

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes September 12, 2011

Present: Vic Beebe, John Teumer, Zach Wood, John Suess, Vern Richardson, Angie Clayton, Diane Hinrichs, Hal Mansfield, Dave McDanal, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Kathy Witcher, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Larry Abston, and Daryle Klassen

Guest: Linda Benefiel

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

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

Treasurer Report: John S. reported a balance of \$711.18

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: Daryle updated members via an e-mail that other developers are actively interested in the ACE project after the original developer, United Properties, withdrew from the project.

DRS: Dave discussed pending budget cuts to Medicaid. Proposed cuts to Medicaid include benefits for single folks even those on SSI.

Staff: No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: On 09/01 the subcommittee reviewed plans for Mirasol Phase 2 Apartments. The complex requires 3 handicap spaces; they had 4 spaces. The group only reviewed accessible units. The bathrooms did not show the five-foot turning radius. Drinking fountain heights were not shown; the spout must be a maximum of 36" above the floor. In RS1 the closet was inaccessible as the door is too narrow. In 04F, the clothes washer lacked side access for wheelchairs. Shelves were also inaccessible from wheelchairs. All kitchen cabinet counter heights must be 34" high with open access under sinks. Sinks in the two-bedroom bathroom must have a removable cabinet under sink. The group also questioned if the storage units were accessible. The group did not approve the plans.

Hal invited the accessibility subcommittee to look at the Odd Fellows building.

Employment: No report.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: Zach and John T. said that Marcy Abreo has yet to provide them with bus stop information, so that they can assist COLT in assuring the accessibility of shelters.

PR/Communication: Diane stated that she needed new supplies for Disabilities Awareness Day events; several ace bandages and other supplies have disappeared over the years. Bettie said that the City would buy the supplies needed. Diane will e-mail Bettie the list of supplies needed.

For DAC's 35th anniversary, Diane is going to e-mail Andy Hiller about including information about DAC's 35th anniversary in the City's newsletter. Hal also suggested that information be placed in the Reporter-Herald's "News by You" section, which is online.

Historian: Hal had pictures of the Barrier Awareness event at the Budweiser Event Center, which were passed around.

OTHER BUSINESS

Updating DAC's objective in the City's Comprehensive Plan: Members decided to revise only objective - 14C.3.8 - and not provide information on other general objectives.

Motion: Hal moved to revise the objective to state: "Provide pertinent information on DAC's webpage, such as DAC's brochure and DRS information. Explore other methods to get disability information out to the public, such as Facebook. Work with City to improve accessibility features of Library computers and the City's website." John S. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting Locations: Linda suggested using the Odd Fellows building at 315 E. 4th Street until DAC can start meeting again at the Library. The building is accessible, but parking can be problematic. The group agreed to meet at that location on a temporary basis.

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

Adjourned: 6:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary