

## **Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes March 13, 2017**

Present: B.J. Taylor, Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, John Sues, Dave McDanal, Cari Brown and Christina Cornelison-Spight (for Jason Smitherman)

Absent: Rich Ball, Taylor Summer,

Meeting Called to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Minutes: John S. moved to approve the minutes; Chris K. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Reports:**

Council: No report.

DRS: Independent Living Event on 03/14/17. This will be a meet & greet event to discuss developments in the ACA rollback and replacement. Dave discussed statistical data for homeless people with disabilities. He surveyed the Loveland population recently and had 97 homeless people with disabilities. Due to HUD's definition, only 38 of those are defined as homeless to be eligible for HUD benefits. Dave also announced he will retire in May of this year after having served on the DAC board for 10 years. He hopes to have a replacement for the board.

Staff: Discussed some citizen concerns about accessibility at River's Edge Natural Areas. Announced upcoming speakers for the next two meetings: In April, we will have a presentation from North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization; In May, Public Works – Transit will present.

**Tasks:** The DAC board would like to know if we can have someone from Facilities and Planning attend a meeting to ask them about how ADA accessibility is addressed in the planning process. Jason will work on this for a future meeting.

### **New Business:**

Two applicants approved by Council for vacant board positions:, Cari Brown and Vern Richardson.

Board & Commissions Summit- March 9<sup>th</sup> Cari related the highlights from the Summit: They were given an update about Bustang; It was nice to see the other Boards and learn what they do; DAC would like to partner with other boards or at least communicate with them. They would like us to extend an invitation to them for some of our upcoming meetings, the Sr. Advisory Board, Transportation Board and Human Services Boards in particular; They learned about the Budget process for the City and about publishing items in the newspaper.

**Adjournment:** B.J. moved to adjourn; Cari seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourned: 07:25 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:**

Christina Cornelison-Spight, Alternate Secretary and Staff Liason