

Loveland Senior Advisory Council

January 6, 2010

MINUTES

Gertrude B. Scott Room @ Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Stevens, Sybil Arns, Larry Roos, Phoebe Hawley, Daryle Klassen, Mary Louise Kreiger, Anne Brown, Diane Stobnicke, Diane Traylor (DAC), Betty Herder, Doris Helwig, Lynn Hayden Ugarte and Bobby Sutton. Kim Ferro has been excused.

OPENING COMMENTS: Earl Stevens; *Senior Day* at the *Capitol* will be Feb. 24th Please sign up today- (on the sheet being handed around)-the plan is to leave 7:30 AM return around 3:15 PM.

Discussion of Senior Advisory Board Membership, city council reduced one liaison membership as Golden K withdrew. An ordinance amending the Loveland Municipal Code at Section 2.60.240 was handed out for membership review. Nine members shall be appointed by the city council to serve terms of 3 years. Six members shall be nominated by the SAB and approved by the city council to serve terms of 2 years. The six members shall consist of one at-large member and one member from each of the following organizations: Chilson Senior Advisory, Volunteers of America, McKee Senior Services, the Poudre Valley Hospital Aspen Club and McKee Medical Center Seasons Club. *REQUEST* is to increase the overall board membership from 14 to 15 members by adding one at-large position to be nominated by the Board, and approved by Loveland City Council, to serve a term of 2 years.

Motion: Recommendation to City Council for approval of changes to Municipal Code (2.60.240) to increase membership to an additional at-large member. Motion accepted by Sybil Arns, seconded by Anne Brown.

APPROVAL of DECEMBER 2, 2009 MINUTES: accepted as presented

LOVELAND SENIOR SINGLES motion was made to withdraw recommendation to change their name to Loveland Seniors by sending a letter to the Loveland Senior Singles, leaving out the word "Single." Amendments to the SS by Laws dated 10/13/09 was handed into the SAB file.

Motion: Was so moved by Sybil Arns, seconded by Doris Helwig. One negative motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Paratransit Input sought. Earl Stevens asked if members received the forwarded email as requested by City Council member Klassen from Transit Manager Marcy Abreo. Seeking input for comments on proposed service options as part of the Comprehensive Paratransit REVIEW Project. Discussion followed, no recommendation or formal action will be taken at this time.

SPEAKER: Member Larry Roos introduces the "VITA" Income Tax Program

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is a Nationwide Non Profit. Grants from the IRS- provide laptops to help people with their tax returns, clients are people with disabilities, low income or seniors. Many very highly qualified and trained volunteers do taxes (on the spot) on a 1st come 1st served basis. This service is offered out of the 1st Methodist Church 533 N. Grant Ave. corner of 6th Street and Grant St. their # is 970-667-0876. Last year over 3,000 tax returns were completed.

Hours are Monday thru Thursday 9-Noon and 1 till 4 PM. VITA has 30 volunteers. Fridays they travel to the Berthoud community to offer help there. The average time to complete taxes takes 1.5 hours, some 1099 could take longer. VITA volunteers can also help small businesses. For info -visit the IRS website to the VITA page for list of what to bring to complete your taxes. No age limit. This program starts Feb 1st till April 15. *Please share this information.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee-Everyone has copy of new ROSTER for 2010

Betty: New members Tom Hoff and Marigail Jury not present.

Changes to Membership: respectively- Mel Engeman, has resigned by letter and Sybil Arns stood up to resign their positions on the board.

Election of Officers: Judy Jones will step down as Vice Chairman. Earl Stevens will be Chairman, Larry Roos will be Vice Chairman, and Chris Kanowitz will be Secretary for 2010.

Motion: Judy Jones motioned that we accept membership. Motion carried.

City Update: Jan 15 and 16 will be Council's Retreat. Colorado's economic forecast will remain tied around creation of new jobs. Loveland remains optimistic, with the 34 million Revitalization Plan and Lodging Tax estimated to generate \$350 to \$400,000 in revenue. Applications going out to residents interested in applying for a position on a new 7 member Commission to help Loveland with marketing and Art promotion. The city has 4.7 million in American Reinvestment & Recovery Act Stimulus funds. \$3.3 million will go toward street safety projects, 1.4 million will be used to purchase 2 NEW BUSES and fund energy projects within the city.

Job Fair: CANCELLED for 2010, due to the difficulty of getting employers to participate.

Computer Classes: Feb. March and April. Earl Stevens has received requests from AIMS College, City of Loveland and WORKFORCE for classes in "Face book "& "Twitter." The Chilson SC has also had requests for Computer Training. Elaine Brush will request that people contact Earl Stevens directly. If you sign up for help with Windows XP- or need help with your Mac or Windows 7. *Bring the Lap Top with you.*

NEW BUSINESS: Outreach Program for 2010

Earl Stevens requested interest from members regarding holding some of the monthly meetings at OFFSITE facilities. The membership is in agreement. Suggestions might be Sugar Valley, Park Regency Good Samaritan, Big Thompson and Court Yard. Please advise Earl of other possible sites. Earl could possibly set up March and May as outreach meeting months.

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HIGHLIGHTED REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Herder: NO Calls on the Senior Info Line

Phoebe Hawley: Busy with Med Part D –seeing 100's of people.

Sybil Arns: Resigning from this board busy volunteering with the Saints drivers.

Daryle Klassen: Larimer County Summit on Aging will be held Jan 22 8-3 @ 5450 S. Lemay in Ft.Collins

Elaine Brush: Chilson SC Dividers have been installed. Busy.

Mary Louise Kreiger: SC Advisory Board purchased 100 cup coffeemaker.

Board is hoping for an additional Senior Center in 2017.

Anne Brown: Phoebe helped her with Med Part D- advises all to recommend for help.

Diane Stobnicke: Large increase for Meal Delivered service.

VOA is looking for volunteers for 2 hour respite for Companion Program.

Diane Traylor (DAC) Went to Police Crime Prevention program. Learned about the Lock Box Program; looking for \$ or donation of lock boxes-to prevent Emergency Services from having to break down doors. Suggestions of contacting Real Estate offices and interest in having community officer attend future SAB to explain Home and personal safety programs and ID THEFT.

Bobby Sutton: All excited about New CEO Marilyn Schock (23.5 yrs with Banner & 16yrs with McKee) Seeing a lot of Flu and Pneumonia patients.

Chris Kanowitz: Special Thank Judy Jones, Mel Engeman and Sybil Arns for their dedication to this board.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Kanowitz, secretary

Next meeting Feb.3rd @ Gertrude Scott Rm. Library 10:30 A.M.

