

**Disabilities Advisory Commission Minutes**  
**March 12, 2018**

Present: Vern Richardson, Chris Kanowitz, Cari Brown, Kathi Wright, and Christina Cornelison-Spight for Jason Smitherman

Guests: Mary Anne Jakabosky and Sharolyn Leeper

Absent: BJ Michels, John S, Taylor Summer, Denise Meyer

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Minutes: Chris K moved to amend and approve the minutes of the February meeting; Cari B. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Reports:**

Council: Council had a spirited session regarding a CORA request regarding processes from recent City activity relating to the purchase of some buildings.

Broadband initiative study will help guide if this will be brought to the people for a vote or allow Council to make the decision to go forward.

City is looking at future items that will impact the Loveland: PRPA and the future closure of the Rawhide coal power plant and the Larimer County landfill closure.

Kathi W. invites us to look at an internal campaign for locals promoting Loveland. #LiveLoveland, or <http://www.liveloveland.org/>

DRS: No Report

Staff: New members will be added to the Commissions' agenda for appointment.

**Tasks:** NA

**New Business:**

1. City of Loveland Boards and Commission Summit: Several members attended the summit and enjoyed the new format that allowed for education and networking. Everyone had the opportunity to speak with other commissions. It was noted that a couple of the commissions' stations were not accessible. There was a good turn out. There was a presentation on possible future City capital projects: which projects would be supported by the community, would a tax be earmarked to pay for it? There will be community outreach and surveys for feedback. Taylor connected with the Visual Arts Commission regarding a possible collaboration to make art more accessible. Kathi is on the VAC and may be able to facilitate collaboration.
2. Chris K. is looking into an Alzheimer Friendly Community. Once she has more information she will go to the Sr. Comm. to explore ideas.

3. Woop De Doo- J. in July was discussed, with possible Council acknowledgement, newspaper article.
4. Cari B. informed all that a grant from Comcast is still available. This money can be used to purchase assistive technology or get an assessment. There are two workshops still to come. An education series on Healthy Bodies/Healthy boundaries is offered – see flier for details.  
Cari B. is exploring ways to collaborate with Loveland Cultural Arts for the Disability Film Festival.
5. Sharolyn L. reported that the VFW would prefer we attend at a Veteran's Day event instead of the Memorial Day event.  
Some suggestions were discussed: The Edge apts for formerly homeless Vets; setting up something at the VFW hall; and attending the New VA clinic grand opening on April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30. Sharolyn, Vern and Kathi will contact them.
6. Christina C.S. distributed information on a new resource. She asked the commission to review it and advise if they would like that incorporated into their list of resources. She also requested the commission review the current list on our website or brochure, for any updates or corrections.

**Old Business:** None

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

Adjourned: 07:24 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:** Christina Cornelison-Spight for Jason Smitherman, Secretary and Staff Liaison.

  
DAC Chairman