

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes  
September 9, 2013

Present: Vern Richardson, Larry Abston, John Suess, John Teumer, Zach Wood, Diane Hinrichs, Dave McDanal, Chauncey Taylor, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Leona Watson, Chris Kanowitz, and Vic Beebe

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Zach moved to approve the minutes; John S. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

City Council: Chauncey said that the City is working with the Loveland Housing Authority on an agreement to split the cost of reimbursing overcharges to Mirasol residents, since the City helps fund the LHA. Chauncey discussed the Service Center expansion, which will combine Public Works services in one building. Chauncey reviewed the Council's decision on fracking; less than 3% of the City could be drilled, oil companies are not lining up for permits, and future ballot initiatives are an option.

DRS: Dave reported on the DRS Pridefest event; Chauncey donated a lot of tickets, but the event didn't have the turnout hoped for. Why attendance was low isn't clear; possibilities include confusion over the name "Pridefest" and a gay pride event. Dave said that DRS is still considering moving in with House of Neighborly Services. The Loveland DRS office lease is up in December. Considerations include space and cost.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibility Report: John S. said that Alternatives to Violence contacted him regarding a building that they are considering buying. Discussion ensued regarding House of Neighborly Services using DAC to help assure that the new space is accessible.

Transportation: John T. said the majority of the Northern Colorado Metropolitan Planning Organization's meetings are about grants and Transfort in Fort Collins. The Flex route to Longmont/Denver, which is still on trial run, is the most relevant topic to Loveland; however, the route won't continue without federal funding. The group discussed that the COLT bus maps need to be updated. Members noticed discrepancies when surveying bus stops. For instance, there is no bus stop 126 as shown on the map. Additionally, many of the bus stops are not accessible, including the bus stop by McKee.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Zach has a new book that should be out in about three weeks.

Adjournment: John S. moved to adjourn; Diane seconded the motion. Motion approved.  
Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary