

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:
Meeting held January 12, 2005
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
Carol Cowan
Dianne Heath

Excused Absence:

Heather Heafer

Guest:

Kevin Unger, Poudre Valley Hospital
Margo Karsten, Poudre Valley Hospital
Kathy Collier, Smart Trips
Karen Schneiders, Transfort

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:**
Chairperson Dianne Heath called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**

A correction (typo) to the minutes (November 10, 2004) was made by Dianne Heath. A motion was made by Sandra Gibson that the minutes be approved as corrected; the motion was seconded by Bud Herin. Motion approved unanimously.

III. **Correspondence:**

A letter was sent to the Senior Advisory Board by Dr. Ronwin concerning his conversation with the Board at the November meeting. Discussion was held regarding the CSU parking issue. A letter has been drafted to Dr. Ronwin by Dean Miller in response to his request. The letter denies support of Dr. Ronwin's request. (Note: according to the November minutes Don Wells, Marjorie McTaggart and Dean Miller were to draft a letter to CSU asking for more information on the issue.) Marjorie McTaggart made a motion that the information be sent to the City Attorney, Kraig Ecton, to review the information and the draft letter prior to response. Jeanette Namuth seconded the motion. The motion passed. Don Wells asked for a roll call vote to indicate position on the issue. All voted no except Jim Downey who voted yes. Staff support will send information to Kraig.

- IV. **Presentation by Margo Karsten, Poudre Valley Hospital – Accompanying Ms. Karsten** was Kevin Unger of Poudre Valley Hospital, Kathy Collier of Smart Trips and Karen Schneiders of Transfort. Rather than making a presentation the guests asked for input from the Board about the issue of transportation to the Harmony Campus. Kathy Collier distributed folders with information about a survey and plan that was previously developed but never implemented due to a fund shortage. A suggestion was made that a voucher system be implemented for older adults and/or disabled persons for Dial-A-Ride. These vouchers would be paid by Poudre Valley and would provide service for regularly scheduled appointments. Additionally the Board suggested that the application process be waived when illness or injury preclude the possibility of the regular process. The Board endorses regular bus service to the Harmony Campus. However, according to the representatives, this service will not be implemented until 2008. The Board also encouraged the use of smaller vehicles whenever possible (Dial-A-Ride and Transfort) and the continued support of SAINT with volunteer drivers and dollars. The representatives of Poudre Valley Hospital will return in two months with a status report.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. Develop the Action Plan from the 2005 Work Plan – Outreach meetings were discussed: Marjorie McTaggart contacted the VOA Sanctuary Apartments for the SAB meeting in March. There is a conference room where the meeting would be held. The residents will be invited to attend. Bud Herin will contact Oakbrook I & II. September 14th will be the outreach meeting with Senior Council. Marjorie will also contact the North College Mobile Home Park to see if SAB could meet there November 9th. Sandra Gibson will contact Reflections to find possibilities for outreach.

May 11 is the tentative date for the Wine and Cheese Social with City Council.

December 14th will be a social event at Dianne Heath's house.

Work Plan will be completed in the February meeting.

- B. Bylaws Revision Update - Bud Herin reported the bylaws revision is complete. January 4th the City Council approved the final reading of the section in the code to be changed.
- C. Report on Building on Basics - Bud Herin reported that the Building on Basics package will be put on hold until after the April election to see the results of the grocery tax initiative.
- D. Grocery Tax Repeal – Bud Herin reported as follow up that he believes that the repeal of grocery tax will negatively impact seniors. The cuts may effect transportation, affordable housing, social services, libraries, museums, and recreation (senior center). He encouraged the Senior Advisory Board to advocate against the repeal. He would like to get information from the City and place an ad in the newspaper just before the election (late March or early April). Dianne suggested that the ad could be funded with voluntary contributions. Bud will explore costs for an ad. Additionally he will meet with the President of the Friends of the Senior Center, Stephanie Goes, to see if the Friends would join in. He also will talk to the Senior Center Council. Bud encouraged Board members to call their appropriate Council representative to discuss the initiative. The issue will be placed on the February agenda for further discussion.
- E. Bridging the Gap - Jeanette Namuth and Jim Downey are taking the lead on this year's event. Jeannette contacted the Lincoln Center for information. September 23rd is not available; however, September 30th is available. Two rooms will have to be rented, one is \$358.00 and the other is \$247.00. One room will be for the banquet and one for the booths. This price includes tables and chairs. The Senior Center is also available. It was decided to hold Bridging the Gap at the Lincoln Center on September 30. Jeanette will proceed to finalize arrangements. Planning meetings will be held at the Fort Collins Senior Center the third Wednesday of each month beginning with February 16.

V. **New Business**

- A. 2004 Annual Report - All reports need to be turned into Dean Miller. The officers will meet January 21st at 2:30 p.m. at Dianne's office to finalize the Annual Report.

VI. **Liaison reports**

- A. Marjorie McTaggart has been invited to sit on the Advisory Committee to help develop a monthly program for seniors on channel 27. The goal is to have a pilot show ready by May and possibly start regular airing in September.
- B. Commission on Status of Women - Marjorie McTaggart received their work plan for 2005 and reported that there was no reference to senior women. The Commission is trying to change their name.

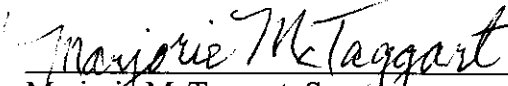
VII. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by proclamation of chair, Dianne Heath.

Submitted by:


Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary


Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson


Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary