

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes November 14, 2011

Present: Vic Beebe, Zach Wood, John Suess, Vern Richardson, Hal Mansfield, Alexandra Wittenmyer, Dave McDanal, Larry Abston, and Bettie Greenberg

Absent: Kathy Witcher, Angie Clayton, Diane Hinrichs, and John Teumer

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Hal moved to accept the minutes; John Suess seconded the motion with these corrections: change refuse to refuge and oaky to okay. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: John S. said that no statement has been received for November, so the balance of \$711.24 remains.

LIAISON REPORTS

DRS: Dave reported that DRS received \$1,000 from Group Publishing. Dave also discussed that the Salvation Army needs bell ringers and that donations received by the Salvation Army help fund DRS. Dave also reminded people that the United Way also provides funding for client services, so let people know not to forget either organization. Dave also mentioned that Medicare plan enrollment changes need to be made by December 7th.

Staff: Bettie mentioned that the Public Works Department mobilized volunteers to assist with yard cleanups for people with disabilities after the snow storm. Dave said that volunteers are also used by DRS to help with such tasks.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: No plans reviewed. Discussion ensued that Vic accepted the City Council's proclamation honoring DAC's 35th anniversary.

Employment: No report.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: Bettie relayed John T.'s e-mail on working to become a City of Fort Collins Volunteer Handicap Parking Monitor. Alexandra said she met with Tisha at the City of Fort Collins about how the program became an ordinance. It costs about \$2,000 annually to run the program, which covers paperwork, envelopes, etc. Alexandra stated that a fine is not levied if the person produces a valid handicap placard as requested, but the fine for a handicap parking violation is \$100.

Bettie will contact Tisha and arrange for her to come to a DAC meeting.

PR/Communication: No report.

Historian: Hal said that John S. gave him some new pictures.

OTHER BUSINESS

December Meeting: Vic moved to cancel DAC's meeting in December; Hal seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Memberships: Discussion ensued that nobody has heard from Kathy Witcher. Vern said that he even stopped by her house, but nobody was around. He will try again. Hal relayed that he will not renew for another term with DAC when his time is up in June, 2012.

Website: Bettie will follow up on how to get website updated.

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

Adjourned: 6:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary