



**Lakewood Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
November 9, 2005 Minutes**

Commission Members Present: Roice Horning, Joanne Ruzzo, Jackie Campeau, John Lasswell, Richard Reutter, Lisa Thompson, George Hoerter

City Council: Barbara Martin

Staff: Edie Richey, Tami Fischer

Cultural Diversity Commission
Liaison:

Heritage, Culture & the Arts
Liaison

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

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed by commission members present. It was noted that a correction should be made to the spelling of Bill Lunsford's last name. *A motion was made by John Lasswell and seconded by Jackie Campeau to approve the minutes with changes noted. Motion approved unanimously.*

Announcements:

- Walt Heidenfelder has resigned from the Commission, effective immediately.
- Paul Koller, a member of the City Retirement Board and the HCA Alliance, has offered his services to interested groups as a speaker on Part D of the Medicare program.
- Barbara Martin and Carol Kesselman were thanked for their participation in Commission meetings and in keeping the Commission current on Lakewood Council activities.

Replacement of Commission Chairperson: Roice gave an overview of the activities of the Commission in recent months and our relationship with the Council. Roice requested that he be relieved of his duties as Chair and *made a motion that the Vice Chair, Jackie Campeau take over this role for the period of December 2005 through March 2006 when new Commission elections will be held. The motion was seconded by John Lasswell.*

Post-election meeting planning:

- Deb Koop is in the process of looking for new members for the Commission. Roice requested Commission assistance in recruiting for new members by the January meeting.

- With the sales tax initiative passing, there will be continued services for seniors. Funding will remain the same, as scheduled cuts will not be made to the original budget. There is some extra money for transportation. The Reachout Office will be maintained.
- Dave Ruckman of RTD has asked for Commission involvement in the next phase of Light Rail improvement recommendations.
- Roice stated that there is a perception that the State legislature does not have an emphasis on senior issues. The Commission could recommend to legislators Boyd and Hanna to raise visibility of senior issues in the growing senior population.
- A senior focus group might provide design and development input for the 17th and Pierce senior residences opening in 2007.
- A recommendation was made to refresh commission members on the Lakewood services available to seniors.
- Lisa volunteered to make a presentation on the variety of Medicaid services and programs (i.e., Medicaid Part B premium, options for long term care, etc.)
- There was a discussion on the Older Coloradan's Fund.
- LSCAC will need to create an annual report and make a presentation to the City Council.
- There is a legislative forum on Saturday with a report from the Police Department about identity theft. This may be a good topic for a Commission presentation.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: No report.

Legislative Committee: John Lasswell reported on Title 3 money available for home repair, hearing aids and glasses, and dental work. There is a grant from Coleman Foundation for transportation for medical (cancer) treatment.

Council: Barb Martin thanked Commission members for their individual efforts in getting the sales tax initiative passed.

Staff: Tami stated that LSCAC meetings will need to be held in a new facility. Adult Day Care will be utilizing the Starr Center starting around December 1st. She suggested meeting either at the Clements Center or the Municipal Center. Commission members favored the Municipal Center. Tami will look into a meeting location.

Eddie announced new classes and instructors available for Clements Center programs. The Senior Low Vision Program, a support group funded through a Boulder grant for Jefferson, Boulder, Broomfield and Adams County residents with low vision and macular degeneration, will start in January.

Cultural Diversity Commission: No report.

Heritage, Culture and the Arts Commission: No report.

December meeting:

The December meeting will be a social event held December 14th at Johnny Carino's at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: *A motion to adjourn was made by Joanne Ruzzo, seconded by Lisa Thompson.*
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Secretary

Date Approved

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