

**Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
August 7, 2014**

Present: June Akeo, member; Sharon Campbell, member; Dale Buterbaugh, member; John Madrid, member; Weston Burrer, County Compliance Officer; Patsy Cresswell, County ADA Coordinator; Kip Morphey, City Facilities Manager; Ralph McPherson, co-chair; Seth Berry, guest; Lisa Aragon, Human Relations Commission; Shelly Taylor, Pueblo Police Department; Larry Williams, member; Heather Norton, guest; Mary Dumetria, guest; Jeanie Benfield, vice-chair; Don Bruestle, member

**The meeting was called to order at 1:00.**

The agenda was amended to allow guest speakers to present first so that they could meet other obligations.

**Volunteer Handicapped Parking Patrol: Shelly Taylor**

There are 40 volunteers in the entire program, with two fully trained for handicapped parking. One will do training for other new comers for a total of four. They stagger their schedules. The revised parking statute makes it clear that volunteers can confiscate altered cards and they can also use county records to identify out of date numbers. The Patrol no longer has to keep lists, because the punch system is identifying old cards. There have been no serious complaints. The volunteers do multiple assist, not just handicapped parking.

Dale said the testing for texting 911 or dispatch is not clear. This is not an issue Sgt. Taylor can help us with.

Laura Whitrupp was working on texting for people who are deaf and we need an update.

EZ Pawn on Elizabeth puts merchandise on their spaces. Sgt. Taylor has also had problems with getting them to comply. Now that she has citizen complaints it might be easier to pursue.

The new handicapped parking statute refers to the International Building Code. Pepper Whittlef uses the ADAAG and there is still no way to enforce maintenance of parking spaces after a business is open. Send a meeting schedule.

**County Report: Patsy Cresswell:**

Patsy Cresswell identified herself as the ADA Coordinator. She works closely with Weston Burrer, who is now the ADA Compliance Officer.

Dale described the Video Remote Interpreting system at St. Mary Corwin Hospital. He is concerned about the time it takes to bring it out and the fact that they will only use VRI now and not call a live interpreter in any circumstance.

George described the new grievance system he learned of in a teleconference earlier this week. He said every state agency is to have a system for filing and responding to grievances and it must be posted in clear view. Heather said remembering the phrase "I want to file a grievance" could be a barrier for some people. What is wrong with "complaint?" State agencies also need to identify a person not affected by the process to receive and investigate the grievance so it will be some time before any document goes through the chain.

Patsy said she has considered video access to Commission meetings for those who can't get to Commission chambers. Express services can test for language competence in different disciplines. There are a wide variety of foreign language speakers in Pueblo County. Right now the ADA Office is staffed by Motor Vehicles and Tax Assessments, but personnel will contact any office and bring materials down to the customer so that there is full access to services. There may be funding available to expand this office and include the video conferencing capacity.

### **Judicial Building: Weston Burrer**

The contractor is still finishing up work. There is an issue with who has what keys. When things have settled down, we will do a tour. The old courthouse will upgrade with a grant from the state. There is a rumor that most of the parking spaces are taken up by staff, but there is still some open for the public and this too should settle down in a few weeks.

Minutes for July were approved as written
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### **City Update: Kip Morpew**

The Dog Park is open and the handicapped parking is open. The restroom is not open yet due to a variety of issues. People who use wheelchairs can nonetheless access the area.

The intersections of Northern and Prairie and 4<sup>th</sup> and Elisabeth and 4<sup>th</sup> and Greenwood are ongoing and almost complete.

## **New Business**

Sharon said that at our libraries the card catalogs are at computers where you have to stand. Others are for short term use.

There needs to be accommodation for people who need to sit or have more time to access the card catalog.

Perhaps this can be done at the work station with Dragon Naturally Speaking and other programs. We need to approach Jon Walker about this.

## **Chairperson's Report: George O'Brien and Ralph McPherson**

We should contact city manager's office about giving the annual report. Ed Brown suggested a work session on an evening when the regular meeting is televised. That way our presentation will also be televised.

Dale, Sharon and Jean will work with the Rocky Mountain ADA Center and anyone else who knows this part of the ADA well to come up with a workshop. Dale said the Commission on the Deaf and Heard of Hearing has scheduled a meeting for September 5, much like the Town Hall meeting a year or two ago. It still involves a conflict in leadership and there is no indication how this meeting will be focused. Dale has a call out to Cliff Mohr about it.

One thing we could do to support the deaf community might be to ask Pueblo Community College to extend its interpreter training program to a full five years.

## **Annual Report**

The city still has no plans for remodeling the City Park bathhouses. We also need to contact Steven Meier about this.

Outreach needs to be improved. June Akeo volunteered to take over putting the meeting notices in the Chieftain.

Ralph is still facing an obstacle course on Union and B Street. There appears to be a large metal box of some sort and also a furniture display further down. We could notify the Union Avenue District.

Ralph agreed to contact Dr. Wakefield about another study to support the Regional Transportation Authority.

The meeting adjourned just before 3:00

**The next work session of this Committee will be Thursday August 21, 2014 from 1-3 at El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union**

**The next regular meeting of this Committee will be Thursday September 4, 2014 from 1-3 at El Pueblo History Museum.**

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