



**Lakewood Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
January 11, 2006 Minutes**

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

City Council:

Staff: Edie Richey, Kim Buehler for Tami Fischer

Cultural Diversity Commission  
Liaison: Harry Cullis

Heritage, Culture & the Arts  
Liaison: Dave Wiechman

Guests: John Zabawa, Seniors' Resource Center

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Jackie Campeau at 4:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed by commission members present. It was noted that a correction should be made to *Paul Koller's* name, of the HCA Alliance. Bullet two under post election meeting planning should read "*Funding will remain the same, as scheduled cuts will not be made to the original budget*". And under Legislative Committee "*John Lasswell reported on Title III money through the SRC for home repair and hearing aids. Seniors Answers & Services has funds for glasses and dental work. A motion was made by John Lasswell and seconded by Carolyn Evans to approve the minutes with changes noted. Motion approved unanimously.*"

**Announcements:**

Joanne Ruzzo submitted her resignation effective the end of her term, March 31, 2006, due to work commitments.

**Introductions:**

Two new Commission members were introduced: Darrell Rylatt and Terry Ray King. Introductions were made around the table.

John Zabawa, President and CEO of the Seniors' Resource Center was introduced as our guest speaker.

**Presentation:**

John Zabawa brought Commission members up to date on the outcomes of the White House Council on Aging conference held in December and State legislative issues.

**Committee Reports:**

Jackie discussed the need for new Commission Committee members. She asked the attendees to review the current committee members and duties document and consider volunteering for an active role on a committee.

The Mayor plans to make appointments this month for Council representatives to the Commission.

**Communications Committee:** Carolyn said the Committee had not met since October. There is nothing to report.

**Legislative Committee:** John Lasswell attended a seminar Friday on Referendum C and the effect on the 2006 budget. Majority of funds of the \$670M will be used to plug budget holes with \$74M left for transportation, health care, and education. No specifics on the Older Coloradans Fund. There is a \$25K grant from Coleman for transportation for medical treatment.

**Council:** No report.

**Staff:** Edie is in a planning mode, restructuring and reorganizing activities and programs with current staff, with an emphasis on wellness programs.

**Cultural Diversity Commission:** Harry Cullis discussed follow up on the work started last year on reaching out to Lakewood ethnic minorities and their needs.

**Heritage, Culture and the Arts Commission:** Dave Wiechman spoke about the success of the *Day of the Dead* Hispanic art program late last year. The Commission has new members and a new chairperson. The HCA Alliance is starting to raise funds to support the arts. Citizens for Lakewood’s Future is working on a contact booklet covering senior aging issues.

**Member Activities:** No report.

Thanks to the new members for volunteering to be on the Commission.

**Adjournment:** *A motion to adjourn was made by George Hoerter, seconded by Lisa Thompson.*  
**Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.**

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**Secretary**

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**Date Approved**

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