirm with administrator about lunch. If administrator clears it everyone will be at lunch.
- C. Holiday Social on December 8th will be at Eileen Hendee's house at 4pm. Motion was made by Jeanette Namuth and seconded by Sandra Gibson to cancel the December SAB meeting. Motion was carried.

VI. **Liaison reports**

- 1. Sandra Gibson- Affordable Housing - The single thing that affects the cost of housing is the cost of land. This issue (as well as many others) will be on the agenda for the City Council retreat scheduled for Nov. 5th and 6th.
- 2. Eileen Hendee - Aspen Club - Flu vaccines are the biggest concern right now. Aspen Club has received many calls concerning shots.
- 3. Jim Downey - AARP - October 21st AARP is taking over the senior center for a free conference on identity theft and frauds. This is a free conference with brunch and lunch being served.
- 4. Marjorie McTaggart - TRIAD - The crime prevention officer, who is on the board, has ordered 1,000 telephone stickers. These stickers will remind you that after you call 911 to flick on your emergency switch so emergency responders can get to you as fast as possible. TRIAD is also involved with the AARP conference.

Office on Aging - Diane Stalnake is the new director of VOA in Fort Collins. In the Office on Aging minutes it stated that the "RSVP & Handyman program have resigned". This is not true.

- 5. Bud Herin - Experience England event was cancelled due to insufficient registration.

VII. **Other Business**

Dean Miller - One of Dean's interest is to look at and develop different plans for aging. Dean has the materials developed and would be willing to have a table, get some help to make a poster, and quiz Council persons individually about their plans for aging. It would be an attempt to introduce them to some information they might not be aware of. It would also open a door that would suggest there is an ongoing need for everyone to become better informed about aging. This booth would be set up for the first time during the meeting with the Mayor and City Council. A motion was made and seconded for Dean to do this, the motion carried.

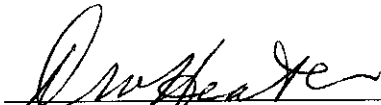
Marjorie McTaggart - The writing project that has been going on most of the year, The Anthology of Students Stories is at the printers and is to be published as a book by the middle of November. A book release party is being planned.

Adjourn – Motion was made by Jeanette Namuth and seconded by Marjorie McTaggart. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned


Submitted by:



Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary



Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson



Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary