

Pueblo and AACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 8, 2014

Present: Sharon Campbell, member; Jeanie Benfield, Vice-Chair; Heather Norton, guest; Jo Booms, Interpreter; Earl Wilkinson; City ADA Coordinator; Kip Morpew, City Facilities Manager; Ralph McPherson, Co-Chair; George O'Brien, Co-Chair; Don Bruestle, member; Kristen Castor, secretary

The December minutes were accepted as submitted

Changes to the Agenda

George asked that each person seeking office present a platform statement. It was moved and seconded that platforms not be required.

Annual Report

Kristen and George summarized their presentation to city council on December 22. Print copies were sent by email.

Ed Brown expressed his appreciation for our work. Kristen described the issue the Fire Department brought to council about being called by nursing facilities for help lifting patients, particularly bariatric patients. This is resulting in measurable increases in injuries and wear and tear on engines and facilities.

Kristen will forward her reply to city council about how to deal with repeat calls from citizens and facilities.

Goals and Work Plan

Goal #1: Monitor Title II Compliance by the City of Pueblo

We were extensively involved in the design for City Hall, but haven't done anything since. We need to be more involved in the renovations. Case in point, the city had to add a station for closed captioning. Do we need to check for that in the broadcasts as well?

The city will be building the bathhouse in City Park and the Committee needs to be involved in reviewing the design and making a walkthrough before opening.

Goal # 2: Advise the County about Title II Compliance with the ADA

We were not consulted at all about the new libraries. Earl pointed out that this is the jurisdiction of the City and County Library District. It was suggested we do a review of the libraries and report to the County Commission. Jeanie suggested that we ask Access for All to hold its meetings at the East side library.

Don noted that the county is once again not represented. He suggested we notify Commissioners when no one comes. We still need to set up schedule for reviewing county facilities.

Goal # 3: Strengthen Public Transportation Options

Don Bruestle supports benches and shelters for riders through Urban Renewal. Sal Pace reports on January 22. Everyone needs something from the RTA and we have to be sure transit gets enough.

We need to work with CSU on small projects. Dr. Wakefield has a professor in Resource Marketing who might be interested in a survey.

Goal # 4: Emergency Preparation

We should limit our scope to identify the city's responsibility and develop it. We need to work with the non-profits that work with special populations. Someone at the EOC needs to be a point person at the call center. It probably includes access to shelters. Earl will bring a summary outline of what he understands the city needs to do.

Goal # 5: Promote Awareness of the ADA

Effective Communication workshops still need to be set up. Dale is the point person and needs to get well first. Jeanie wants to be sure to include hospitals.

Goal #6: Publicity and Outreach

Send regular notes about our meeting to the Calendar and invite the paper to a work session.

City Updates: Earl Wilkinson

- Plans for the Dillon Flyover will go before Council. Construction is scheduled in March.

- The city has qualified 4 contractors for the 14th of January to finish City Hall.
- Public Works has selected architect on the City Park Bathhouse. It will probably be in a different location. All the city pools are old.
- Many ramp projects are ongoing, but the weather is not cooperating.
- The restrooms at the Dog Park are open. There are two on the street side and two on the dog side.
- The department is working on getting the sidewalk tool operational.
- A self-evaluation plans need to be done, but new financial software is problematic right now.

Elections

Jeanie and Sharon were elected co-chairs, Don Bruestle is vice chair, and Kristen is secretary.

County Report: Absent

Kip was amazed to hear that the bathroom doors at the Judicial Building opened in opposite directions.

Kristen will write a strongly worded letter to County Commissioners about attendance and highlight the Annual Report, with a copy to Weston

The meeting adjourned at 2:23.

Next Work Session: Thursday, February 12, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, 1-3.

Next Meeting: March 5, El Pueblo Museum, 301 north Union, 1-3

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