

DENVER COMMISSION ON AGING

Minutes – September 18, 2008

Present: Dre’ Dufford, Joe Halpern, Phyllis Hirschfeld, Vicki Jordan, Barb Martin-Worley, Fern Osborne, Morris Price, Juanita Rios-Johnston, Zane Robertson, Christine Wanifuchi, Michelle Williams.

Excused: Sandi Armstrong, Erin Kruse, Mary Madrid, Carlos Martinez.

Guests: Anthony Aragon (Office on Aging), Lucia Guzman (HRCR), Loretta Martinez (HRCR), Denver Housing Authority.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE/PLAN
Minutes	Minutes were approved as written.	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCOA secretary position is open due to the resignation of Barb. Phyllis thanked Barb for a job well done ○ Minutes will be posted on website ○ Poll workers needed in Denver for Nov. 4th election. Contact the Election Commission in the Clerk and Recorder’s office for Denver. ○ DCOA vacancies in Districts 3, 4 and 5. Please recruit. Anthony will work with Office of Boards and Commissions to publicize vacancies. ○ Phyllis requested volunteers for the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nominating Committee -Annual Retreat Committee 	<p>Phyllis will forward electronic copies of the minutes to Loretta.</p> <p>Commissioners interested in committees should contact Phyllis.</p>
Presentation – Denver Housing Authority	Denver Housing Authority offers seven high rise apartment buildings for elders 50+ and disabled non-elders. They have been in the process of renovating these properties and are now taking “interest” cards for three renovated buildings: Mulroy Apartments, Walsh Manor Annex and Hirschfeld Tower. Interested seniors should apply by phone 720-932-3173 or online at www.denverhousing.org .	
Bylaws	<p>Phyllis noted that she had made several revisions as a result of earlier discussions, including adding the office of Assistant Chair in addition to the Vice Chair. After further discussion, Commissioners decided to forego adding the Assistant Chair position but wanted to indicate the intent that the Vice Chair should assume the position of Chair at the conclusion of the Chair’s term.</p> <p>The Commission decided to accept the addition of Article V., Advocacy Activities, as drafted by the HRCR Advisory Board while recognizing that the article needed to be</p>	<p>Phyllis will send out revised bylaws for adoption vote. Commissioners should review and vote on adoption by deadline. If approved, Phyllis will forward bylaws to</p>

	<p>clarified. The intent of the Article is to allow advocacy, but not lobbying, by the Commission, subject to the authority of the HRCR director and the Mayor’s office. When an advocacy issue is in question, check with Lucia.</p> <p>The revisions as discussed were accepted by the Commission.</p>	<p>Lucia for HRCR approval.</p>
<p>Resource Guide Update – Loretta Martinez</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner expressed appreciation for Loretta’s work • Color printing is very expensive. Will print at special request rather than bulk order at this time. • Recommend being able to print black and white 8 1/2 x 11 copies. • Can print off copy on website. 	
<p>Advocacy Committee Legislative Report – Fern Osborne</p>	<p>Proactive opportunities for commission involvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transitional Ombudsman legislative request to assist elders when moving from one setting to another, e.g., hospital to home or assisted living facility. Ombudsman would facilitate move, act as liaison between medical providers and patient. Results in better outcomes for patient and systems. 2. Transportation access: Older Coloradans Fund through excise tax. 	<p>Fern will update Commission as legislative season progresses</p>
<p>Office on Aging Report – Anthony Aragon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denver’s 150 – In honor of the city’s 150th anniversary in November, 150 people will be honored who are helping to make a difference for the City of Denver. Nominations accepted until 10/01. Honorees announced on 11/22 at special reception. • October is Disability Awareness Month. 10/08 – 10/10 Denver Commission for People with Disabilities will be sponsoring special awareness week events. • One Book One Denver 09/09 – 10/31/08. Selected book: <u>The Thin Man</u> by Dashiehl Hammett. Events going on all over Denver. • 10/24/08 - Attorney General’s Summit on Senior Financial Exploitation. Governor Ritter, keynote speaker. Registration free (inc. breakfast/lunch). Contact Robin Mason @ 303-866-5079 or robin.mason@state.co.us • Diversity Reception. Date: TBA. 5:30 p.m. @ Lannie’s Clock Tower Cabaret. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Denver Commission on Aging will be hosting: commissioners are needed to help staff event. • 12/19/08 Mayor’s Gala Ball 6-10 p.m. \$15/person 	<p>Commissioners should consider how they can support the Diversity Reception and/or the Mayor’s Gala Ball</p>

Next Meeting	The Commission's next meeting will be Thursday, October 16 th , 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Volunteers of America offices, 2660 Larimer St., lower level conference room. Free parking on the street is available.	