

LOVELAND SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes from January 4, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Brown, Elaine Brush, Doug East, Kim Ferro, Donita Fogle, Phoebe Hawley, Lynn Hayden-Ugarte, Rich Hedlund, Tom Hoff, Judy Jones, Marigail Jury, Chris

Kanowitz, Carol Rehme, Larry Roos, Earl Stevens, Bobbi Sutton, Chauncey Taylor, Richard Zalmany. Guests today include David Fraser and Sharon Margraf. New board member joining us today is

Carol Rehme. Excused Betty Herder and Doris Helwig.

Guest introductions – Dr. David Fraser, MBA, and Sharon Margraf, RN, BSN. Their new business in the community is called Vitality Home Healthcare. While they are awaiting Medicare certification, they are able to provide care “pro bono” and welcome our referrals. Such services that could be provided include diabetes management, some wound care, pain management, PT/OT, post-op surgical needs, and some respite care. Other non-skilled services available for fee-based costs. Contact number is 970-667-2273 (CARE).

Minutes from December 7 were not approved since many board members did not receive a copy. Will postpone approval of December minutes until February 1 meeting. Uncertain whether February

SAB will be held at the museum or the library. Earl Stevens will advise.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE: City council member, Chauncey Taylor, reported on the City Council meeting of 1/3/12, which primarily focused on the budget, revenue, expenses, and finance report.

Building permits and new construction applications were down 3-4%. Most city departments operate within their means and remain frugal. Unemployment is high overall, and this includes Loveland.

He indicated that we are “not out of the woods yet”; new businesses have come and others have left.

Chauncey Taylor discussed the Comprehensive Plan of 2005 and Implemental Plan of 2011 which was adopted at the December, 2011 City Council meeting. In that plan the Loveland Senior Advisory Board was not listed nor were the goals or objectives of this board identified. It was the only city board not included in this report. There was much discussion why the SAB was not identified as an active board and how to change the status. Elaine Brush commented that she has not yet seen this report but will follow up with Rochelle and the city manager’s office for further clarification. Larry Roos commented that he believes that because the SAB is not tied to a regular city department there is no support, respect or authority given to the SAB and that there is a major “disconnect” and lack of acknowledgement of the board. He further suggested that the SAB needs to establish goals for identifying and resolving senior issues in Loveland.

This was particularly concerning for board members as the comprehensive plan for the SAB was revised, updated and subsequently submitted in 2011 by Elaine Brush and a small advisory group.

It was also reported that Judy Jones and Phoebe Hawley represented the SAB at the joint commission board this fall. Chauncey reported that because the SAB is a non-funded entity that this board could be viewed differently. He questioned whether a mistake had been made or perhaps this is an opportunity to fill a gap. He also mentioned that Daryl Klassen had brought this point up to the city Council at a recent meeting.

The SAB was created in 1996, and there has been some funding support from the city, when requested. Funding has been provided on an “ad hoc basis.” It was reported by Earl Stevens that as of 11/17/11 the SAB had a balance of \$1,466.68 in our account, per Rochelle with the city manager’s office.

Chris Kanowitz indicated that the senior advisory board in Boulder is very vocal and takes a more hands-on approach to issues and perhaps the LV SAB should take this proactive approach as well.

A discussion regarding the VOA position followed. Phoebe Hawley moved that we acknowledge and accept the resignation of the Volunteers of America from the SAB. Judy Jones seconded. Discussion followed and motion carried.

Then Phoebe Hawley moved that the “open at-large” position now available be created for the Loveland Housing Authority. Motion was severally seconded (Judy Jones, Tom Hoff, Marigail Jury). Discussion followed and the motion was passed unanimously.

These motions will be forwarded to city council.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Marigail Jury, Tom Hoff and Donita Fogle reported on recent actions of the outreach committee and addressing needs of seniors in the Loveland community. Specifically, the resource line was

addressed in great detail. Firstly, when the message line was called on 1/3/12, it was outdated and still had information on it relating to the October senior conference.

Secondly, there are certainly

many resources for seniors but how to access them became the question and how to make this information available. On average, the resource line or more commonly known as the “hot line” receives

one to two calls per month. It seems that much effort is being put into a service that is not well utilized. The line will be covered during the month of January while Betty Herder is recovering from surgery.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

There were two open positions on the SAB, which were filled by Lynn Hayden-Ugarte and Carol Rehme. Alternate members will be Richard Zlamany, Richard

Hedlund and Angie Sawtelle. Sally Musso was an alternate member but has resigned from the SAB as of 12/31/11. A motion was submitted and accepted to have Earl Stevens remain as Chairman/President of the Board, and Larry Roos will serve as Vice Chairman. These motions will be forwarded to city council. The role of Secretary of the Board remains unfilled at this time and will be postponed until further nominations are final. Kim Ferro has agreed to act as interim secretary for two months; January and February, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senior Day at the Capital will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012. There is a small fee of \$7-10 to attend, which includes transportation and lunch. If interested in attending, let Earl Stevens know, ASAP as seating is limited.

LV SAB will host Bridging the Gap in Loveland this year, usually in September. The committee will begin meeting as soon as February to begin planning this year's event. Members volunteered to help on this committee.

Larry Roos reported that VITA (Volunteer Information Tax Assistance) will begin February 1 and go through the tax season. Location will be at First United Methodist Church in Loveland. This free service is for seniors, low income and/or disabled folks. No appointments are taken; first come, first served basis.

Bobbi Sutton reported that there are five scholarships available for the Banner Lifeline. Please contact her if you know anyone who could benefit from this service. Prescription assistance at McKee remains very busy.

It was requested that a new, updated roster be provided. Earl also suggested that SAB members be identified by wearing name tags or by way of placards. This will be especially helpful when we have guests in attendance or when meeting in an alternate location. Donita Fogle reported that Mirasol Senior Community will be hosting a six-week class called Living Well with Chronic Conditions beginning January 17 through February 21. This class is being sponsored by PVHS Aspen Club. Contact the Aspen Club to register or for more information. Kim Ferro reported that SHIP Medicare counselors in Larimer County assisted over 2,650 individuals during 2011. Trends this year included folks new to Medicare, coordination of COBRA benefits and changes to employer and retiree plans. Please continue to refer folks to the Aspen Club or Seasons Club for detailed assistance involving Medicare counseling.

Thank you, Chris Kanowitz, for your three years of service as-Secretary to the SAB. You will be greatly missed, Chris! Our thoughts are with Betty Herder and Doris Helwig.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Location to be announced.
Respectfully submitted,

Kim Ferro, secretary pro tem