

Fort Collins Senior Advisory Board held a regular meeting February 10, 1999

I. **Members Present**

Fran Ward
Jim Watt
Flo Williams
Erik Margolis
Yvonne Myers
Marjorie McTaggart
Blanche Yakmas

Excused

Mae Espeland
Kristin Glen
Alyce Eckley

Staff Present

Barbara Schoenberger

Guests Present

Kay Rios
Lewis Lachman (Citizen Participant)

II. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Marjorie McTaggart at 2 pm.

III. **Citizen Participation**

Lewis Lachman thanked the Board and Alyce Eckey for their efforts toward securing reconstruction of the path to the bridge approaching Rolland Moore Park. He submitted letters regarding this to the Board and to Alyce.

III. **Presentation on Transportation Issues** – Kay Rios

Kay showed a 6-minute video on traffic in the city. Its purpose is to illustrate need for citizens to alleviate congestion by more use of buses and to further their efficiency. Transportation hopes to put a bill on the April ballot for a .36% tax increase to fund proposed expansion.

IV. **Correspondence**

Yvonne submitted a notice about Sales and Property Tax and Rent/Heat rebated for seniors.

V. **Approval of Minutes**

January 1999 minutes unanimously approved as corrected.

VI. Old Business

A. Transportation – Flo

Revenue bonds issue and used as needed. To be paid by federal highway tax dollars and state gasoline tax. We need true bypass (North Front Range Travel Alternative) as opposed to proposed routes voted down by Council. Final recommendation feasibility starts in June/July.

B. Outreach – Yvonne – No report.

C. Follow-up on citizen's suggestion regarding parking (Northwest corner of Shields and Raintree). – Yvonne. Ken Waldo in City Planning office said property would probably be used as a commercial site rather than for parking.

D. Housing – Kay

Volunteers of America want to sponsor housing for Seniors in Fort Collins.

Regarding the mobile homes on Harmony (some occupied by seniors). New owners are increasing lot rents and are now adding payment of utilities by tenants.

Surveys on area housing units continue.

E. IYOP – Barbara

CARE (Aspen) kick-off on January 16 at Senior Center.

Participation (RSVP) will conduct volunteer recruitment throughout county in April.

Independence (OOA) will lobby for additional funds for Senior services throughout state. Larimer County does not provide for these.

Dignity (SAB) will have a public display of seniors' photos and a slide show depicting different cultures treating seniors with dignity.

IYOP will have exposure through New West Fest and Senior Network Luncheon.

Press releases have gone out to various publications.

F. Commission on Status of Women – On Hold

- G. Dollar Value – Barbara – No Report.
- H. Senior Network Luncheon – Erik.
Co-Sponsors will meet at 10 AM at Senior Center on February 25.
Would like all SAB members present.
- I. City Council Candidates – Senior Issues.
Flo submitted a list of current candidates.
- A forum with candidates suggested to be held at Senior Center.
Would be open to all seniors for their questions and suggestions. Jim and Barbara will compile a list of senior issues to be presented at this forum.
- Barbara and Marjorie will meet with Senior Center Council to discuss possible co-sponsorship of the event.
- J. Liaisons – Marjorie reviewed members' choices.
- K. Liaison reports
1. OOA – Kay. State funding has been cut. More funding (20%) requested.
 2. RSVP – Kristin – No report.
 3. City Line – Kristin – One call received in past month.
 4. Aspen Club – Blanche
January 16 event a great success.
CARE has scheduled a meeting on February 7 to discuss possible future events.
\$10,000 in donations received from members.
February national Heart Month – various programs scheduled.
Club offers free tax preparation.
 5. FOA – Mae – No report
 6. TRIAD – Fran
New officers elected
Suggest a mobile Frauds and Scams Conference to be offered throughout county.
Files of Life, in Spanish, packets at Aspen Club.
 7. City Council – Fran
Curfew and heavy traffic discussed. No other pertinent senior issues.
 8. Friends – No Report
 9. Media – Marjorie
Fran will write Pathways article for May-June issue.

VII. New Business

A. Barbara suggested SAB send a letter to all Boards and Commissions informing them of Board's involvement in IYOP. Kay and Marjorie will compose this.

B. Legislation

Marjorie has contacted Senator Campbell's office about the older American Act. Its renewal is in continuing resolution.

Jim will follow up on Colorado House Bill 1166 concerning increase in allowances for nursing home patients.

VIII. Other Business

IX. **Adjourn at 4:10 PM**