

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes  
June 9, 2014

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

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

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Council: Chauncey reported that most of Council's time had been spent procedural items, such as hiring a new City Attorney, and Priority Based Budgeting. Hiring done by Council (City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge) is the only instance that requires a super majority. Other Council actions are decided by a simple majority. With Priority Based Budgeting, Council is looking further into the results of what has been submitted. Zach asked who to talk to about neighborhood watches, since there is a problem of crime in his neighborhood. Bettie said she'd get him the name of the crime prevention officer.

DRS: Dave said that affordable housing continues to be an issue. He called the paper about writing a letter to the editor, which turned into the Reporter-Herald wanting to do an article on the issue. He is being interviewed next week. Chauncey said that the Senior Advisory Board has also discussed affordable housing. Donita Fogle, who is on the SAB, is also a director at Mirasol. Chauncey suggested that Dave reach out to her, since a lot goes into getting money for Affordable Housing and she's very knowledgeable.

Staff Liaison: Bettie said that she received an applicant wanting to serve on DAC. She will contact the person and set them up for an interview.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Accessibility Report: John S. said that he looked at World Beverage's parking. Chauncey asked if John had reviewed Mahaffey Park's plans. He had not. Bettie said she'd send John the contact information.

Transportation: Mark Kirkpatrick from COLT has been attending Metropolitan Planning Organizational meetings. Bettie said that Mark had hoped to come to today's DAC meeting, but was unable to make it. He will try to come to DAC's July meeting.

PR/Communication: Chris reported on the Colorado People First Festival being held in Fort Collins on September 13. She is arranging a DAC table with the theme "Life hands you lemons, makes lemonade". Diane set up with the City's liaison to have the Youth Advisory Commission help. Bettie will arrange a City vehicle to transport those helping DAC. Chauncey suggested contacting Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital or Orthopedic Center of the Rockies to help by providing tactile displays, etc.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bus Stops: Vern has his bus stops completed.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary