

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes April 11, 2011
Loveland Museum Conference Room

Present: Vic Beebe, Larry Abston, John Teumer, Zach Wood, John Suess, Vern Richardson, Diane Hinrichs, Hal Mansfield, Linda Benefiel, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Kathy Witcher, Daryle Klassen, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Angie Clayton and Dave McDanal

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Vic moved to accept the minutes; Linda seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: John reported another .03 cents interest and a current balance of \$711.08.

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: Daryle said that he was very pleased that Loveland was the recipient of the ACE project. What happened with the support of this community and the 72-page proposal prepared by City staff was nothing short of amazing. The proposal addressed every concern that CAMT could have considered. The Agilent property had been on the market for many years, but has been well maintained. The property's original price was \$24 million. The County valued the property at \$19 million. After Agilent hired a consultant about selling the property, it went on the market at \$5.5 million. Agilent received three bona fide offers, but somehow the City managed to be the preferred purchaser. At the same time, the City did a request for proposal to developers. The City received seven proposals of which five were very good. The idea is to hand over the property to CAMT, which would work with the developer. CAMT will participate in the developer selection process. Daryle reiterated that there won't be 10,000 jobs by the end of the year. Job creation will be a slow process, but resumes are flowing into the County. Daryle expressed concern that people might move into Loveland prematurely.

DRS: No report.

Staff: No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: On 3/21, Vic reported that plans for the McDonald's on W. Eisenhower were reviewed. This restaurant replaces the present one, which will be demolished. The plans were very good. The only thing the group found was a lack of information on threshold heights, which must not exceed ½ inch in height.

On the same day, plans for Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant on Rocky Mountain Ave. in the former Black-eyed Pea location were also reviewed. This plan was also good, but it also did not mention threshold heights as in the above plan. It is existing parking, so there were no changes.

Employment: Alexandra said that greenhouses are hiring, but some jobs require lifting. Applicants need to call in each week to show that they want the jobs.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: Vern reported that an open house is planned for April 13 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Police & Courts building, 810 E. 10th Street, on the Bike & Pedestrian plan that was developed.

John T. said that he and Zach attended the NFRMPO meeting. The speaker talked about the transportation plan for 2035. Most of the plan was for eastern areas like Johnstown. There are various levels of plans depending on the funding available. The meeting also discussed trying to expand the group that Pathways Past Poverty serves. There is the New Freedom Project, which provides shuttle service to specific areas, but it's caught in gridlock.

PR/Communication: Linda said she only received one response for the Disabilities Awareness event scheduled for April 16th, but the woman really wants to do it. Linda reported that they will be leaving from the Odd Fellows building on COLT buses and participants will go to the grocery store, the coffee shop, etc. A few more people may also participate. Logistics for the day were also discussed.

Linda mentioned that the CSU vet school is doing free eye exams for seeing eye/working dogs on May 6. Owners must first register their animal via an online form at www.acvoeyeexam.org. Once registered, contact the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital at (970) 297-4136 to schedule an appointment.

Historian: Hal said he will be taking lots of pictures for the Disabilities Awareness event.

OTHER BUSINESS

Old DAC Records: Bettie reported that the City Clerk's office said that the ordinance creating the Handicapped Advisory Commission was passed in 1982.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Daryle said that he used this service this year and the people were really good. VITA is doing this service at the First Methodist Church in Loveland, if anyone is interested.

Larimer County: Vic said that he received a phone message from Megan at Larimer County on the new ADA regulations regarding trails. They have been playing phone tag with each other. The county is going to be holding public hearings. When he finally talks to Megan, he'll let her know that DAC and DRS would be interested in these hearings.

DAC Terms: Discussed that Linda, Vic, Diane, and Larry's terms will be up in June, unless an application to serve another term is submitted. Discussion ensued that if a member cannot complete his/her term, that would not be an issue as situations change.

Carlos Series: Zach has a book signing at the Mandolin Café on April 14. There is also now a website: www.carlosworld.com. Finally, Zach has a new book coming out soon.

Adjournment: Hal moved to adjourn; Diane seconded the motion. Motion approved.
Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary