

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

Meeting held February 9, 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
Don Wells
Jeanette Namuth
Dianne Heath
Peggy McGough

Excused Absence:

Unexcused Absence:

James Downey
Heather Heifer
Carol Cowan

Guest:

Ingrid Decker, City Attorney
Kraig Ecton, City Attorney

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Barbara Schoenberger
Karen Bryner
Steve Budner

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 to the January minutes was made by Sandra Gibson. The names of people who made the motion to hold Bridging the Gap at the Lincoln Center were not in the

minutes. Jeanette Namuth made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, as read. Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

III. **Correspondence:**

Marcile Wood Award - The date to submit a name had passed.

IV. **Old Business**

- A. Develop the Action Plan from the 2005 Work Plan –
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
2005 WORK PLAN

The Board agreed to focus on the following in 2005:

- a) Building on Basics***
- b) Senior Center Name and 10th Anniversary Celebration***
- c) Transportation Issues for seniors***

I. ACTIVITY	<u>HOW IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED</u>	<u>WHO/WHEN</u>
<p align="center">II. I. OUTREACH</p> <p>Schedule quarterly off-site meetings at a location where older adults live or congregate so that the Board can get information about issues, concerns, ideas that the constituency may have. The Board will also inform older adults at these sessions about the activities of the SAB.</p>	<p>March – Sanctuary</p> <p>June - Oakbrook I & II</p> <p>Sept.-Senior Cntr</p> <p>Nov. - 1601 N. College</p> <p>Reflections - on hold</p>	<p>Marjorie McTaggart</p> <p>Bud Herin</p> <p>Bud Herin</p> <p>Marjorie McTaggart Sandra Gibson</p>
<p>III. Participate in community activities that impact and/or involve older adults to support agencies and organizations that provide service for older adults, get input regarding senior needs, and provide education regarding the Senior Advisory Board and its mission. These events may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of the Senior Center events including the Sundance Bluegrass Festival and Chili Cook-Off 2. Bridging the Gap Network Luncheon 3. Senior Center 10th Anniversary celebration 		<p>Don Wells, Dianne & Al Heath, Bud Herin - Oct. 8th</p> <p>Jim Downey & Jeanette Namuth = Sept. 30th @ Lincoln Center</p> <p>All SAB June 17th @ 10a.m.</p>
<p>Develop relationships with other boards and commissions, organizations and agencies that deal with areas important to aging citizens. Among these will be:</p> <p>Affordable Housing Board Commission on Disability Human Relations Commission Commission on Status of Women Transportation Board Senior Council Office on Aging</p>		<p>Sandra Gibson Don Wells Dianne Heath Marjorie McTaggart Jeanette Namuth Peggy & Jeanette Dean Miller</p>
<p><u>II. ADVOCACY</u></p> <p>A. Actively support B.O.B. tax initiative and work to include the expansion of the Senior Center in</p>		<p>Bud Herin</p>

the package.		
B. Work with the Transportation Board to keep transportation services available for older adults, to work for transportation services to all primary parts of the community and to provide input on other transportation issues that may impact older adults.	Jeanette will serve as Liaison Report from PVH - April Info from Dial-a-Ride - March	
C. Support and participate in fund raising activities for the Fort Collins Senior Center.		
<u>III. COMMUNICATION</u> A. Utilize many media sources to inform seniors about available resources. Also use these sources to educate the community about senior needs and issues. Highlight the contributions and achievements of older adults. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Coloradoan, Senior Voice, Fort Collins Forum</i>; Radio; Local Television (Comcast?) 2. Recruit and maintain a core of writers for media presentations. 3. Explore possibility of having an article in the Utility Bill that lists programs that provide assistance to seniors 	Write Letters Cable	All SAB Board Marjorie McTaggart All SAB Board
B. Maintain effective communications with the City Council, the Mayor and the City Manager. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarterly meetings with the Mayor, the SAB liaison, and the City Manager to give and receive information regarding senior issues. 2. Encourage SAB members to meet as needed with their City Council member to present senior issues. 3. E-mail/Voice Mail 		Dianne Heath Dianne Heath All SAB Board
C. Attend all City Council meetings where senior issues are being discussed. Encourage SAB members to address Council during public participation segments of Council meetings.		All SAB Board
<u>IV. COORDINATION/EDUCATION/FACILITATION</u> A. Co-host the Bridging the Gap Senior Network event annually with the Larimer County Office On Aging and the City of Loveland Senior Advisory Board to encourage networking and		Jim Downey Jeanette Namuth Sandra Gibson

<p>cooperation among agencies, businesses and organizations that service aging adults.</p>		
<p>B. Host a meeting with the City Council members annually to promote better communication of issues that may affect seniors.</p>	<p>Display and/or tour re: B.O.B</p>	<p>May 11, 2005</p>
<p>C. Provide information about aging issues to members of the Senior Advisory Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruit speakers that will provide insight into issues, resources, and other items of interest for aging adults to present for members at SAB meetings. 2. SAB members will report at meetings from books, reports or articles that inform about senior issues. 		<p>All SAB Board</p> <p>March - Jeanette October - Peggy July - Dianne</p>
<p>D. Work with the Senior Center Council to promote the Senior Center.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist the SCC in promoting the 10th anniversary celebration for the Fort Collins Senior Center. 2. Continue working with the SCC and the City Council to rename the Senior Center. 3. Actively begin soliciting new members and participants to the Senior Center facility and activities. 		
<p>E. Plan for a broad based forum on multiple topics to be presented on senior issues in 2006. Some topics to be presented may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boomers and Aging 2. Aging issues for all races, couples and same sex partners 3. Fears of aging issues 4. How to be more productive in your older years 		<p>Peggy McGough</p>
<p><u>V. TRANSPORTATION</u></p>		
<p>A. Continue advocating for public transportation that meets the needs of aging adults in the community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Key area needing transportation is 		

<p>the PVHS Harmony campus.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Full access to the south and east quadrants of the metro area. 3. Advocate for a grid system for public transit. 4. Protect all other alternative transportation including Dial-A-Ride, SAINT, and Smart Trips. 5. Facilitate a "Bridging the Gap" meeting with all agencies that provide transportation for seniors to develop networking and identification of needs within our community (consider County-wide?). 		
<p>B. Identify and resolve dangerous intersections for seniors.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with City departments to resolve these dangers as needed. 2. Work with City and County law enforcement to identify and resolve dangers. 		

B. Annual Report 2004 - Dean put the annual report together and submitted it by the deadline.

C. Response to Dr. Ronwin - Dianne Heath composed a letter to Dr. Ronwin explaining the Senior Advisory Board would not recommend City Council to back him. Dean Miller made a motion to accept the letter as written and send to Dr. Ronwin, Bud Herin seconded the motion. The motion carried. There are rules in the City Code pertaining to undesirable actions from a citizen at a City meeting. In the future should this happen the rules will be carried out. The citizen will be asked to leave, if they don't do so willingly, they will be escorted out.

A motion was made by Jeanette Namuth and seconded by Sandra Gibson to limit citizen participation to 5 minutes per speaker not to exceed 20 minutes. The motion carried.

D. Bylaws Revision Update - Ingrid Decker - There were changes suggested. Bud Herin made a motion to accept the by-laws as corrected, Jeanette Namuth seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Ingrid will make a clean copy with changes and send to Barbara Schoenberger for the Board's approval.

E. Wine and Cheese Social - Dean Miller made a motion to provide Council with material concerning the Senior Center, Don Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- F. Bridging the Gap - Jeanette Namuth - The contract has been signed at the Lincoln Center. Two rooms have been reserved. Volunteers to help would be appreciated.
- G. Update on grocery tax repeal imitative - Bud Herin - Committee needs funding, Bud will find out where monies should be sent.
- H. Report on Building on Basics - Bud Herin
- I. Name change for the Senior Center - A motion was made by Dean Miller, seconded by Bud Herin to bring the Senior Center name change off the table. The motion carried. This will be on the next month's agenda. The report from surveys taken by the Name Change Committee needs to be available at the meeting.

V. **New Business**

- A. Introduction of new member - Peggy McGough -Peggy has served on Senior Center Council for the past two years.
- B. SAB has never acted on Steve Budner's suggestion to bring a proposal before City Council to develop a City policy on aging. This will be on the next agenda for March meeting.

VI. **Liaison reports**

- A. Marjorie McTaggart - **TRIAD** - April 6th a conference will be held at the Chilson Center in Loveland, the themes will be "Gaming" and "VOA".
VOA Handyman program director has resigned, Vista volunteer Erik Kaufhold will fill in until another director is hired.
Channel 27 Advisory Committee for future senior shows will hold 2nd meeting Feb. 14. They will have an audition for hosts in March. They will film in April, air it in May and shop it in summer for funding. The show will air regularly in the fall if funded.
Commission on Status of Women: February & March meetings will be occupied with contests; their 2005 work plan has 9 categories which affect women of all ages; agreed to send SAB their minutes.
Commission on Disabilities - Don Wells - It was found that the Lincoln Center has been charging wheel chair individuals higher ticket price than those who occupy a seat.
A letter has been sent to Transportation department identifying high priority cross-walks and curb cuts for clearing of snow.
Office on Aging - Dean Miller -- Presented a copy of the report published for the Larimer County OOA regarding the latest study of needs assessment of the elderly. He will present information at the next meeting.
Affordable Housing - Sandra Gibson - When downtown airpark is closed there will be a 120 acre redevelopment project. It will involve the extension of International Boulevard. It will be mixed use of business and residential. There is a possibility part will be Senior Housing. They are also redirecting the canal to take it out of the flood plain; the area is currently in the county but could be annexed.

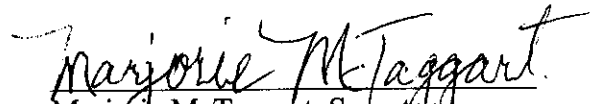
VII. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by proclamation of chair, Dianne Heath.

Submitted by:


Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary


Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson


Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary