



**Lakewood Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
October 12, 2005 Minutes**

Commission Members Present: Roice Horning, Joanne Ruzzo, Jackie Campeau,  
Richard Reutter, Lisa Thompson, Carolyn Evans

City Council:

Staff: Edie Richey

Cultural Diversity Commission  
Liaison: Harry Cullis

Heritage, Culture & the Arts  
Liaison: David Wiechman

Guests: Bill Lunsford, Housing Development Manager  
City of Lakewood Housing Authority

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Roice Horning at 4:10 p.m.

**Introductions:** Bill Lunsford, Housing Development Manager for the Lakewood Housing Authority.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed by commission members present. Harry Cullis indicated the new Chair for the Cultural Diversity Commission is Karen Nakandakara, the First VP is Elzia Sekou. *Motion made by Carolyn Evans and seconded by Joanne Ruzzo to approve the minutes with changes noted. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Announcements:** Roice said VOTE YES ON 2A signs were available through him.

**Presentation:** Bill Lunsford gave a presentation on the new 118 unit senior housing project, *Pierce Senior Housing Residences*, to be located at 17th and Pierce. Our thanks to Bill for his informative presentation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications Committee:** Committee did not meet and Carolyn had nothing new to report.

**Legislative Committee:** Roice said the 2A pro and con discussion was not held during the Legislative BBQ on September 20th.

**Council:** No report from city council representatives.

**Staff:** Edie announced the Lakewood Police *Cops that Cook* fundraiser was a success raising \$768 above costs. The money will go to Project Lifesaver, a rescue program that provides a GPS ID bracelet for disabled or Alzheimer's patients. Patients can be found in 20 minutes. Jefferson County is also involved in Project Lifesaver, and Lakewood will assist the County in searches outside Lakewood, but in Jefferson County. Edie is helping on a Senior Low Vision program. There is state grant money that a Boulder support group is seeking to possibly use the Clement Center to promote their services with doctors and other service providers. They will do assessments and provide education to keep low vision folks independent. Edie was invited by the Colorado Trust to meet with 12 other people in an idea sharing session on aging issues. She will concentrate primarily on the issues identified by the metro regional Whitehouse Conference on Aging and the "aging well model". Edie is taking a Spanish course to assist with Spanish speaking users of the Clements Center.

**Cultural Diversity Commission:** Harry said their commission is mandated for 10 meetings a year. Because of low attendance in the summer, they are looking at dropping the July meeting. Monthly meetings in community locations will be cancelled. Instead, Commission members will go out to neighborhood meetings to make their presence known..

**Heritage, Culture and the Arts Commission:** Dave Wiechman announced that West Metro Fire will be having a mill levy increase next year and plan to take their board meetings on the road. HCA has four new members. Zach Matyja has been elected their new chairperson. Dave also announced the *Dia de los Muertos*, Day of the Dead celebration. Edie asked for information to post at the Clements Center.

**Commission Member Activities on 2A:**

- Jackie Campeau spoke at City Council.
- Roice has personally devoted time and energy to the passage of 2A due to concern for loss of senior services if 2A does not pass

**Request by Walt Heidenfelder** for a leave of absence through December due to scheduling conflict due to a class he is taking. *Motion made by Dick Reutter and seconded by Jackie Campeau to approve this leave. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Openings on Commission:** Debbie Koop is looking into finding a replacement for our Commission opening.

**Next Meeting:** Suggested agenda items for the next meeting..

- Discussion of services in light of the disposition of the 2A ballot issue.

**Adjournment:** *A motion to adjourn was made by Joanne Ruzzo, seconded by Jackie Campeau. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.*

  
Secretary

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Date Approved

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