

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes  
May 12, 2014

Present: Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, B.J. Michels, Zach Wood, John Teumer, Diane Hinrichs, Dave McDanal, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: John Suess, Larry Abston, and Chauncey Taylor

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

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

DRS: Dave announced that the Loveland DRS office is moving in September to the Community Life Center with House of Neighborly Services and other agencies. The rent will be more expensive, but there will be more room which is needed. The idea of locating these agencies together is to help create one-stop shopping for human services.

Dave reported that he attended a City Council meeting about affordable housing. Dave reviewed how affordable housing became scarce after the housing market crash in 2008 and said that there is a backlog of people waiting for housing. People are living in hotels, cars, etc. Dave affordable housing of 200 units is being proposed, but he didn't know details. Discussion ensued regarding homelessness and that members can advocate for affordable housing as private citizens.

Staff Liaison: Bettie said that Mark Kirkpatrick, City of Loveland Transit, is planning on attending DAC's June meeting. She also relayed that Larry Abston said that he was not going to reapply for DAC membership.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibility Report: No report.

Transportation: No report.

PR/Communication: Diane handed in her resignation from DAC, but stressed that she wanted to stay involved with outreach efforts. Everyone thanked Diane for all of her service. Discussion ensued about someone else picking up Diane's responsibilities. Chris agreed to head this subcommittee.

For the People First Festival, Diane said that she had sent an email to the City's liaison for the Youth Advisory Commission on helping with the event, but she hadn't heard back yet.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

City Comprehensive Plan: B.J. said that she attended the City's comprehensive plan meeting. She relayed how the meeting was structured and said that citizens provided input on many topics, including affordable housing, transportation, Braille signage on trails, wheelchair access at events, cameras and call boxes on trails for security and emergencies, snow removal, and more.

Handicap Parking spot by the odd Fellow and Cactus. John T. and Zach said that the ramp goes into the Stormwater drain and the grates of the drain eat wheelchair tires.

Adjournment: Diane moved to adjourn; Zach seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary