

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes  
November 11, 2012

Present: John Suess, Vic Beebe, Vern Richardson, Larry Abston, John Teumer, Zach Wood, Dave McDanal, Bettie Greenberg, and B.J. Michaels (guest)

Absent: Chauncey Taylor, Chris Kanowitz, Diane Hinrichs, and Leona Watson

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

Minutes: Larry moved to accept the minutes; John S. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

City Council: No report.

DRS: Dave thanked DAC for the donation. DRS is pumping out bus passes with the money that DAC donated. Dave reported that DRS receives money from the Salvation Army, so if anyone wants to be a bell ringer, refer that person to DRS. Dave also mentioned that Poudre Valley Health Systems has a new shuttle for medical transportation between Loveland, Fort Collins, and Greeley. No reservations are necessary; the buses run hourly.

Staff: Bettie reported that she had received a complaint that the location of the curb cut by the east entrance to the Civic Center is unsafe. John S. said that the Accessibility Subcommittee would check out the area and see if there was a better place to have it. Bettie also reported that Scott Pringle would be coming to the meeting in January to discuss the grant Fire received to purchase carbon monoxide and smoke detectors for the poor and disabled, and they are looking for assistance. In February, Alison Hade will be attending DAC's meeting to discuss impediments to affordable housing.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibility: Vic reported that on October 24, the subcommittee reviewed the plans for the 1<sup>ST</sup> Bank of Loveland on W. Eisenhower. There were enough handicap parking spaces, but a van accessible sign is needed on the van accessible parking space. In the bathrooms, we recommend that the doors swing out on the handicap stalls. Handicap accessible counters were too high; the counters must be a maximum of 34 inches high. Door closer pressures were not specified; pressure cannot be greater than 5 lbs.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: No report.

Public Relations/Communication: No report.

Historian: No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Vic said that he spoke to his contact at Larimer County about the accessibility and maintenance of the trail at the Devil's Backbone. Larimer County staff checked out the trail, but didn't see anything sticking up more than one inch. Vic suggested that DAC members go out with the Larimer County employees.

Dave asked if anyone had problems or heard of problems with accessibility at election polling places; nobody had heard of any such problems.

A general discussion ensued about the applicability of the ADA to new construction and when there is substantial remodel.

Dave also brought to DAC's attention that he had heard that the cost of interpreters in schools, as required under the ADA, is causing a burden on the school system's finances. Discussion ensued that other types of accommodation may be available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

Adjournment: Zach moved to adjourn; Larry seconded the motion. Motion approved. Adjourned: 6:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary