

Senior Advisory Minutes
November 10, 1999

Chairperson – Marjorie McTaggart – 482-6650
Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 224-6026
City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez – 221-6505

I. **Attendance**

Members

Kristen Glen
Florence Williams
George Kress
Dorothy Kramka
John Roberts
June Tucker
Darren Glenn
Erik Margolis
Marjorie McTaggart
Alyce Eckley

Staff Liaison

Barbara Schoenberger
Steve Budner

Guests

Ruthanne Kastner
Kay Rios

- II. Meeting called to order at 2 p.m. by Chair Marjorie McTaggart.
- III. Citizen Participation – None
- IV. Correspondence – None
- V. Approval of Minutes – Approved after correction under Housing C-3 – should read “Tenant’s Rights Bill”.
- VI. Guest Speaker – Ruthanne Kastner – Administrator for Fort Collins Neighborhood Resources office. She explained it’s origin five years ago and its general purposes. They are:
- 1.) Help neighborhoods to organize
 - 2.) Plan social events
 - 3.) Explain current relevant questions and issues
 - 4.) Mediate group problems at neighborhood meetings
- Also spoke of how to start a group using a map (sample offered) and flyers. Suggested planning block parties and offering incentives (such as \$50.00 to initiate an event).
- Several informative flyers and brochures were distributed. SAB will receive their newsletter.
- VII Old Business

A. Transportation –

1. Florence reported

- Ballot issue 200 won in recent election. Director Ron Phillips says this does not guarantee a Northern Truck Route. There will be more studies.
- Colorado Department of Transportation attempting to arrange financing for Transit.
- Poudre School District bus drivers concerned with carelessness of local drivers – some not stopping for flashing red bus lights and are going too fast.
- Dial-A-Ride minutes from October 7 submitted. Minutes from November 4 expected. These will deal with service expansion.
- 5 participated in Transfort survey, waiting for results.
- No current meeting of SALT due to lack of interest. Hope this will be rectified.

2. Kay reported

- Dial-A-Ride Advisory Committee wants a senior member to take part. She will ask Esther Stringer, a public transportation user, to join.
- DAR Advisory Committee forming a work plan to include dispatch and driver training programs.

B. Outreach – Erik

SAB will attend a gerontology class at CSU on Monday November 15 at 4:15pm. Agenda for each participants topic developed. Marjorie, Barbara, John, George, and Erik will represent SAB.

Will try to arrange an outreach to the County Long Term Resident Council.

C. Housing – Kay

Kaufman Broad Elizabeth Street project has not received final zoning approval. First reading passed unanimously – second reading on November 16. Fifty units will serve 40% AMI. Complex will be three stories high with internal corridors and elevators. Will be for seniors 62 years and older.

CDBG and Fort Collins Affordable Housing Board close to finalizing proposal for competitive process for AFH money.

Initial construction at Northern Hotel starts December 1. Will help to determine internal mechanical design. Actual construction should begin in Feb. or March.

Larimer County Senior Attainable Housing Committee will survey managers of senior complexes to get their input on possibly having a quarterly round table discussion on relevant issues.

John reported reason for Housing Authority meeting cancellation is that two candidates withdrew.

D. IYOP – Marjorie, Barbara

- 1.) Women's Gathering was a great success. About 250 women attended – ages ranging from 20 to 90. Hope to repeat next year. Meeting is planned for January 24 at 1pm to plan.
- 2.) Senior Job Fair – About 600 people registered with 23 agencies took part. It was discussed that steady jobs are being sought by seniors. Another Job Fair will be held in March, 2000.
- 3.) Review of IYOP in January 19 at a breakfast. Committee reports, activities and recommendations will be topics of discussions. Will be attended by local political, business and other community leaders.

E. Reduced /Waive Fee Policy for Recreation– Steve Budner

- 1.) Seniors cannot register for consecutive sessions of an activity . Seniors must apply each year for the discount (to be updated). In 2000; seniors will be exempt from the one activity limitation. No publicity is planned to provide more information about this. Guidelines are given to all applicants.

F. Paint –A-Thon – June

Met with Barbara on October 22 for necessary information. Has many ideas. She is getting ideas from other communities.

G. Liaison Reports

- 1.) John Roberts
 - John distributed information from the American Red Cross.
 - Will monitor City Council senior issues.
- 2.) Kristen Glen
 - City Line
 - Many questions without answers.
- 3.) Alyce Eckley
 - Senior Center Council

- Daughters and Dolls was well attended, and was a great success.
- Council is holding a Bake Sale and Mexican luncheon on Nov. 26 & 27 during the annual craft fair.

4.) Kay Rios

a. OOA

Nutrition program will continue. VOA interested in sponsoring this. County investigating several options.

b. OOA – Advisory Council has been directed to look at privatizing or becoming non-profit. Council will review issues and determine strategies.

5. George Kress

a. Attended a Nov. 9 meeting in response to Foundation request for SAB liaison. He explained origin of funds at their disposal and distribution. Foundation provides carbon monoxide detectors at reduced price and works with local high schools to basic training for seniors.

6. Blanche Yakmas

a. Aspen Club - Vision and hearing screenings ongoing.

PVH will start a major three year renovation to begin in December. Aspen Club headquarters location probably will be close to new main entrance. The temporary location is undecided.

b. AARP

The Fraud and Scam seminar was a success.

Stan Ulrich goes to Denver every Monday when legislation is in session to monitor senior issues.

AARP influential in obtaining raise in state funds for senior services from 5% to 12% through 2000.

Barbara told SAB that local chapter might end local meetings.

VIII. New Business

A. Nominating Committee

John, George and Darren volunteered for this committee.

Need nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary. These names will be presented at December meeting.

B. Work Plan – Erik

1999 Work Plan was reviewed. Members offered suggestions for 2000 work plan. Erik will prepare a draft to be mailed to SAB members. Additions and/or-corrections to the work plan should be sent to City Council by the end of November.

C. Holiday Party

December meeting will be from 12 noon to 12:30 with a pot luck luncheon to follow. It is suggested that members wear holiday colors.

D. New Year's Eve Day luncheon – Barbara

Invitations will be sent out for this event which is to be held at Senior Center on Friday, December 31 at 12 noon. Volunteers needed for help at the affair.

IX. Staff Input – none

Bake Sale – Barbara

Baked goods and food items are being solicited for the bake sale to be held at the annual craft fair on November 26 and 27. A sign-up sheet was passed to members. This is a fund-raiser for Friends of the Senior Center

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board 2000 Work Plan

OUTREACH

- Hold special meetings in the community at least quarterly with the express purpose of introducing the Board, answering questions and hearing concerns of seniors and groups/ organizations with interest in senior issues.
- Be available in the community through the use of information booths at events:
 1. Bridging the Gap- Senior Network Luncheon.
 2. Fort Collins Senior Center Activities Fair.
 3. Others as appropriate.
- Develop a formal presentation for future outreach meetings.

ADVOCACY

- Support attainable senior housing by working with other appropriate entities to develop specific recommendations.
- Solicit information on existing senior programs, services and activities; provide evaluation and support as appropriate.
- Encourage expansion and enhancement of senior transportation services.
- Take an active role in seeking solutions to health care access problems.
- Monitor and support affordable leisure services for older adults.

COMMUNICATION

- Monitor and report media information that impacts older adults.
- Invite a variety of speakers to be present at Senior Advisory Board meetings to keep members current on emerging issues.
- Monitor outreach phone line for Seniors on City Line and respond to messages.
- Develop ways to communicate more effectively with city council.

COORDINATION

- Co-host the annual Bridging the Gap- Senior Network Luncheon, drawing together both public and private entities which provide services for seniors.
- Update participant listings from the Bridging the Gap- Senior Network Luncheon (SAGENET) and have them available for attendees of the Luncheon.
- Maintain existing and create new liaison positions with interested key senior agencies/ organizations.
- Collaborate with the Senior Center Council on common issues.

EDUCATION

- Hold outreach meetings at least quarterly for seniors and groups interested in senior issues.
- Myths on Aging- provide education to dispel myths on aging. To act as a resource for the community to provide information and education on the realities of aging.
- Positive aging-Continue relationships with relevant organizations, agencies, boards and commissions including the Commissions on the Status of Women and the City of Fort Collins Youth Advisory Board.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Monitor and support the current Elder Pet Care program provider to ensure the program meets the needs of seniors in the community.
- Monitor and work closely with private and city services to ensure our city is safe for seniors.
- Investigate the feasibility of establishing a "Paint-A-Thon" for seniors in need.
- Investigate the need and possibility of a discounted pharmacy program for seniors in need.