

CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2000

Chairperson: Erik Margolis – 416-1411
Staff Liaison: Barbara Schoenberger – 224-6026
City Council Liaison : Ray Martinez – 221-6506

Attendance: Erik Margolis Excused Absence: June Tucker
 George Kress Dorothy Kramka
 Kristin Glenn
 Darren Gunn Staff Attending: Barbara Schoenberger
 Alyce Eckley
 Marjorie McTaggart
 John Roberts
 Florence Williams
 Blanche Yakmas

- I. The meeting was called to order by Erik Margolis at 2:04 PM
- II. **Citizen Participation:** Barbara Page asked about the availability of Colorado State tax rebates for seniors. Although we had no definitive answers, she was advised to contact RSVP and the Colorado Dept. of Revenue.
- III. **Correspondence:** The Board was advised of the upcoming IYOP breakfast on Thursday, January 20, from 7:30 – 9:00 AM at the Senior Center.
- IV. Kristin moved, seconded by Darren, that the minutes of the last meeting (Dec. 8, 1999) be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. There were no guest speakers scheduled for this meeting. Next month, Mr. Al Heath, Social Worker and Director of the new Mental Health wing at the F.C. Health Care Center will speak.

A presentation of cookies and brownies (gift to the Senior Center on New Years) was made on behalf of our outgoing officers (Marjorie and Blanche.) The “goodies” were enjoyed by all.

VI. Old Business

A. Florence Williams provided information regarding the Transportation Sector:

The Round-About planned for Mulberry \ Lemay is still under review. The *Coloradoan* called for the City Council to implement the Highway 14 by-pass as passed by the Ft. Collins voters in November, 1999. There was concern raised about possible funding cuts for Dial-A-Ride. (The Board will follow with a letter from the Board to City Council if funding cuts will affect senior riders. Kristen will write letter) Bus shelters are being built on a trial basis. Van-Go will soon begin bus service between Ft. Collins & Greeley.

B. Outreach:

Erik reported that the Board will make a presentation to the Long Term Care Resident Council on March 15. Some Board members will be asked to participate.

C. Housing: No Report

D. IYOP Activities: Barbara reported that 160 people attended the IYOP end of year luncheon on December 31, 1999. Two attendees were centenarians. Several were in their nineties. There are 23 centenarians in Larimer County. Many of these seniors live at home alone, or with family, and are not in long-term care facilities. Barbara urged all of us to attend the January 20 IYOP culmination breakfast. More than 300 have been invited.

E. Paint-A-Thon: The Foundation for Aging has indicated a willingness to provide supplies and information, but we still need a sponsor. June, who was looking into Norwest Bank sponsorship, will report next month.

F. **Discount Medications:** This is an ongoing activity of AARP, but more information is needed. Blanche agreed to work with June. Marjorie asked about dental care for seniors, and will follow-up with more information. It was mentioned that the Poudre Dental Clinic (next to Northside Clinic on N. College) does provide senior discounts, and that the Women's Center also provides assistance. Barbara Page (citizen participant) asked about Senior Center support for general counseling and assistance. Barbara S. will follow up and contact Barbara Page at Tel. 221-9900.

G. **Senior resource Network:** Barbara S. advised the Board that the new "City Line" was now operational, at 416-2489...and that the Board was listed as overall responsible for the maintaining the Senior Resource Network information. The Board will take the responsibility to listen carefully to the message, and provide critique and suggestions for any necessary amendments or adaptation. Members agreed to divide responsibility and report back at the February meeting:

General Assistance: Darren	Food and Grocery: Blanche
Info. & Referral: Kristin	Health Care: Erik
In-Home: George	Interventions: Florence
Transportation & Housing: Darren	Sr. Advisory Board: Kristin
Sr. Center and Clubs: Alyce	Support & L.T. Care: Florence

H. **Pathways Articles:** Marjorie wrote and submitted an article for the Jan-Feb. 2000 issue, seeking comments regarding senior issues. There have been no replies to date. A new article related to the 2000 Sr. Advisory Board and our Work Plan will be submitted immediately by Erik to meet the March-April edition. Blanche agreed to write another article and submit it by March 1 for the May-June edition.

I. **Liaison Reports:**

- A. **VOA / RSVP:** Kristin reported that RSVP had recently issued their new 3-5 year plan. They have assumed responsibility for the congregate meal sites. All existing sites will be maintained. A new Director will be named soon.
- B. **Soap:** Marjorie reported that the Senior Christmas Show donated 1/3 of it's profits to the Sr. Center.
- C. **Triad:** Will soon be producing videos with the help of local TV, Channel 27. File for Life, sponsored by the ASPEN Club, is available for pocket books and wallets, and also with fridge magnet. This information (medical and other vitals) is invaluable in cases of emergency.

- D. **Senior Center Council:** Alyce reported that the New Year's Dinner Dance was attended by more than 300. Bob Swerer and the Colorado Sunshine Band provided the music. It was a superb evening.
- E. **Larimer Foundation for the Aging:** George reported that the Foundation had provided \$2000 to the Women's Center for four seniors' dental needs. They are also sending out information letters to agencies throughout the County in attempt to educate them in the financial goals and program of the Foundation.
- F. **Mardi Gras:** The Senior Center is hosting the annual Mardi Gras on February 5th from 7:00 PM until 1:00 AM . Darren will be running the "Casino."
- G. **Office on Aging:** The Office met with, and briefed, the County Commissioners regarding their 2000 plans and programs.

VII. New Business:

Erik announced that we should apply a more standardized approach and presentation for future Outreach meetings (with the next being March 15... see above.) Materials and information will be collected and repackaged for this purpose, including a questionnaire on senior issues and concerns. Erik will coordinate this activity. George and Marjorie will participate.

A discussion of the Senior Advisory Board focus for 2000 was initiated... beyond the work plan we just completed. John Roberts continues to serve as a liaison with City Council on an issue by issue basis and will invite the Mayor to attend one of our SAB meetings. Darren will follow up as well. We hope to narrow our work plan focus and deal directly with senior interest groups. We need to keep in close communication with seniors, focus on feedback and needed service, and identify areas where the SAB can make a difference. Members were urged to look at the recent Loveland Senior Citizen Survey to see if there is relevance for us and for our Board.

- VIII.** Having no other business before us, Marjorie moved to close the meeting. This was seconded by Blanche. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John E. Roberts