

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes October 10, 2011

Present: Vic Beebe, John Teumer, Zach Wood, John Suess, Vern Richardson, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Diane Hinrichs, Daryle Klassen, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Kathy Witcher, Angie Clayton, Larry Abston, Dave McDanal, and Hal Mansfield

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 pm

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

Treasurer Report: John S. reported a balance of \$711.24

LIAISON REPORTS

Council: Daryle discussed the City's 2012 budget and 2011 revenues and expenditures. Daryle also provided an update on the ACE project and the new developer. A member asked Daryle when the asbestos from the Rialto Bridge project would quit being disturbed. Bettie said that all of the asbestos work had been completed prior to the construction work being started, but agreed to look further into the matter.

Staff: Bettie reported that a proclamation for DAC's 35th anniversary would be read at the Oct. 25 City Council meeting, but someone from DAC needed to be at the meeting to receive it. Vic agreed to go accept the proclamation. Others agreed to attend as well. Bettie also mentioned that she had not heard from Kathy Witcher and that Kathy has missed several meetings. Vern said he would call her. Bettie also said that no applications have been received yet for the vacancy on DAC.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: On 10/05 the subcommittee reviewed plans for South Shore Plaza on E. Eisenhower and Memory Care at Seven Lakes. The parking at South Shore Plaza was okay, but there were no details on the heights of bathroom fixtures, the water cooler or countertops. Also, noted that protection is needed around water cooler to alert those with visual impairments that it's there. The subcommittee did not approve the plans. For the Memory Care facility, the parking was also okay. The only issue found was that thresholds were not addressed.

Employment: Buffalo Wild Wings and Schmidt's will hire people with disabilities.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: No report.

PR/Communication: Diane said that she hasn't heard back from Andy Hiller. She also reported more issues with the Budweiser Events Center. There is an area set aside for people with disabilities to wait for rescuers in the event of an emergency and it's not an area of refuse. She also received tickets for handicap seating that didn't exist.

Historian: No report

OTHER BUSINESS

John Teumer reported that he and Zach attended a transportation meeting in Fort Collins where they learned that Fort Collins allows others to enforce handicap parking. There is a process on how to write tickets, which is part of the City Code. The City verifies the validity of the information provided by citizens and then sends tickets for violations, if applicable. John T. offered to obtain additional information from the City of Fort Collins and members agreed that he should pursue this issue.

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

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary