



Youth Advisory Board

Agenda

Thursday, March 4, 2010
Louisville Public Library
951 Spruce St.
7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - Katy Brown Antonia Lin Megan Valentine Kriska Daltonhurst
 - Brooke Cox Nicole Polglaze Kendall Webster Mandy Perera
 - Leslie Dong Bonnie Schrag Samantha Webster Frost Yarnell
 - Daisy Fuchs Hannah Tienken Joi Wu
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes from February 2010 meeting
- V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VI. Volunteer Activities- report on past functions and plan future opportunities
 - a. Feb. Royal Ball, February 6th, 1:30-5pm
Heat Relief Dinner, February 18th.
Daffodil Sales
 - b. Mar. St. Patty's Day Dinner for Seniors, March 18th, 5:15-7:15pm.
- VII. CML "If I were Mayor..." Contest update
- VIII. Discuss other city boards and commissions
- IX. Further goal setting discussion concerning the upcoming term
 - a. Bus schedule around Monarch- update from Leslie
 - b. Volunteer-a-thon
- X. Eyes and Ears
- XI. Comments from Liaisons
- XII. Discussion Items for Next Meeting
- XIII. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

2/4/10

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I. Call to Order – 7:05 pm

II. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present:

Board Members Present: Brooke Cox, Antonia Lin, Bonnie Schrag, Hannah Tienken, Kendall Webster, Samantha Webster, Joi Wu, Katy Brown, Daisy Fuchs, Nicole Polglaze, Megan Valentine

Board Members Absent: Leslie Dong

Staff Members Present: Kriska Daltonhurst, Mandy Perera, Frost Yarnell

III. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved by all board members present.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2010

- The minutes from January were approved by all board members present.

V. Public Comments not on the agenda

- Frost answered questions about what is happening with the tax revenue, and the places that could be shut down. There is a meeting discussing this from 3-6pm at City Hall on Feb. 9th. The meeting is open to the public.

VI. Volunteer Activities- report on past functions and plan future opportunities

a. January

- **Cookies for Meals-on-Wheels program-** The YAB received a nice thank you card from the Meals-on-Wheels program. The bag designs were great!
- **Daffodil Sales update-** \$127+ of daffodils sold on MLK, Jr. Day at the Rec. Center. Lynn Wooten joined us to tell about future opportunities to sell these. On the 15th of Feb. there will be another sale of daffodils at the recreation center (times yet to be decided) and then on March 13th from 9 am to 12pm.

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- Mandy thought about trying to sell the daffodils at the Royal Ball so that the girls could take the bears home and then pick up the flowers in March.

a. February

- **Royal Ball, February 6th, 1:30-5pm** - Sign up sheet was passed around for who will be attending the event to help out.
- **Heat Relief Dinner, February 18th. Shifts: 4-8:30/4-6:30/6:30-8:30**All of the proceeds got to seniors who cannot pay for their heating bills, Pasta costs \$8.
- A sign up sheet was also passed around for those who could work the different shifts.

b. March - St. Patty's Day Dinner for Seniors, March 18th, 5:15-7:15pm.

- Brooke brought up that her Irish step dancing class could come and dance at the dinner if more entertainment was needed.
- This event was described to members and a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the March 2010 meeting. Check your calendars beforehand!

VII. CML "If I were Mayor..." Contest

- 7th graders write an essay about what they would do if they were the mayor. The four winners will win a savings bond and will also get a certificate and then will have the opportunity to go to the meeting in the mountains during the summer.
- Brooke and Joi are going to give the information to the teachers about possibly making it a class project. There will also be a pamphlet in the teen center in the library.

VIII. Discuss other city boards and commissions

- Brooke went to the city council meeting during January.
 1. The mayor talked about the closing of Sam's Club.
 2. Paul Wood (Planning Director) announced his resignation.
 3. The new name for the Tamarisk Open Space property will be Coyote Run.
 4. Discussed approval of a new gas station on Dillon Road.

IX. Further goal setting discussion concerning the upcoming term

a. Bus schedule around Monarch

- Lynx meeting is being held tonight about shutting down the bus all together. Leslie was there to advocate for the Monarch students. She will be letting the meeting members know that if they changed the schedule just a little bit then their riders would go up considerably.

b. Volunteer-a-thon

- We no longer have a contact at Volunteer Connection.
- Most achievable is doing the volunteer-a-thon on a smaller scale, because of the money issue.

- The Memory Square Pool clean-up was an idea for a volunteer opportunity. We could probably only handle up to 20 teens, and then Frost informed the board about the possible closing of Memory Square Pool and what could be going into the Sam's Club space.
- Nicole came up with an idea about putting boxes out and looking for what the people think about the closing of places.
- Katy talked about going to the YMCA for opportunities.

X. Eyes and Ears

- Megan asked if there was a part of Louisville that was poor. She also asked about the graduation rate for Monarch High School.
- The Community Food Share was such a big success.
- Daisy, Katy, Sam, Kendall, and Joi talked about money raised for Haiti at their schools.

XI. Comments from liaisons

- Mandy talked about shopping local and then about the Royal Ball
- Next week on Wednesday, there will be a duct tape flower making get-together at the library.

XII. Discussion items for next meeting

- The volunteer-a-thon
- Sign up for the St. Patty's Day dinner
- Bus schedule around Monarch

XIII. Adjourn 8:00 pm

RTD Public Meeting
February 4th, 2010
Notes from Leslie Dong

OPENING:

- Brian Matthews, head of the RTD customer service starts the meeting by stating that this is a public service hearing. RTD traditionally holds three of these annual meetings and this one focuses primarily on the reduction of the LYNX service.
- He states that, “This is a formal hearing but not a formality. Changes will most certainly be made after this meeting.”
- Brief introduction: The LYNX program is subsidized mainly by a federal grant, but 50% of the service is also supported by the federal and county government.
 - All of RTD routes will be cut down slightly, but the LYNX will be completely dismantled until further changes occur
 - Broomfield park'n' ride will be completely changed
- Open to public comments:

1. Wesley- passes out handouts

- family lives in Midway
- LYNX service has provided convenience to crucial places such as the Flatiron mall, Avista Hospital, doctor offices, and schools (Monarch K8 and Monarch High)
- LYNX, the local transportation provides these services. But if it was dismantled, nothing else can take its place. Regional transportation does not help.
- Call and Ride is not in service here
- If the LYNX is removed, it'll disconnect area. A thousand households occupy this area and will significantly be harmed. It's also a place of great economic expansion and growth. It's a pity not to serve such a great population of inhabitants.
- Between 88, Parkway and Dillion, (at the edge of Broomfield) is a critical area
- This area contains the Avista Hospital and schools
- students depend on the LYNX service to get to school and to attend extracurricular activities
- most parents work and don't have the ability to transport their kids

2. Trish-

- visually impaired, depends on public transportation
- lives in proximity to the Flatirons Call and Ride
- LYNX is the only local transportation, there is nothing else to substitute it
- no other services in her residential area
- “Dismantling the LYNX will completely limit my independence”

3. Annie-

- recently had foot surgery, unable to drive
- depend on the LYNX service to complete all her daily errands
- life style will dramatically be impacted if the LYNX was dismantled

4. **Little boy of 11-**

- “Many people like my sisters and I depend on the LYNX to get to school every day.”
- a change in the LYNX service will disrupt their lifestyles
- the inconvenience may force many students to change schools
- many people other than children depend on the LYNX
- example: Recently, his bus driver tripped on the sidewalk and hit his head upon a pile of bricks. His head burst open and blood ran down his face. The only way he could seek help to the hospital and return home was solely through the LYNX service

5. **Leslie Dong (me)**

- representative of the Louisville Youth Advisory Board (YAB), speaks on the behalf of all youth that will be impacted by this change and specifically for the current students of Monarch K8 and high school
- LYNX has always provided a distinct convenience to all residents living within proximity to it, and an uncountable amount of families virtually depend on it (I myself have taken the LYNX bus)
- One of the greatest reasons why the LYNX service was unable to meet their threshold needs to continue operating may be due to the change of scheduling. Last year, the closest bus that would arrive after school was at 3:13. But it has now been changed to 3:09.
- Those few minutes has made it very difficult for students to make it to the bus stop on time. In fact, it's virtually impossible for the high school students to make it there (this is also a personal experience).
- If you missed that bus, then you'll have to wait another thirty minutes. The inconvenience has caused many families to find different alternatives such as carpooling, driving, etc.
- Kids rely on the LYNX to get home. Most parents are unable to drop them off or even pick them up. And for the children that live within the Superior/Louisville Area, the school does not provide any bus services to transport the kids.

6. **Louis-**

- doesn't want to drive, but then has to turn to other alternatives such as walking and biking if the LYNX was shut down
- Call n' rides are always overloaded, they constantly only take known or frequent riders
- proposal: find a way to “float” a service through the rush and rise times of a day. The potential business will increase and the threshold will be more easily met.
- “I've ridden the LYNX for at least 200 times this year alone.”

7. **Helen-**

- LYNX promotion is not enough
- barely anyone knows where it goes
- new riders find it difficult to learn about the service
- increase promotion = increase business

8. **former Monarch high school graduate**

- when she was in high school, there was no LYNX service
- mom could not drive, dad was always on business trips
- she had to either walk or bike to school every day, consuming at least an hour round-trip (30 minutes to and from)
- used to play the violin. Had to tie the violin case onto the handles of the bike and ride to school, even when it snowed
- if the LYNX was taken down, her brother will face great transportation difficulties when he goes to high school next year
- he plays the saxophone and he'll have to manually lug the instrument to school every day (for a total of an hour a day)
- it'll be quite a shame if the LYNX service was taken away
- "I just want to speak on behalf of all the future Monarch students, my own brother, and all other people that will be effected by this change."

CLOSING:

- RTD representatives give their thanks and appreciation for public comments
 - they explain their difficulties but ensure they will place in all the effort to preserve the service
 - if all unnecessary expenses could be reduced, perhaps they'll have enough to keep the service running
 - LYXN service was intended to be an experiment and started only two years ago
 - but it's very costly: \$1200/day
 - they appreciate our insight
 - they only look at numbers every day to judge and evaluate the efficiency of the service. But they often miss the insight and personal stories tied to the service. By providing them with our comments, they can more realistically judge the importance and significance of the LYNX
 - they ensure that they will do all they can to preserve or maintain the services crucial to all these residents.