

## **Loveland Senior Advisory Board**

**MINUTES      April 6, 2011**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Brown, Elaine Brush, Taylor Cobb, Doug East, Kim Ferro, Phoebe Hawley, Doris Helwig, Betty Herder, Tom Hoff, Judy Jones, Christine Kanowitz, Daryle Klassen, Marigail Jury, Sally Musso, Larry Roos, Earl Stevens, Bobbi Sutton and Richard Zalmany.

**No Minutes from Cancelled March 2, 2011 meeting**

**CITY UPDATE (Councilman Daryle Klassen)** Loveland was chosen out of 49 applicants competing to be the home of NASA and Colorado Association of Manufacturing Technologies, the ACE manufacturing and innovation Center will be located @ the Agilent Property on Taft & SW 14<sup>th</sup> St. Loveland's proposal was 72 pages, over 5,000 "Loveland Loves Ace" postcards were sent out by the community. Thanks in part to the efforts of this board also.

**REVIEW OF SENIOR DAY AT THE CAPITOL (Earl Stevens)** this event was a huge disappointment- too much emphasis on 20-30 sponsor information and not enough relevant content compared past years. Doris Helwig handed around photo's she had taken. Sally Musso enjoyed the visit- but sorry that a tour of the building was not offered. Interaction with Ft. Collins attendees was appreciated.

**OCTOBER SENIOR CONFERENCE** Set for Oct. 15th. We are planning to charge a small fee for entrance to cover the cost of serving a Continental breakfast. Discussion of possible topics- "Survivor Skills for Seniors", "Maintaining a Healthy Life Style", "Dealing with Loss & Depression", "Coping with Technology." Earl has spoken to Loveland HS they may do "The Computer does NOT bite back!" If Special conference room is used @ Chilson Senior Center, Elaine Brush suggests that residents can sign in "Activity Registration" this can help tally the number of attendees.

**SAB OUTREACH COMMITTEE (March 29<sup>th</sup> -Taylor Cobb, Marigail Jury and Tom Hoff)** attended the VOA Luncheon @ Chilson Center, (approx. 25 people attended) they handed out full page flyer introducing the SAB, requesting people stay after the luncheon for interaction. Tom facilitated the discussion. Taylor also created "Did you know??" ½ page flyer listing services of VITA, Larimer County Special Needs Registry, Stepping Stones, SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program) and Resource Line phone numbers. Many attendees were unaware of these services, grateful for this information. The outreach committee felt this was a rewarding effort, and that future interactions will be rewarding. Taylor mentioned

some of the issues /questions brought up: Sidewalks, Traffic, Assistance for aging in place, Handyman Program, (slippery tile complaints) at the Chilson Center, Low Income Senior Housing, residents that are new in town, where to find a Geriatric Physician, inquiries about the Aspen Club and Loveland's volunteer Snow Squad. Taylor Cobb will write up response to these issues. Judy Jones inquired if the SAB brochures were handed out. Earl Stevens has many copies to give to the Outreach Committee. Judy has SAB magnets available for them to hand out also. Next VOA luncheon is in June.

**BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG)** (Phoebe Hawley& Judy Jones) they are concentrating on solidifying the time line in Ft. Collins and determining the speaker.

**FINANCIAL BOARD** (Marigail Jury and Larry Roos) Three sessions held, to update citizens on what is the financial situation- gave all a chance to participate. There is a 3.5 million dollar gap starting in 2012. This is due to reduced construction revenue, sales tax reduced to 2007 levels, property tax and growth expected to fall. Survey will ask for citizen input. We could pool priorities in reducing expenses. Brainstorming ideas, a strategy will be approved. City Council's door is always open. Daryle Klassen- "less service or more revenue," we will balance the books.

**VITA PROGRAM** (Larry Roos) VERY BUSY! The volunteers have completed 1200 returns this year. Many seniors suffering income reductions, adult children (age 50) are now unemployed and moving back home with 70 year old parents.

**BIKE and PEDESTRIAN PLAN** (Larry Roos) Plan is now "finished" at the last meeting, they are still open to input. April 13 Open house, June 13 they will approve final plan. May 10 will be City Council concerns will be reviewed.

**SUMMITT CONFERENCE** of Loveland's Advisory Board's (Phoebe Hawley and Judy Jones) SAB's GOALS where highlighted. (Elaine Brush) suggested we visit Marianna Butte to try their new menu for lunch and dinner, same beautiful setting.

**COMPUTER CLASS** (Earl Stevens) 9 registered for 4/13-The Reporter Herald did list announcement.

## **HIGHLIGHTED REPORTS for April 2011**

Betty Herder (Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale) Sat. April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 AM Please come & join the fun. Dig out and pot up donations from your yard.

Taylor Cobb VOA hosting Nat'l Volunteer Month at the Embassy Suites.

Phoebe Hawley-(Health Fair April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 am -1 pm) tomorrow is blood draw from 8-10am. Neurology Test is available this year.

Resource Line (Betty Herder) Feb. 24 call from someone wanting info on SAB- invited him to attend our meeting. Another caller needed computer help, referred to Larry Roos.

9 Health Fair (Kim Ferro) 800 people attended-gave out free vouchers

Sally Musso- Discovered Nutrition Information on items in Safeway grocery store, she is wondering why other stores aren't as helpful to customers. BINGO games are going great at Albertson's Grocery.

Chris Kanowitz -Attended the Alzheimer Fundraising 'Eggtrordinary Event" at Mirasol Senior Housing. It was a "classy fundraiser." Donita Fogel's painted emu egg sold also-lots of great local artists, both young and old. Great mix of people, residents did a stellar event. Doris Helwig also concurred.

Earl Stevens- deadline for 55 Plus (Market Place News)-article is tomorrow. Please email him any info or item you would like to announce ASAP.

Kim Ferro- in response to the Nutrition Questions posed- handed out a comprehensive 6 page article titled "Living with Low Sodium" -from Heart center of the Rockies.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kanowitz