

Disabilities Advisory Commission
Minutes January 9, 2012

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

Absent: Angie Clayton and Chauncy Taylor

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

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

Treasurer Report: John S. said that no interest was received in December, but over the year the account made 29 cents. The current balance is \$711.29.

LIAISON REPORTS

DRS: Dave reported that DRS is getting remodeled and making room. The Fort Collins office bought a building and will be a more permanent part of the community; the building will be better and more accessible. Dave relayed that a mentally ill homeless man called him and stated that some Loveland police officers were harassing him. Dave called the Police Department and inquired about its policy on homelessness. Dave learned that some officers may be harassing the homeless, but there is no policy. Discussion ensued regarding the issue and that some people may deserve to be "run out of town."

Staff: Bettie said that the City's Boards and Commissions Summit is planned for March 1, and the City is requesting two volunteers from DAC. In addition, DAC needs to submit a list of accomplishments for 2011. Discussion ensued regarding the following accomplishments: Barrier Awareness Events, Plan Reviews, Budweiser Events Center Accessibility, Participation in an ADA Appeal with City of Loveland Transit, and DAC's 35th Anniversary Commemoration. Bettie will submit these accomplishments for DAC. John T. and Zach agreed to attend the Summit.

Bettie also mentioned that DAC needs to draft goals for 2012 and update subcommittee assignments. Members agreed that this subject should be on DAC's February's agenda.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility: No report.

Employment: No report.

Parks, Recreation, and Entertainment: No report.

Transportation: John T. reported that he and Zach completed training in Fort Collins that allows him and Zach to volunteer to help enforce handicapped parking violations for the City of Fort Collins. John T. explained that he has the information on the parking enforcement program: release forms, the City Code in Fort Collins that pertains to this program, etc. John explained how the program works. Members discussed creating a similar program for the City of Loveland for one of DAC's goals. John T. said he'd invite Tisha McCray, City of Fort

Collins, to DAC's next meeting and she can provide additional information on how the parking enforcement program works.

Discussion ensued regarding COLT extending service into the evening. Bettie will invite Marcy Abreo to a future meeting.

Public Relations/Communication: No report.

Historian: Hal said he's working on a notebook for when he leaves DAC in June.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussed trying to recruit new DAC members via reaching out to select agencies.

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

Adjourned: 6:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bettie Greenberg, Secretary