

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the meeting
February 5, 2015

Present: Beritt Odom, City Planning; Bill Edwards, Center for Independence and Member; John Madrid, Member; Dale Buterbaugh, Deaf Gathering and Member; Margaret Redmond, Human Relations; June Akeo, Member; Sharon Campbell, Co-chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Lisa Shorter, Public Information Officer for the Pueblo Sheriff's Department, Don Bruestle, Vice Chair; Rudy Fuentes, County ADA Coordinator; Earl Wilkinson, City ADA Coordinator; Ralph McPherson, Member; Kip Morphew, City Facilities Manager; Sam Vigil, City Public Works;

Excused Absences: Jeanie Benfield, Co-chair; George O'Brien, Member; Ron Burke, Member

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Guest Speakers: Beritt Odam (Planning and Zoning) and Sam Vigil (Public Works): Update on the Skateboard Park

Sam and Beritt brought drawings of the new skateboard park on the Eastside along the Fountain Creek. Erie Street has been vacated between 6th and 7th Streets for the park. It will include accessible trails along the 4th Street and 8th Street bridges. It is funded by Greater Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and a city match. It is a little behind, opening in September rather than June. It closes Erie and makes a walkway from the recreation center (El Quinto Sol) down to the creek. There will be lighting and safety fencing under the bridges. The trails are concrete. The rec center, the restrooms in the park, and picnic shelters remain and won't be done until the end. There will be new curb ramps at the entrances and a ramp to the bowl area. Contracts will be awarded February 9th. There were pre-design meetings with kids. Police will address safety with contractors and kids.

Lisa Shorter: Emergency Preparation

Scam

Lisa reports that there is a scam where a caller is telling people they have missed jury duty and must pay a fine or the sheriff will arrest them. They are told to put money on a credit card and once they have paid, they receive no more calls about their "case."

ADA Coordinator at Pueblo County Jail

Lisa reports that the ADA Coordinator at the Pueblo County Jail is Jeff Techner. He should be invited to our meetings. For clarification, Lisa is the Public Information Officer. She also puts content on the Web. Captain Techner is now the ADA Compliance Officer for the County Jail.

The Sheriff has changed the way they talk about the jail. Materials are signed and captioned. The web address is PuebloCounty.org and you can search for inmates, sex offenders, registering cell phones, concealed weapons, access and functional needs.

The registry goes back to the Pueblo County website and asks for your information and what kind of help you need, such as evacuation, electricity, etc and it goes to the IT Department on a secure server. Dispatch has to turn on an overlay to access the information, much like the city police dispatch does. Registries are not highly used and are often out of date.

Status of 911 Texting

Dale asked about 911 texting. Lisa said that is next generation technology. It is still being tested and is very expensive. The technology is Federal Communications Commission (FCC) required and the vendors are hustling, but the city and county need to be compatible. The push is to get the cell phone companies on board.

Participatory Emergency Response Exercises

There was a small evacuation exercise involving functional needs populations through a partnership with Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) last year. The next one will be in May. Art Pope is the contact person for this exercise. Call 583-6200 and ask for Art Pope if interested.

City Updates: Sam Vigil

The LED street lighting project is ongoing.

The Greyhound Bus shelter structure is on order and will be installed at the existing waiting area.

In the 1200 block of Belmont curb ramps are being extended with reprogrammed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

The Memorial Hall exterior lighting plan is ongoing.

ADA curb ramps on Jones are an ongoing project.

The Plaza Verde project is waiting for delivery of materials

Kip brought the City Hall interior rehabilitation and remodeling plans and they will be available at Ralph's desk all month. Bids are open today.

The Dillon Interchange flyover bridge at I-25 will have sidewalks that come up on the west side.

Berkley and Small has a bridge deck replacement.

The Alan Hamal Avenue street scape is ready to be advertised.

There is a trail repair project on the Fountain and Jerry Murphy, and another on the Arkansas between City Park and the Nature Center.

The Bessemer Park fountain plaza area will be rehabilitated.

The area along First and i-25 and also along Oakshire Blvd. will be rehabbed as well.

The signal replacement projects are safety projects and include ADA upgrades including audible signals. Ralph says it helps to use a different voice for different cardinal directions if that can be done, or perhaps they can be programmed with more precise directions. Sam will look into it.

The Hwy 50 widening project will extend eastbound from Purcell to Wills.

Ilex is a design build project and will not be very visible until late in the project.

Sidewalk Survey

IT is working on upgrading the tool developed by CSU and perhaps including the web survey from Denver.

Emergency Response Preparation: Earl Wilkinson

There was a workshop in November last year in which a lot of information was brought out.

First we need to get groups together with the different disabilities and create a committee on how to approach this. Earl suggests starting with us and our

recommendations on who to include. He will try to invite the manager from Evans to our next meeting as he has a lot of experience to offer due to the floods last year.

County Update

Recreation program: The swimming pool at Pueblo County High School will have to have a ramp or a lift. The County is doing a self-study which includes the ball fields, trails in Pueblo West and, at the right of way for CDOT where the curbs are state responsibility.

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

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