

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2015  
Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Jean Benfield, Co-chair; Sharon Campbell, Co-chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Dale Buterbaugh, member; Bill Gropp, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; John Madrid, member; Bill Edwards, member; Ralph McPherson, member; Kip Morphew, city Facilities Manager; George O'Brien, member; Earl Wilkinson, city ADA Coordinator; Terry Skinner, guest; Ed Brown, City Council; Brenda Broyles, Pueblo Transit; Weston Burrer, Pueblo County ADA Compliance Officer.

Excused: Don Bruestle

**The meeting was called to order at 1:07.**

**City Updates**

The El Centro project has started. Alan Hamel, the street between Main and Union will go to Council on May 13 for award. This includes changes to the traffic signal at Union and Alan Hamel. It is legal to use a wheelchair in the bike lanes.

There is a Safe Route to Schools project at Corwin school that has finally been approved. It will include sidewalk and ramp improvements in addition to the pick-up lanes already installed.

The design of the new bathhouse at City Park is out. It needs to be made smaller to fit the budget.

Terry Skinner noted that the doors to the shower stalls have to open out instead of in so that they can be closed from inside.

Plans for the City Hall remodel look good. There have been some changes, probably for budget restrictions, but all the ADA requirements are in place. The plans for both projects are at Ralph's desk until deadlines have passed if anyone wants to look at them.

Public Works has been working on I Phones to report conditions of sidewalks and ramps. It is an app that is taking some time to develop. It is geocoded so it tracks by latitude and longitude.

George asked where to send complaints about sidewalks and Earl said send them to Public Works.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is doing an exercise on disasters in May and would like our participation.

**Pueblo Transit: Brenda Broyles**

Thursday April 9 at Hwy 50 and Elizabeth there is a very large event called Stand Up for transportation. Pueblo Transit is being vocal about continuing funding for transportation. CDOT and the city and county of Pueblo will be included. There is more information at PuebloTransit.com.

The fares have increased. Elderly and disabled are 60 cents. Kristen relayed the concern about the CitiLift fare, even though the pass (\$50.00) is still a bargain for frequent riders. Because of past experiences with differential fares, all fares are raised the same amount.

Ed Brown asked about putting a bench on Elizabeth in front of the Judicial Building. There is some cross over between who is responsible for deciding whether to put a shelter or a bench.

Brenda will give Earl the specs and he will find a manager at the Judicial Building to talk to get this done.

### **County Update: Weston Burrer**

Weston is still working on the transition plan for the county.

The county clerk is on board with having the Disabilities Office responsive to any function the County Courthouse provides, but the staff is not. He has asked the clerks in the Disability Office what they do with inquiries about things other than Motor Vehicles and it is clear they do not know what to do. He is trying to get a phone in place at a station with phone numbers to call. That means rearranging desks. Training, signage, space, and location are all issues.

### **Effective Communication**

Dale has spoken to Amy Robertson from Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (CREEC). She is planning to come down to Pueblo between April 23 and 24 to hear any complaints about St. Mary Corwin. Dale first contacted her about the problems with interpreters and the VRI system. Corwin has a policy of never calling for an interpreter and only using the VRI, which is not available in all parts of the hospital. She is coming down for the client at Parkview and will entertain any complaints. Jean wants to be included. Sharon said Title VI is where to find the citation about Medicaid and Medicare paying for interpreters.

Dale has had an issue at Walmart and this resulted in a request for Dale to present a workshop. He has notes and a PPT from another speaker. He plans to bring in several dogs. Ralph also wants to work with Dale on this.

We will work on that in a work session next week.

Dale went to the Daily Grind to have a cup of coffee and there was a sign asking for certification of service animals. The Manager said the Health Department required him to post it. Ralph would like the County Health person to come in and justify this. As long as the area is not sterile and people can go with shoes, the dog should be welcome. The contact is Carissa Nines.

Earl said he will contact the Health Department about the requirement to allow service animals.

Sharon asked if there was any possibility of a scam using Rely. Dale said he used to run into this when TTYs were in common use, but not recently.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Sharon is working on flyers and Dale said he has access to pictures for ADA workshops.

Sharon shared another sidewalk repair issue from Los Angeles with the membership. We need a policy and an implementation plan in place to avoid this kind of conflict and Earl is working on it.

There was a discussion about the merits of a Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) and the suggestion was to contact Dave Feamster. Earl's concern is that there are 5 to 6 hundred million dollars of need just in a year and a half cent sales tax that would generate only 5 to 6 million. The plan must be realistic, possibly extending 5 years and focusing on maintenance.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:30.**

**The next work session is April 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Pueblo History Museum at 301 North Union.**

**The next regular meeting is May 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 at El Pueblo Museum, 301 North Union.**

**Anyone requiring accommodation should contact Earl Wilkinson at 553-2295 a week before the meeting, especially when requesting interpreters for the deaf.**