

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 6, 2014

Present: Bill Edwards, Center for Disabilities; Lisa Aragon, Human Relations Commission; Jo Booms; interpreter, Jean Benfield, vice chair; Dale Buterbaugh, guest; Kristen Castor, secretary; June Akeo, member; Mary Dumetria, Sharon Campbell, member; Terry Skinner, guest; George O'Brien, co-chair; Ralph McPhersons, co-chair; Earl Wilkinson, ADA Coordinator; Sam Vigil, Public Works; Kip Morphew, Facilities Management; John Madrid, member

Minutes for April and May were approved by consensus
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### **Fair Housing Workshop**

Sharon talked with Ada Clark (Housing and Citizen Services) about the Fair Housing Workshop in September and it will cover access, animals, hard wired doorbells and fire alarms, and effective communication. The targeted audience includes: businesses, the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, realtors who rent apartments, landlords, contractors and anyone involve in using rental property, the Housing Authority and other government housing service agencies.

### **Public Works**

- The curb ramp project on Northern has started, first on the north side, then on the south side moving toward Prairie, and it will include the traffic signals. The Bessemer curb ram project is nearly finished. The dog park restroom has been set and the chain link fence to separate the dog park areas has to go in before the other areas are finished. Then interior renovations will take place and that includes plumbing
- The Drew Dix Park project has been awarded. Chip and slurry seal will start up soon. On Eagleridge the full depth reclamation process has been broken in two. The concrete project will include curb ramps and curb and gutter repair and new sidewalk and then the street will be resurfaced on the westbound lanes from Eagleridge to Pioneer and Ridge.
- The Dillon Flyover project is ready to advertise for bid in July.
- The Fountain Creek Park project is centered at the Caesar Chavez monument on Erie. The grading will go up to the levy and will include

pedestrian walkways. There is a plaza for electricity and a wheel park. There are two bowl areas and some street courses. The restroom will be refurbished and there is a grant application to do the playground. It is funded from Greater Outdoors Colorado, city lottery money and county money. Plans are at 60%. Walkways, pavilions, playgrounds, and restrooms will be accessible.

- There was a discussion about how to make design plans accessible for people with low vision. Ralph said his equipment will take a .jpeg image and enlarge it as he requires. This should be done on the city and county websites as well. Sam and Earl will look in to making this possible with the county as well.
- There was also a discussion about an ADA basketball court and other wheelchair sports, perhaps at the Ice Arena. This would be a matter for Steven Meier.
- Plans for the West 11<sup>th</sup> street bridge over Wild Horse dry creek are at 90%. The old bridge will stay for pedestrians to use during construction. The new bridge will be pedestrian and bike friendly.

## **County Report**

Patsy Cresswell sent Kristen a flyer on interpreter resources that listed the Center on Deafness. Dale said the COD closed in 2008. All other resources listed are in operation. Adnan Padilla only teaches and does legal interpreting. St Mary's has the approval of the VRI but the bugs haven't been worked out. We could contact Billy Allen for support and Brandon Chambers for ER assistance and communication with Jean Benfield. Sharon is working with Pam Medina about listening systems for the hard of hearing. Polycom is a system for having conference calls with video, but will it work for interpreting.

## **Emergency Preparation**

There was a discussion about how much the city has done about its responsibilities as defined in the materials from ADA.gov. Earl said the next step is to get the fire department involved. June said there is a national program to help people who are homeless. George wants a way to tie things together. The new EOC is up, so let's talk to Lisa Shorter. One thing the city might help with is organizing a volunteer fleet of accessible vans in the event of a mass evacuation event.

## **Access to Employment**

We should invite Marisa to our August meeting for a report on the employee training.

The next regularly scheduled Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday July 3, from 1-3 at El Pueblo History Museum at 301 North Union.

**Anyone requiring accommodation should contact Earl Wilkinson at 553-2295 a week before the meeting.**