



**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 2, 2011**

Attendance: Kris Housel, Larry McDermott, Jade Miller, Craig O'Brien, John Sears, Tyler Youngren

Absent: Debbie Demmel

City Staff: Doug Clark, Laurie Herrman

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: The May 2011 minutes were approved as written.
2. New Business:

Brad Patterson, Transit Manager, presented information on the Bus Stop Improvement Project. Starting this summer, due to an ARRA Federal grant of \$152,000 and a Faster grant of \$100K with a local match of \$20,000, access & safety improvements will be done at many of the bus stops. To determine which stops will be targeted, all the stops were inventoried and photographed, along with feedback received from COD, other citizen groups, and the GET driving staff, and the top 100 stops were prioritized. This is a 2 year project. A consultant will be hired to look at the stops to determine ADA compliance, what needs to be done at the targeted stops, complete the design and determine the cost. Brad also explained that an RFP (Request for Proposal) is open right now to find a vendor to renovate/replace and put in new shelters at stops. This vendor will also be responsible for clearing snow from the stops.

Larry McDermott thanked Greeley-Evans Transit on behalf of all those with disabilities for their work on transportation issues.

Larry also asked to talk about the Red Route while Brad was in attendance and could answer some questions/concerns about the CTAB Red Route Resolution.

CTAB Resolution – Larry McDermott updated the member on the resolution. Want to up the number of buses to every ½ hour on the Red route. Ridership is high, but riders have to wait so long they either walk for find other transportation. Because this route goes to medical facilities CTAB feels that it is an important route for people to use.

John Sears asked that, since it's been heard that carryover money will not be used for the increase of this route, why not - isn't it the people's money? An ordinance directs how any money is used. Brad explained that money is really the issue - is increasing the buses to every ½ hour sustainable? Cannot work for only 1 to 2 years then determine it is not sustainable.

Larry asked if there is an increase in the Red route would the demand for para-transit decrease? Not necessarily, but looking at doing travel training again in conjunction

with the Weld County Mobility Council. Can you tell whether other routes increase if the Red route is increased? Not sure how that would be provable right now we do look at the number of transfers on a monthly basis.

Larry stated that the need of support from the disabled community is crucial to show City Council that this resolution needs to pass and the Commission members need to get support to the council meeting. Kathy from CTAB is trying to determine when the presentation will occur for City Council, maybe July or August.

Larry McDermott proposed, and John Sears made a motion with Kris Housel seconding that the COD approve a 2nd Resolution in support of CTAB's revised Resolution to double the frequency on the Red Route through funding other than carry-over funds. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business:

Parade –Having problems finding a place to store the trailer so it can be decorated. Kris will call a couple more places. Doug suggested that maybe they store all the items to be put on the trailer, since it is minimal, and put it on the trailer the night before the parade and leave the trailer in the parking lot at UNC. The only caveat to this is weather. Try asking at some apartment type place that has covered parking if they can use a space for a week to park and decorate the trailer was another suggestion.

Dance – No report

Forum – Larry received some feedback from his email to do a survey to determine what people would like to see addressed in this type of venue. Maybe give 5 choices and ask about a timeframe and if they would attend then send out an email to all their respective contacts.

4. Committee reports:

a. Transportation (John Sears):

i. Work with Kathy, CTAB to determine next step for Council meeting. There may be a ballot issue for the next election, will keep abreast of this.

b. Education (Jade Miller):

i. No Report

c. Employment (Kris Housel): Trying to come up with ideas on how to proceed.

d. Recreation (Larry McDermott, Craig O'Brien): No Report

e. PR/Media (Tyler Youngren):

i. No Report

Future agenda items:

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.