

Pueblo and PACOG Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
October 2, 2014

June Akeo, member; Dale Buterbaugh, member; Jackie Browne, guest; Sharon Campbell, member; Heather Norton, guest; Earl Wilkinson, City ADA Coordinator; Bill Edwards, member; Kip Morphew, City Facilities Manager; Ralph McPherson, Co-Chair; Weston Burrer, County ADA Coordinator; Jean Benfield, Vice-Chair; Jo Booms, interpreter; George O'Brien, Co-Chair; Ed Brown, City Council, Don Bruestle, member; Kristen Castor, Secretary

Approval of September Minutes

Jeanie motioned and Dale seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

City Updates: Earl Wilkinson

The restrooms at City Park are waiting for the rock wainscot to be finished. The plumbing is operable, but the drinking fountains can't be finished until the wainscot is done.

The 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ramp projects have been cleared. Heather asked how to apply for a curb ramp. Kristen explained that there is a citizen's request program through Public Works.

The skate park plans are due back in a few weeks to be advertised in November.

Earl discussed training with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and found out there is a (Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training to integrate functional needs into the plan. The State is sponsoring this and there is a pre-requisite.

George may be able to go to the Functional Needs training by FEMA and will need to talk to Karen.

Steven Meier is supposed to hire a consultant for the design of the City Park Bathhouse. There is money for the bathhouse, but the project was put on hold in hopes the pool could be replaced and other improvements made.

George asked that we be included in all phases of the City Park Bathhouse project.

Fair Housing Workshop

Sharon believes there was no workshop and will touch base with Ada Clark.

Effective Communication

The listening systems that Weston Burrer borrowed from the library for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hearing on the Black Hills rate increase Hearing had corroded batteries and consisted of 2 transmitters with 2 receivers.

Sharon would now recommend that the library purchase an FM system with multiple receivers. Ralph suggested talking to Maria Tucker.

George wants to talk to everyone about what they need including other groups. There was a long discussion about what equipment was needed to be accessible.

County Update

Weston said the county is thinking of jumping the city's system to televise meetings as opposed to spending a lot of money on a completely new system. We need to schedule a tour date for the new building. The Grand Opening is October 17th at 10:00. The court is changing its docket to accommodate parking. The outside area still isn't done. Weston is still the contact for facilities and he will contact Patsy about the tour.

Ralph asked about the Department of Social Services (DSS) office. There is no rumor of moving to the old Judicial Building. The County pays 20% when it leases, so it is better to stay in Wells Fargo.

Effective communication at DSS is still an issue. June said the phone at Desert Flower doesn't get to a person. Dale and Jackie have had problems communicating with DSS. Weston will talk to the director. Kristen will talk to Tammy with Dale on Monday. Weston reminded us about the grievance form he developed. It is still technically unofficial, but he can use it to investigate complaints.

Chairpersons Report: Ralph and George

Ralph said Dr. Wakefield has 3 students who will amend the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) report and will get a hold of the Executive Committee when they have a date to meet with us.

Brandon Beauvais is the new volunteer coordinator for the Pueblo Police Department and will be here next month for a handicapped parking patrol update.

Laura Whittrup is working on texting for 911 and will report next month.

Marisa Pacheco has postponed the presentation on employee orientation to the ADA until December.

The tour of the Judicial building will be Thursday October 16 from 1-3

The date for the Annual Report can't be set until Sam Azad gets back but will be probably November or December.

Ed Brown brought up a problem at Oasis Trailer Park with access to the manager's office to pay rent. He was referred to Ada Clark, the Continuum of Care and the Fair Housing Act.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44.

These minutes were submitted to Earl Wilkinson's office on December 4, 2014, so there are no further announcements included.