

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes of July 9, 2012

Present: John Suess, Vern Richardson, John Teumer, Zach Wood, Larry Abston, Chris Kanowitz, Chauncey Taylor, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Angie Clayton, Vic Beebe, Leona Watson, Diane Hinrichs, and Dave McDanal

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

Minutes: John T. moved to accept the minutes; Vern seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: No change. The amount remains \$711.32.

LIAISON REPORTS

City Council: Chauncey discussed the Fireworks ban that had been in place and that the City was looking at moving toward following the County's plan. He also discussed that the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology (the former Agilent campus) is moving forward; negotiations are occurring with prospective large tenants. Chauncey said that the Foote Lagoon concert series was starting on Thursday. He also reported that the City's finances looked good, but because of worldwide financial issues, the City's investments in government securities aren't doing very well. Chauncey also mentioned that the City has a lot of deferred maintenance that needs to be done, such as water infrastructure, which will be expensive.

DRS: No report.

Staff: Bettie reported that Chris Kanowitz sent in her application, but John S. needs to get his application in to renew his membership. She also reported that Alexandra Wittenmyer is not renewing for another term on DAC.

Discussion ensued regarding the accessibility of City-sponsored events. DAC members would like to meet with the departments sponsoring the events prior to the events.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: No plans reviewed. John S. reviewed why the van accessible parking at the Library is problematic; the space is further away from the Library than the other handicap parking and the curb cut is to the right of the space making the distance to the Library even greater. Additionally, a person who is not familiar with the parking lot may not realize that the van accessible space is at different location. John S. stated that there is sufficient handicapped parking at the Library. The City could easily convert one of the existing handicap spots into a van accessible space. John said he still needs to write the letter to the City that DAC approved him to write at the last meeting.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: John T. said that he and Zach have been attending the NFRMPO Mobility Council meetings. He wanted to know if he should bring back general information or only information that is specific to DAC, such as grants. The group consensus was to bring back information that appears pertinent to DAC. Chauncey mentioned that there is a move to get one voice on the Hwy 287 corridor.

Public Relations/Communication: Except for note pads, the subcommittee is prepared for the Disability Awareness event for kids at the Oddfellows on Saturday, July 14th. If members are working the event, they need to arrive at 11:30 am. Diane sent a note stating that the event is being held upstairs, so if you use a wheelchair, don't come. Diane also has received e-mails from the Budweiser Events Center on changes being made.

Historian: Members agreed to wait on asking for a volunteer for this duty until membership increases.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chris suggested that in the future DAC permit only one presentation per meeting. The two presentations at the last meeting had too much information to absorb. Other members agreed with this suggestion.

Adjournment: 6:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary