

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes October 13, 2010
Loveland Museum Conference Room

Present: John Suess, Vic Beebe, Vern Richardson, Larry Abston, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Diane Hinrichs, Daryle Klassen, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Hal Mansfield, Linda Benefiel, Kim Cardwell, and Dave McDanal

Guests: John Teumer, Zach Wood, and Mark Mason.

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

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

Treasurer Report: John said that he had not received a statement yet this month.

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: Daryle reported that the new City Manager starts November 1. He said that Council has looked at the 2011 budget and is trying to figure out the effect of Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101. He mentioned that the Senior Board had a person from the Bell Policy Center, which is non-partisan, talk about the ramifications of the ballot initiatives. Daryle said that if any of these three initiatives pass there will be litigation on what exactly the initiatives mean. He stated that the City's budget was prepared based on the initiatives not passing. He also mentioned that if the City has to pay taxes on utilities, customers will see a considerable rate increase. Members asked about DAC passing a resolution against these initiatives. Daryle said that Boards and Commissions cannot promote any resolution due to campaign finance laws, but DAC could make a resolution.

DRS: Bettie read an e-mail from Dave that stated that DRS has been assisting with security deposits in efforts to help the homeless, but that there are so many people needing help that DRS is running out of money and that winter is approaching. Additionally, the poverty rate is way up and so is the need, not only for the disabled but for most other agencies in Larimer County.

Staff: Bettie said that she has one application and is expecting a second. She will try to set up interviews in conjunction with the next DAC meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: Vic reported that they looked at the following plans:

9/20- Library Addition. Two van accessible parking spaces, 8' wide with 8' access aisles, are needed. Also, the plans didn't show any signage, so it was noted that all HC parking requires upright signs in addition to the emblem on the blacktop. The plan was unclear on whether curb cuts existed. Daryle said he had asked staff to assure that there would be curb cuts. Vic, Larry, and John explained that you couldn't tell on the plan if it lacked curb cuts or if there was one huge curb cut, so they asked whether there was a curb cut at the building end of the crosswalk striping. Also, all exposed sink piping must be insulated and stairs shall

have no protruding lip at edge of stair tread. Finally, because there will be lots of doors, it was mentioned that all door closer pressures be adjusted to a maximum of five pounds pressure.

09/27 - Millinum SW 14th Subdivision, Van de Water Apartments. There were no accessible apartments, only type A and type B adaptable units, which looked okay. In the welcome center, which includes the clubhouse, it was noted that the bathroom doors in HC stalls should swing out. Also, the handicap garages should be 16' wide with a door opening height of 8' versus the 13' by 7' shown on the plan.

10/11- Palomino Mexican Restaurant, E. Crossroads Blvd. The upright sign on the left handicap parking space must indicate "Van Accessible." Also, the bottom of the handicap parking sign must be 60" from the ground. The sign was too low.

10/11- General Office, core and shell, W. Eisenhower Blvd. The handicap parking should be van accessible and be 8' wide with 8' access aisle or 11' wide with a 5' access aisle. Since the plans were not detailed, it was noted that the lavatory heights must meet code specs. All pipes must be insulated. Mirror height reflective surface at bottom of the mirror shall be a max of 40" above floor. Accessible countertops must have a 34" high by 3' wide section.

Employment: No report.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: Vern is still working on the parks survey information. He said that he will be unable to attend the October Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan meeting, but he received the information via a CD and would make a copy for any one that wants it. John wanted a copy, which the Accessibility Subcommittee could also look at. Bettie will also get a copy.

Transportation: No report.

PR/Communication: No report.

Historian: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Budweiser Center: Diane reported that she, her mom, Kim, and Bettie met with Shane Cadwell, Assistant General Manager/Director of Events, at the Budweiser Event Center (BEC). Shane said that where the ADA requires .5% of an event's seating be accessible, 1% of the seating is made accessible at BEC events. Discussion ensued about seating needing to be in all price ranges and it isn't clear that the BEC meets that ADA requirement. People also discussed the use of spotlights, since they are next to accessible seating. Shane said that usually only six spotlights are used, but admitted that the operators can get territorial. Diane said she bought tickets located by the spotlights and the restrooms for 2 hockey games. She also mentioned that she had problems trying to get the tickets. She wanted specific seats, but not for any particular game and the ticket agent was not particularly helpful. As for parking, there are 56 handicap parking spaces and overflow handicap parking. The parking spaces are van accessible and there is signage.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions for Ballot Measures: Discussed DAC producing a resolution against Proposition 101, and Amendments 60 and 61. Bettie presented the Senior Advisory Board's resolution as an example. Discussion

ensued. These ballot measures would negatively impact organizations like DRS that already don't have enough money. The biggest supporters seem to be people on fixed incomes.

Motion: Vern moved to provide a resolution similar to the Senior Advisory Board's that opposes Proposition 101, and Amendments 60 and 61. Vic seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary