

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes February 14, 2011
Loveland Museum Conference Room

Present: Vic Beebe, Larry Abston, Hal Mansfield, Linda Benefiel, John Teumer, Zach Wood, Angie Clayton, Daryle Klassen, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Kim Cardwell, John Suess, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Vern Richardson, Diane Hinrichs, and Dave McDanal

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

Approval of the Minutes: Hal moved to accept the minutes; Larry seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Bettie said that John reported the account earned .02 cents and the balance is \$711.02.

LIAISON REPORTS

DRS: No report

Council: Daryle discussed the efforts to attract ACE to the City. He stated that he did not know the entire offer made by the City to CAMT, which was due by February 14. CAMT said a decision on where to locate will be made by March 15. He said one of the first things is to negotiate the sale of the HP/Agilent site. Daryle said that citizens sent approximately 3,000-4,000 valentine postcards to CAMT representatives. Daryle also said good things are happening at the airport. Allegiant is offering some very good fares to Phoenix and passenger usage is high. Finally, Daryle reported that the citizen study groups have met on 1) CEF fees and 2) how to bridge the 3-3.5 million dollar shortfall starting in 2012.

Staff: Bettie reported that the City's Boards and Commissions Summit is scheduled for March 2 and that the City is looking for two volunteers from each Board or Commission. Hal and Linda agreed to attend. Bettie said that for that meeting DAC needed to provide its accomplishments for 2010 and goals for 2011, which she said she would complete and send in. Bettie mentioned that she received a wedding announcement from Kim Cardwell. Kim is no longer living in Loveland and will no longer be on DAC. Kathy Witcher, who is an alternate, will be appointed to fill this vacancy.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: No report

Employment: No report

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report

Transportation: Hal and Linda said they are doing a long-term project for COLT. Panoramic photos will be taken at each bus stop and then a companion audio program will be produced to assist blind people with using the bus. Hal said that he received a nice plaque from the NFRMPO for his services to the group. There is no meeting in February.

PR/Communication: Linda passed out a draft letter to the R2J School District inviting people to participate in a Barrier Awareness event planned for April 16th. Linda explained that the invitation had to be approved by the R2J administration. Linda also reported that the United Way offered volunteers to DAC for this event as part of its National Volunteer Day. Linda pointed out that DAC volunteers would still be needed. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not private schools should be targeted. The consensus was to reach out to private schools if there is not a sufficient response from R2J employees by April 1. Angie said that she has a meeting at Mountain View and she would let them know to expect the invitation.

Hal moved to send the invitation to R2J; Larry seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Historian: No report

OLD BUSINESS

Budweiser Events Center: There was no update from Diane; however, Vic said that he and his wife attended the Cirque du Soleil performance and where they usually would sit for an event wasn't being used for seating. They were offered seats on the floor or the upper tier at the same price. They sat on the floor.

Old Records: Bettie said that the City Clerk's records show that DAC, formerly the Handicapped Advisory Commission, started May 18, 1982. Vic thought that the date should be earlier. Bettie said she'd do some additional checking. Discussion ensued regarding City's efforts to condense Boards & Commissions. Vic stated that originally the City wanted to combine DAC with the Senior Advisory Commission, but DAC members thought that disabilities issues were different and wanted to be separate.

Meeting Space: Members asked again if there was somewhere else to meet. Last meeting there was standing room only and it was extremely cramped. Linda can't even bring her guide dog to meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Goals and Committee Assignments: Bettie read the current goals. Linda suggested changes to the transportation goal to read: "Aid the City in surveying the transportation systems to identify current barriers to all citizens. Assist in making a media presentation in order that the disabled can utilize the fixed route system more effectively." Hal moved to accept the revised transportation goal; Linda seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Since so many members were absent, members decided to put off committee assignments until the next meeting.

Adjourned:

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary