

Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes September 9, 2014

Present: Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, B.J. Michels, Zach Wood, John Teumer, John Suess, Dianne Heinrich, Dave McDanal, Taylor Summer, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Chauncey Taylor

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

GUEST: Mark Kirkpatrick, City of Loveland Transit, discussed the accessibility of various bus stops. He explained that the stop by Ranch Acres is a Flex stop and not the City's. Mark said that COLT has inventoried all of the bus stops and is making a concerted effort to make stops accessible. Of the first six (6) stops identified as being very problematic, five (5) have been completed. He mentioned issues with some stops, such as the one by MCR. The hospital won't allow it to be moved closer and there is no sidewalk where people load and unload. He talked about areas where there is no place to place a bus stop or there is no room for the bus to pull over. Mark also mentioned that the height of bus stop signs is dictated by the ADA.

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: No report.

DRS: Dave discussed the Person First Festival and that DAC does not have to pay for its booth. Taylor said that People First will also have a booth at the festival.

Staff Liaison: No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: John S. reported that over a year ago Alternatives to Violence had contacted him about their plans to purchase and renovate a property for a safe house. ATV bought the property and they contacted him again for assistance in making it accessible.

Transportation: No report, but Zach and John T. said that they saw Hal and Linda who said they would be happy to do a disability event at the Odd Fellows building.

PR/Communication: Chris said that the Youth Advisory Commission created cards that showed a famous person with disabilities on each card. The theme for DAC's booth is "when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade".

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

Adjourned: 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary