

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

Meeting held September 8, 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
Dianne Heath
C. Dean Miller
Marjorie McTaggart
Bud Herin
Jim Downey
Don Wells
Jeanette Namuth

Excused Absence:

Eileen Hendee

Guest:

Carol Rutledge
Alyce Eckley
Chris Bartlett
Stan Ulrich
Addie Moellenhoff
Gordon Miller
Steve Dietemann
John Pfeiffenberger
Members of the Fort Collins Senior Center

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner
Steve Budner

Prior to the Senior Advisory Board meeting, the Senior Center Council and Senior Advisory Board met for a joint luncheon. Members of the Fort Collins Senior Center were invited to comment from 1:00p.m. to 1:30p.m.

Public participation comments included:

- ❖ Several concerns were stated about available parking at the Senior Center.
- ❖ In response to the concern that students park in the Senior Center lot and board buses to ride to the CSU campus, the suggestion was made to reverse the route so

that the bus comes from CSU rather than to CSU. Don Wells will follow up with the citizen who made the recommendation.

- ❖ Dean Miller explained why it is so important to lobby City Council to include an expansion to the Senior Center as part of the Building on Basics capital expansion proposal.
- ❖ Responding to inquiries, Dianne Heath explained why the Senior Advisory Board was exploring the possibility of changing the name of the Senior Center and the benefits that may be derived.

I. Call Meeting to Order:

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

II. Citizen Participation:

Presentation by Kay Rios about the Catholic Charities Walk-a-Thon. She asked the Senior Advisory Board's opinion about why they believed people were not supporting Catholic Charities and their Walk-a-Thon. Kay also asked if a Board member would consider serving on the Walk-a-Thon committee. Dianne Heath responded that the Executive Board had discussed SAB's part in the Walk-a-Thon and questioned continued involvement in the event. Dianne stated that she believes these decisions should be made by the Board as a whole. She also asked if the committee had selected the right venue since there are so many walks already. Other suggestions were made for the committee to consider. Dianne suggested that Kay return to the Board when a decision is made on what venue they will be taking and ask for SAB's support at that time.

III. Approval of Minutes

Margaret Long, Office on Aging, e-mailed corrections to the last minutes: Legislative Breakfast is Friday, September 10th at 7a.m. and the date for Bridging the Gap is missing which is September 24th. Don Wells made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Bud Herin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

IV. Correspondence:

No correspondence was received by the Board.

V. Old Business

- A. Bylaws Revision Update - Dianne Heath reported that no communication had been received about the suggested changes.
- B. Name Change Committee - Dianne Heath reported the committee will meet on the 28th of September at 4 p.m. at the Senior Center. Survey results were included in the Board folder.
- C. Bridging the Gap - Jeanette Namuth and Jim Downey attended the August planning meeting. A bus will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. for those attending the meeting.
- D. Sundance Bluegrass Festival and Chili Cook-Off - Eileen Hendee asked that a planning meeting be scheduled. The committee will meet on Tuesday, September

21st at Dianne's office. Barbara reminded everyone to bring items for the Cooks Bags.

- E. Planning and Zoning Meeting report - Dean Miller- Item tabled to next month's meeting.
- F. Letter to City Council re: Building On Basics - Bud Herin reported that Karen Bryner typed some of the letters prepared by members of the Board. Dean Miller read a cover letter he had drafted to send to City Council for approval from the Board. Marjorie McTaggart made a motion to accept the letter; Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed. The letter and the rest of the packet will be sent to City Council advocating expansion of the Senior Center. Personal letters written by other members will be attached. Additional discussion ensued about the Building on Basics proposal. The Board determined that users and members of the Senior Center would be asked to sign a petition urging City Council to include the Senior Center expansion in the Building on Basics proposal. Board members volunteered to circulate petitions and turn them in to the City Clerk's Office prior to the Council meeting.

VI. **New Business**

- A. Senior Issue - Dianne Heath introduced her husband, Al Heath. Al is a psychiatric social worker at Larimer Center for Mental Health. The question posed was, "What gets in the way of fully enjoying life?" Al Heath gave a report on depression and how those people with depression can be helped. Board members were also given interesting statistics on the effects of depression on older adults, and a variety of handouts about depression.
- B. Recruiting information for Boards and Commissions - Fliers were placed in each Board member's folder. Barbara Schoenberger encouraged each Board member to distribute the information effectively.
- C. Senior issue report in November will be presented by Jim Downey.
- D. Outreach meeting in November at Spring Creek - Bud Herin reported that the SAB is welcome to eat lunch in a private room. Everyone agreed there would be more interactions with the residents if we eat lunch with them. Bud will check to see if it would be possible for SAB members to be scattered among the residents during lunch.

VII. **Liaison reports**

- 1. James Downey - AARP will be meeting October 11th to receive an update on legislation from 2003 and predictions for 2004. AARP Conference on "Identity - Safe/Fraud" will be held October 21st from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The conference will be open to the public, and will include breakfast and lunch. Speakers from law enforcement, DA & Attorney General's office will be featured.
- 2. Bud Herin reported that the Friends of the Senior Center will host the annual Cemetery Crawl on September 18th at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery. Glenn Miller 100th Birthday Celebration will be held on Tuesday, September 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also at the Senior Center will be the annual celebration of Grandparents Day, September 12 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The Summer Picnic held in August at City Park was a very successful. Chili Cook-

Off will be Saturday, October 2nd at the Senior Center. Bridging the Gap will be Friday, September 24th at the Ranch.

3. Don Wells reported on the Commission on Disabilities. The last three months the Commission has been spending their time on the location and number of disabled parking spots. The biggest issue has been double-parking. The Commission is pressing the City to come up with a sign on all the handicapped spaces limiting one vehicle per space.
4. Office on Aging - Dean Miller reported that a new position has been established titled Application Assistant. The State Auditing system is very under funded and, therefore, it has been seventeen years since the Office on Aging has been audited.

VIII. Other Business

1. Dianne received a thank you note from the Oakbridge Group for SAB's support.

IX. Adjourn - Bud Herin made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned; Marjorie McTaggart seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 22 at 3 p.m. at Dianne Heath's office at 318 Canyon.

Next Senior Advisory Board meeting will be held on October 13, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive.

Submitted by:


Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary


Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson


Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary