

Loveland Senior Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of July 11, 2012 @ Loveland Library

Board Members Present: Anne Brown; Elaine Brush, Doug East, Kim Ferro, Donita Fogle, Phoebe Hawley, Lynn Hayden-Ugarte, Rich Hedlund, Betty Herder, Marigail Jury, Judy Jones, Carol Rehme, Bobbi Sutton, Chauncey Taylor and Richard Zlamany.
Excused: Angie Sawtelle and Earl Stevens. Rich Hedlund acted as Chair today in Earl's absence. Kim Ferro acting as Secretary.

Minutes of June not yet available and, therefore, not approved. Donita Fogle, Board Secretary, has been ill with pneumonia. June minutes will be sent to Elaine Brush as soon as they are available.

City Council Update: Chauncey Taylor reported on the historical preservation group, including a walking tour of Loveland. This has been well utilized and includes hotels and motels. Funding for this creative sector was discussed, and noted that capital improvement funds (CEF) were utilized.

A surprise announcement was made last night by Cathleen McEwen in that she resigned from city council and as acting position of mayor pro tem. It is believed that her very busy schedule contributed to this decision.

Governor Hickenlooper has declared that the state fire ban has been lifted. The county ban is in effect until 9/30/12, and the Loveland Fire Marshall is pushing for this ban to stay in effect. It is up to counties and municipalities to determine whether they can have open fires legally.

The Larimer County parade, rodeo and BBQ event is coming up this weekend. The city is sponsoring a summer concert at Loveland High School this Thursday (instead of the lagoon) to prepare for a larger crowd.

Old Business:

Team A (City Council and Infrastructure) reported they have not yet met. Rich Hedlund reported that he did attend a county commissioner's meeting this month and it was very worthwhile. These monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at Schmidt's Bakery. Fracking was discussed. Usually there is a speaker at each meeting. Judy Jones reported that these commissioner's meetings are held in Laporte, Wellington, Berthoud, Fort Collins, and that Loveland has not had these meetings routinely until now.

Team B (Speaker's Bureau) has met twice. Discussion was had as to what is a speaker's bureau and what should it look like. It was suggested to put together at least two to three topics initially and then send out an introduction letter to various entities. Topics of interest include health insurance and health care, including Medicare; various levels of care, such as assisted living and nursing home; home health care and aging in place and

levels of support; and also respite care. It was also suggested by Chauncey to consider legal topics, especially for Alzheimer patients. This hit home for him in dealing with his own mother, and does for many people in this situation.

Marigail reported on prior informal outreach visits done last year. What started as a natural process could develop into a nice presentation. Our goal is good public presence, for the SAB to be recognized and to be a voice for citizens. No marketing is intended at these presentations, and we will act as representatives of the city council. Present goal is to collect personal information and a bio from each SAB member. This can serve as two purposes; one is to get to know each other better and the second is to possibly expand on existing board talent as potential speakers. Carol put together an easy format to follow and report, and it is requested that these brief personal bios be returned to Phoebe by the end of July. Mirasol Senior Community has volunteered to be a "test run" facility, and it was also suggested that the senior singles group could host a presentation.

Team C (Study of SAB and Senior Advocacy groups)

Doug East reported that this group has finalized their list of questions and have received numerous phone calls and response. They have attended other SAB meetings, in fact, Doris Helwig is attending a meeting today in California. Most business has been conducted via emails. Questionnaires sent out received about 60% return rate and have provided good comments. Most programs expressed an interest in receiving survey results when completed. Form needs to include name and organization (this was previously omitted during initial attempt).

Good job teams!!

Elaine reported that Earl Stevens asked about the possibility of a webcam service for monthly SAB meetings. Elaine reported that this is not a simple project. It is like hosting a teleconference where the meeting could be recorded for later use. This project would need justification, and at this time no action will be taken.

Betty reported no calls on the senior hotline this month. Further discussion was had about the designated use of this phone line in the future.

Doug reported that there is a re-exemption for property tax where a 50% discount can be applied for. The deadline for this request is soon - July 16, however, if previously registered for this discount, one may be reinstated. Many people do not know about this tax incentive up to \$600 per household. If money is not used (reportedly several million dollars) then these funds are directed back to the Office on Aging. Elaine suggested that this be put into the Reporter Herald, perhaps News By You section. Since it is property tax through Larimer County, should it be their responsibility to advertise? Legislature was reinstated in June so the turn around time has been quick. Carol suggested that this be brought to the attention of Reporter Herald immediately, and Doug agreed to check into this.

Bridging the Gap report by Phoebe. Event will be held on Wednesday, September 19, at Embassy Suites in Loveland. Committee explored registration process on Webtrack but found that it was too cumbersome for folks outside of Loveland. As soon as the payment business is worked out, a "save the date" email will be sent to past attendees. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month. Invitation letters and go-live website to be completed by August 1. Will be looking for table hosts to register at next month's SAB meeting. The City will reimburse SAB members if you work at this event.

Judy reported on Senior Singles. Picnic in the park was well attended, and another one is scheduled for August. In the past, representatives of SAB have attended these gatherings, including Daryl Klassen. Generally, 24 to 40 folks attend these events. On September 1, the group will meet at K-Mart at 8 a.m. and travel to the Estes Park Senior Center to attend their monthly summer breakfast event. All are welcome.

Rich asked on behalf of Earl if this group wanted to have a picnic? A pavilion can be reserved through the city at no cost, as long as done in advance. It was decided that this would be nice to tie into August and introduction of our personal bios and possibly do an ice breaker game. It was discussed and the group decided to meet on Wednesday, September 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location to be determined. Elaine will check availability and reserve location. Phoebe suggested that each member contribute \$5 for cost of picnic and then no one has to bring anything. Please bring your \$5 to next meeting on August 1. Based on this, there will not be a September meeting at the Loveland Library, which will need to be published. Rich indicated that he would still like to meet with folks individually.

All concurred that our "homework" assignment of exploring the city website was not that easy.

Senior Law Day is Saturday, August 11, at CSU. The cost is \$10 and registration is taken through the Elder Care Network of Northern Colorado at 970.495.3442.

Doug reported on behalf of Chilson SAB, the first computer class at the library is today. They had 10 registered and were completely full.

Bobbi reported that Stepping Stones (adult day program) is expanding and that the Loveland clinic is expanding into the old HP building.

Fall Leisure Times is out per Elaine.

Loveland Loves BBQ needs volunteers for this weekend's event, per Lynn. Please call her ASAP if interested in volunteering in any capacity. Memory Care is sponsoring a Hawaiian Luau and open house on Friday, July 20, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Kim reported that the Aspen Club is sponsoring two fraud presentations by the Director of CASE Crime Prevention from Jefferson County on Friday, August 3, one at MCR at 11:30 and the other event at PVH at 5:00.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the Loveland Library.