

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

Meeting held June 9, 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  
Jeanette Namuth  
Dianne Heath  
C. Dean Miller  
Marjorie McTaggart  
Mike Richardson  
Bud Herin  
Jim Downey  
Eileen Hendee  
John Smith  
Don Wells

**Excused Absence:**

**Other Absence:**

**Guests:**

Myron Hora - CDOT  
Dixie Schmatz - NPRMPO  
Ingrid Decker, Assistant City Attorney  
Marjorie Joy – NPRMPO  
Kay Rios

**Liaison:**

Ray Martinez, Mayor

**Staff:**

Barbara Schoenberger  
Karen Bryner

Lunch was served prior to a presentation given by John Roberts, a former SAB member, of his recent trip around the world.

**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairperson Mike Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**II. Introduction of Guests:**

- ❖ Marjorie Joy - NPRMPO
- ❖ Myron Hora - CDOT
- ❖ Dixie Schmatz - NPRMPO
- ❖ Ingrid Decker, Assistant City Attorney
- ❖ Kay Rios

**III. Citizen Participation**

- ❖ A special presentation was given by Marjorie Joy with the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization on transportation projects that are being considered in this area. The Board was given the opportunity to provide feedback. A series of open meetings is planned for the communities involved.
- ❖ Kay Rios reminded the group they agreed to be responsible for the breakfast station for the "Caring Hearts Walkathon" on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. There is also a sleepwalk category this year which will cost \$25.00. All money goes to Catholic Charities.

- IV. Approval of Minutes** - Bud Herin found some verbs and punctuation missing leaving incomplete sentences. Don Wells reported that he had informed the Board that he would be unable to attend the May meeting. His status at that meeting should be changed from Other Absence to Excused Absence. Jeanette Namuth made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

**V. Correspondence:**

- A. A note from Barbara Serjeant thanking the Board for giving her the opportunity to inform the Board of the services that are provided by Move Eaze.

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Bridging the Gap Network Luncheon - Jim Downey and Jeanette Namuth - No new report.
- B. Bylaws Revision - Mike Richardson - City Clerk's office asked Ingrid Decker, Assistant City Attorney to review and update SAB bylaws. During this review she

became aware that the Code defining the SAB charge and the bylaws of the SAB are inconsistent. This is not allowable. Following some discussion, it became apparent that the SAB believes that the existing Code exceeds their definition of the role and function of the Board. The Board suggests the following wording:

1. To serve as a supporting agency for senior citizen services and activities in Fort Collins;
2. To publicize and support present senior citizen services and activities in the community;
3. To investigate and make recommendations regarding new senior citizen services and activities;
4. To encourage new senior citizen programs as need is indicated, and when appropriate, participate in the planning and development of such programs if asked to do so;
5. To encourage and support wide opportunities for more meaningful and useful participation of senior citizens in community activities and programs;
6. To establish and maintain communication with local, state and national groups and government agencies concerning senior citizens;
7. To advocate policies and practices within the community that concern the needs and interests of senior citizens;
8. To work to dispel stereotypes about aging through education and awareness activities.

Motions were made and seconded to accept these. In order to make changes to the Code, the changes need to be presented to the City Council through the SAB Liaison. Ingrid will work with Mike Richardson and they will send the recommendations to Mayor Martinez. Based on the results of that process, the bylaws will be reviewed.

- C. Chili Cookoff Team Selection - Mike asked for four volunteers to be a part of the chili cooking team. The event will be held on Saturday, October 2 at the Senior Center. Those that volunteered are Eileen Hendee, Don Wells, Jeanette Namuth. Barbara reminded the Board that there is a cost involved in participating. All donations should be voluntary.
- D. Research of Other Communities - John Smith will address this in other business.
- E. Senior Health and Fitness Day Athletic Achievement Award - Barbara Schoenberger and Eileen Hendee reported that it was a wonderful event with 160-170 people in attendance. Sixty-five people were nominated. Fifteen awards were given. It is projected that the award program this will become a regular part of the annual celebration.
- F. Name Change Committee - Dianne Heath reported that the committee met June 8<sup>th</sup>; it was unanimous to proceed with the process to gather information from the community whether or not they are willing to change the name. A survey has been developed for volunteers to take to various groups at the Senior Center and to present at special events. It is important to present the surveys with a talk explaining why a name change is being considered.
- G. Report on Letter to City Manager - Mike Richardson reported that no response was received before John Fischbach resigned. Mike read the letter he has written that he and Dianne Heath will sign to send to Darin Atteberry, interim City Manager, on behalf of the Board.

H. Human Relations Commission Awards Breakfast - Dean Miller reported that congratulations were in order for Jim Downey (AARP) for nominating Lou Lockman, who won the award for the senior category. Senior Advisory Board was not selected as an award winner. Mike Richardson read the names of other winners and remarked that it was a very successful event. Jim reminded board members to think of whom they want to nominate next year.

**VII. New Business**

- A. City Boards and Commission Manual - Minutes Section - Mike Richardson tabled the discussion until next month. Everyone is to read pages 17, 18, & 19 of the Boards and Commission Manual for next meeting.
- B. Verify attendance for July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> meetings - There will be a quorum for these meetings. Mike Richardson would like to know as early as possible if you not able to be at meetings.

**VIII. Liaison reports**

1. Transportation - Jeanette Namuth reported on recent Coloradoan articles on transportation.
2. Media interaction was reported by Marjorie McTaggart. Marjorie was interviewed on the radio (KRFC) about the current anthology project at the Senior Center.
3. Marjorie McTaggart reported that the VOA is currently sponsoring a cool-down Colorado project - window fans have been donated for seniors who need them. A real estate company will deliver and place in the home.
4. TRIAD - Marjorie McTaggart reported emergency switches are still available. Also available are pendants that are worn around the neck. In case of an emergency there is a pre-set 911 number, but there is no way for emergency services to call back. This will be investigated.
5. Sandra Gibson reported that there is a new senior development being built. They are in the process of getting it re-zoned. The development will be a combination of assisted living plus cottages.
6. Dean Miller showed the cover letter regarding information on K. Dychtwald's book being sent to the Mayor.
7. Jim Downey reported that Hospice is doing a tennis tournament to raise money on June 22, 2004. Registrations must be in by the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**IX. Other Business**

- A. Volunteers are needed for the Catholic Charities Walk-a-thon breakfast station on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Sandra Gibson, Mike Richardson, Don Wells, and Karen Bryner volunteered to assist.
- B. Barbara suggested the secretary send a thank you note to John Roberts.

X. **Adjourn** - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Don Wells and seconded by Dianne Heath. Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Executive meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary

  
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Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson

  
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Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary