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**To:** Mayor Murphy, City Council

**C.C.:** Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community *(Handwritten initials)*

**From:** Joni Inman, Director, Mayor and City Manager's Office

**Date:** 02/01/2010

**Re:** Status of Commission Recommendations, Fourth Quarter, 2009

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Following is a review of the assignments and/or recommendations that were made during the last quarter of 2009 and where, if appropriate, those recommendations are in the implementation stage. Implementation is noted in parenthesis.

Environmental & Parks, Trails and Open Space Committees:

**Explore the recruitment and use of volunteers for environmental and conservation projects in Lakewood:**

- **What have other communities done?**
- **Can it be done here?**
- **Identify opportunities.**
- **Identify obstacles.**
- **What would the scope of such projects be?**

Assigned 10/12/09 with no time frame.

As of this date there have been no recommendations from the Environmental and Parks Trails and Open Space Committees.

Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community:

**City Council would like the Commission to look into the possibility of creating a "brand" or "tagline" to be incorporated along with the name of the City. Branding would be used on stationary, brochures, vehicles, etc.**

**Council is looking to the Commission to research what other cities have done and make recommendations on how to involve the public in identifying the branding tagline, or even if there is value in creating this type branding tagline.**

Assignment given 11/10/09. Commission recommendations due by 3/31/10.

Following are updates on previous recommendations:

**Recommendations regarding restrictions on the parking of recreational vehicles on city streets.**

(Code Enforcement Coordinator Gail Spencer has studied the recommendations and is taking the topic to City Council for discussion at a Study Session April 5.)

**Recommendation to host a neighborhood/homeowners association forum.**

(The first forum, a pilot project, is to be held in May. Exact date not yet determined.)

**Recommendations regarding Roadside Memorials.**

(The Council Officers asked the Commission to engage the Hispanic community in discussion about the appropriate length of mourning time for such memorials. The Commission came back in January with a memo to the Mayor and Council Officers indicating that there is no set appropriate time. The recommendation now has gone to Planning & Public Works for policy development. The Department staff will take the recommendations into consideration, develop a policy, and will send copies to both Council and the Commission when completed.)

**Possession of Tobacco by Minors.**

(The Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on a potential Lakewood smoking ordinance began meeting in late October, 2009. As part of its mission, the Committee is reviewing the recommendation of the Youth Committee to adopt an ordinance prohibiting possession of tobacco by minors. The Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Council Member Tom Quinn, expects to issue its report and recommendation to City Council by May.)

**Information regarding the Denver Intermountain Railroad Trolley Car #25.**

(Work progresses on the Commission's recommendation to obtain the above mentioned car. An initial offer to the non-profit group that owns the car was rejected. Since that time, however, a partnership has been established between Lakewood and a trolley group that operates in the Platte Valley. Contracts are currently under negotiation and the potential of a joint purchase, joint operating agreement, and changes to the Oak Street Station of the West Corridor in order to accommodate the car are promising. The Cooperative, the working title of the merged groups, is expected to obtain the car within the next couple of months.)

**Outstanding assignments:**

- 1) **Research how other communities fund public art and make recommendation to the Council on how Lakewood might best do so.**
- 2) **Determine ways on how the City can reach citizens that are hard to reach in the 2010 Census, i.e. seniors, ethnic, homeless and transit populations. Determine ways for volunteers to spread the word of the importance of the Census at any opportunity i.e. Cider Days etc.** (This is an ongoing assignment. Each committee has reported directly to the Mayor's Complete Count Committee with ideas and suggestions. This assignment does not require a report back to Council.)

The Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community held a half day retreat in January to discuss its first two years of operation. Council can expect a few recommendations for restructuring of the Commission as a result of that discussion. The annual report to Council will be scheduled after the ratification of recommendations by the full Commission in February.