

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes February 13, 2012

Present: Vic Beebe, Zach Wood, John Suess, Vern Richardson, Hal Mansfield, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Larry Abston, John Teumer, Chauncey Taylor, Chris Kanowicz, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Angie Clayton, Diane Hinrichs, and Dave McDanal

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

Approval of the Minutes: John S. moved to adopt the minutes as written; Hal seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: John S. said that he has not received the statement yet.

Guest: Tisha McRae, Parking Enforcement Supervisor for the City of Fort Collins, spoke about their handicap parking enforcement program. Tisha reviewed the program's history and said that the city code was changed to allow volunteers to assist with handicap parking enforcement. Tisha described the program. A person must become a City of Fort Collins volunteer. He/she then attends a short training on how to document and submit perceived parking violations. Fort Collins also provides volunteers with a digital camera to document parking violations. To issue a handicap parking violation notice, the volunteer places a "Notice of Parking Violation" on the violator's vehicle; the corresponding "Citizen Complaint Initiation" form must also be completed and provided to Parking Services along with pictures that document the violation. The "Citizen Complaint Initiation" form and pictures can be mailed or brought into Parking Services. Pictures must show the handicap parking signage; a picture of the front of the vehicle showing no handicap parking placard; and a picture showing the vehicle and the signage together (with the ground signage, if possible). Parking Services sends out a ticket after it determines the pictures document a violation. Tisha reported that most violations are due to people forgetting to use their placards.

LIAISON REPORTS

City Council: Chauncey introduced himself and provided his background in terms of people with disabilities. Chauncey related that Council this year will be focusing on infrastructure and health and safety concerns.

Staff: Bettie reported that if DAC wants to have some sort of Facebook presence on the City's Facebook page, an application needs to be submitted. She also reported that Marcy Abreo, COLT, will attend the April meeting to provide an update. Finally, Bettie said she will miss March's meeting. Vern said he would record it and provide her the recording for transcription.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: No report.

Employment: No report.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: No report.

Public Relations/Communication: No report.

Historian: Hal brought his picture notebook to give to someone else, since he's leaving DAC in June.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Goals: Members discussed goals to be written up for the minutes and then amended or voted on at the next meeting.

- Handicap Parking Enforcement Program: Work with Loveland Police Department to explore setting up and implementing a handicap parking enforcement program similar to that of Fort Collins. Develop a method to allow City volunteers to give out notices of violation to vehicles parked in handicap parking spaces without the required license plates or placard. If a program is developed, then work with the City Attorney's Office, because the City Attorney's Office would have to draft an ordinance to take to City Council for approval.
- Disability Awareness: Conduct disabilities awareness activities. Work with the Library to incorporate disability awareness information for kids in the multi-media section of the Library.
- Accessibility: Assist the City's Building Division by reviewing building plans received and conducting inspections for compliance to the ADA. Assist other citizens, businesses, etc. as needed on ADA issues.

Subcommittee Assignments:

Motion: Hal moved to eliminate the Employment Subcommittee; John S. seconded the motion.
Motion approved.

Committee assignments are as follows:

| Public Relations | Historian | Accessibility |
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| Diane Hinrichs Chris Kanowicz | Alexandra Wittenmyer Hal Mansfield (until June) | Vic Beebe John Suess Larry Abston |
| Parks, Rec, and Entertainment | Transportation | |
| Vern Richardson Larry Abston | John Teumer Zach Wood | |

Adjournment: Hal moved to adjourn; Vic seconded the motion. Motion approved.
Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary