

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:**

Meeting held March 9, 2005

Chairperson – Dianne Wireman-Heath - 970-498-4006

Staff Liaison – Barbara Schoenberger – 970-224-6026

City Council Liaison – Ray Martinez, Mayor – 970-221-6506

Attendance:

Sandra Gibson
Marjorie McTaggart
Bud Herin
Jeanette Namuth
Dianne Heath
Peggy McGough
Carol Cowan
Heather Heafer
James Downey

Excused Absence:

Don Wells
Dean Miller

Unexcused Absence:

Guest:

Ingrid Decker, City Attorney	Theodore Kalbeliesh
Karen Schneiders	Bobbie Campbell
JoAnn Foos	Frances Ek
Audrey Pribble	Mary Mastin
Earl Nichols	Mary Jo Engelhardt
Kenneth E. Hill	Kevin Unger

Liaison:

Ray Martinez, Mayor

Staff:

Karen Bryner
Steve Budner

The meeting was held at the Sanctuary Apartments Conference Room, 3732 Kunz Court,
Fort Collins, Co. 80526

I. Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairperson Bud Herin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. **Public Participation:**

1. **Update of information on the resolution of transportation issues for transit dependent citizens to the Harmony corridor including the Harmony Health Center and other services in the area.** Karen Schneiders with Dial-A-Ride distributed brochures of transit services. An agreement between the City and PVH is in process so that transportation services will be available to get people to the Harmony Campus and PVH for regularly scheduled visits. Transportation will be provided by Dial-A-Ride and PVH will subsidize the fee. An application can be obtained by calling Dial-A-Ride, visiting the Dial-A-Ride office, or on the web at www.fcgov.com. She reported that the application process has been put into picture form. (Note: SAB remains unclear whether the application process has been shortened.) There was no indication when the process would be complete or how the community would be informed of this service. It is hoped that those who are working on this issue will return shortly to let us know of further progress. It was also reported that a Fox Trout route goes from Loveland to the Square. The cash fare may be waived up to \$1.25 for seniors and to \$.50 for disabled.

A resident of Sanctuary Apartments expressed concern of a cross-walk that was placed inappropriately, particularly for the residents at Sanctuary. In order to cross Horsetooth which one must do to catch the bus, one must walk about a quarter mile to the cross-walk, cross the street, and then a quarter mile to the bus stop. Senior Advisory Board will look in to the issue.

Another resident of Sanctuary, Earl Nichols, suggested that a plan for emergency transportation place in the event that an emergency arose and Dial-A-Ride was not available. (These needs are not 911 emergencies. These are transit dependent individuals and those who become transit dependent because of accident or illness, and require transportation to PVH and Harmony Campus.)

Chairperson, Dianne Heath introduced Board members and detailed the purpose and works of the Senior Advisory Board.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Jeanette Namuth made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9 meeting as read. Sandra Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. **Correspondence:**

- A. A memo from the City Manager, Darin Atteberry, regarding the 2006-2007 budgets and the City budget process. The City Manager has asked for input from the Senior Advisory Board about priorities and needs. This information must be sent by **April 25**. A committee to respond to the City Manager was appointed and includes Don Wells, James Downey and Dean Miller.
- B. State of the Community Volunteer Award nomination form was received by the Senior Advisory Board. No action was taken.

- C. Elderhaus sent an invitation to members of the Senior Advisory Board for an Open House on Wednesday, March 9th from 1pm. to 3pm at their new location. No representative of the Board was selected.
- D. No On #1 – Senior Advisory Board were invited to walk in the St. Patrick's Day parade carrying No On #1 signs.

III. **Old Business**

- A. Name change for the Senior Center - This issue had been tabled until after the April election. Chair, Dianne Heath opened discussion of the recommendations from the subcommittee. Peggy McGough was given a suggestion for the name to be the "William O. Collins Center". This name reflects the history of our city and he felt it would be not only appropriate, but also non-political and not offensive to seniors and boomers alike. Jeanette Namuth made a motion to present changing the name to Council, Marjorie McTaggart seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- B. 2005 Action Plan - Everyone was asked to note which committee they were assigned.
- C. Bylaws Revision from Ingrid Decker - The final version was sent to Barbara Schoenberger after some correction of typos. A motion to approve the by-laws in the final version was made by Bud Herin, seconded by Jeanette Namuth, the motion was carried unanimously. A final version will be sent to the City Clerk's office.
- D. Annual Report 2004 – Submitted by deadline. Members were given a copy of the completed document.
- E. Bridging the Gap - Jeanette Namuth reported on the Bridging the Gap committee. The event will be held in two rooms at the Lincoln Center on September 30th. The first fliers will be sent the first of July and the second mailing will be out the middle of August.
- F. Update on grocery tax repeal initiative - Parade marchers are needed, it is hoped that there will be 100 people marching with signs. Bud Herin made a motion that the Senior Advisory Board declare their opposition to the amendment to repeal the grocery tax. Heather Heafer seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
- G. Policy on Aging report - Marjorie McTaggart reported that the committee had met. Dean Miller had compiled draft information which will be presented to the Board at a future date (due to Dean's illness). Steve Budner (staff liaison) asked Ingrid Decker (City Attorney) if it would be proper for him to give this draft to Council. Ingrid said if this is something Senior Advisory Board wants adopted, it would be the right procedure. Ingrid suggested getting the document in a form Senior Advisory Board is happy. The document should then be taken to the SAB Council Liaison. The liaison would help getting it in front of Council.
- H. Other - Dean Miller wrote a "Thumbs Up" (Coloradoan) for Greg Reeves' article written on Feb. 28th about the Recreation Division. Dianne Heath will sign and submit.

IV. **New Business**

- A. Review attendance policy - Either of the following shall automatically cause a member's appointment to be terminated, and shall create a vacancy on the board or commission: Three consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings of the board, if, prior to the meetings where the absences occurred, no written

notification of any such absence has been submitted to the staff liaison or the chair or, if the chair is the person experiencing the attendance problems, then to the vice chair.

Four absences from regularly scheduled meetings of the board in any calendar year, without written notification to the staff liaison or the chair or, if the chair is the person experiencing the attendance problems, then to the vice chair.

V. **Liaison reports**

- A. Bud Herin reported that the next **outreach meeting** will be at Oakbrook 1 on June 8th at 1:30p.m. The south building will be invited.
- B. **TRIAD** - Marjorie McTaggart – TRIAD will host a conference on April 6th at the Chilson Center from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Topics to be discussed include gaming and VOA safety. The conference includes lunch. There is no charge but donations will be accepted. Reservations should be made thru Aspen Club at PVH. The conference includes lunch, there is no charge, donations accepted and reservations should be made thru Aspen Club at PVH.
- C. Marjorie McTaggart also reported on the **Senior Show on Channel 27**. The name for the show had been narrowed down to three and chose "Life Goes On". They will be auditioning a host this month.
- D. **Foundation On Aging** - Peggy McGough reported that the foundation is also concerned about "on call" transportation issues. They acknowledge three major issues for senior nutrition, housing and transportation. As there are many boards, commissions and committees addressing the same issue, it seems as if solutions will come only when "Thinking Outside the Box" begins.
- E. **Commission on Status of Women**: No report
- F. **AARP** - The AARP & League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a speaker at the Senior Center at 9:45a.m. on the 17th. The topic will be on some of the proposals on the ballot in November.
- G. **Senior Center** - Bud Herin reported that a Greek dinner will be hosted at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 23rd. The Artie Shaw Orchestra will perform for a dance on April 5 at the Lincoln Center from 7pm to 10p.m.

VI. Introduction of new member - Heather Heafer

VI. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by proclamation of chair, Dianne Heath.

Submitted by:

Karen Bryner, Recording Secretary

Dianne Wireman-Heath, Chairperson

Marjorie McTaggart, Secretary

