

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, member; Jenna Emery, guest; Kip Morphey, city Facilities Manager; John Madrid, member; Jo Booms, interpreter; Sharon Campbell, Co-chair; Ed Brown, city council; Ralph McPherson, member; Heather Norton, member; Amy Kunstle, guest; Earl Wilkinson, ADA Coordinator; Kristen Castor, Secretary

Excused Absences: George O'Brien, Don Bruestle, Weston Burrer

**The meeting was called to order at 1:10.**

The minutes were approved as presented.

## **City Updates**

### **City Park Bathhouse: Kip Morphey, Earl Wilkinson**

The plans for the City Park bathhouse are nearly complete. Kip submitted the plans for review. Comments can be submitted to Kip or Steven Meier before the end of the month. There is a family restroom. People want more room, but the building meets state requirements for the ratio of swimmers to the pool and there is no money for more amenities than required.

Kristen will take the plans to Terry and/or Larry Williams for review.

### **Bike Lanes: Amy Kunstle**

Amy Kunstle is a business owner in the Federal Building on 5<sup>th</sup> and Main and she is concerned about the bike lanes and access to handicapped parking on 5<sup>th</sup>. Earl said during the two public meetings yesterday, many comments were taken. This is a demonstration project and the city is learning about the pitfalls as different parts are implemented. As a result of the testimony there is now delineation for right hand turns for bikes in other areas.

Kristen suggested getting parking spaces into the parking lots near the building itself. There are no handicapped spaces at all and this is a violation of ADA requirements. Earl is also considering more off street parking close by. The mail boxes on Main may be moved and there is a possibility for more on parking on Main Street in general. Wheelchairs can also use the bike lanes and they are often in better condition than the sidewalks. Amy asked if there could be a stop/warning sign at the corner for the safety of handicapped parking. Earl said traffic does have to yield to pedestrians. There may also be changes in the way bike lanes are marked so that people understand the delineation better.

## **County Updates**

Weston is working on a facility today.

Kristen said to remember the PACOG meeting July 23 at noon for an update about supporting the Regional Transportation Authority.

### **Effective Communication: Dale Buterbaugh**

Dale said Pueblo Community Health Center needs instructions about interpreters. Leaving messages is difficult because no one returns calls and if they do respond, they hang up when the Relay operator identifies themselves.

Kristen said he should talk to the director, Donald Moore, and will get Dale the contact information.

Jean asked what happened with Amy Roberts. She couldn't really do anything about Corwin Hospital requiring additional check in with security for anyone with a service dog because Dale wasn't kicked out and therefore there was no remedy necessary. She said to send a letter. Dale wasn't interested but all of us agreed it was necessary to establish a case for discrimination.

Dentists are required to hire an interpreter for the initial visit, but can refuse a second session if it would cause undue hardship. Ralph says Part D Medicare should pay for that. He has a rider on his insurance policy. We need clarification on the terms under which Medicaid and Medicare will pay for an interpreter.

Dale said it has always been difficult getting interpreters. It's a tax write off. You have to bill the insurance. The civil rights law the state legislature passed last year makes it possible sue in small claims court.

### **ADA Training**

The first of several ADA training sessions for the Pueblo Police Department Bomb Squad is scheduled for Thursday July 9 from 3 to 4. It includes how to identify people who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech impaired. Ralph is appearing on the 13<sup>th</sup> and is included in the final exercise. The Canon City Police Department may want the training too. The July 16 session will feature Dale, the August 3 session will feature people with autism. Tina Armstrong and Heather Norton may also want to be involved. Sharon will email the details about this. August 21 is the last one and will be a mock exercise with surprises. Sharon asked Amy if she wanted to participate.

Heather is very excited about participating on behalf of people with autism. Kristen described the placards that Soaring Eagles worked with Dispatch to develop. Heather will contact Laura Whittrup for more information.

### **Chairpersons' Report**

## **Access to Libraries**

Ralph can't get anyone to return a call about helping people with visual impairments access databases with their library cards.

Members noted there is no seating at card the card catalog, and no accessible station, which was part of Richard Tucz's project. Apparently the information about this did not get passed on when he retired. The signage also needs updating because things have moved around. We already know the FM devices no longer work. Even if the accessible stations could be pulled together, the software is so out of date it needs replacing.

Earl noted the place to start is to identify the ADA coordinator at the library and then send a letter about these deficiencies.

## **Miscellaneous Notifications**

There is a seat on the Transit Board for a transit person. It meets quarterly and the next meeting is in September. Heather will ask around.

Kristen has copies of rules for dogs.

The Governor has issued a proclamation in honor of the 25 anniversary of the ADA. Perhaps we could ask the city to do so as well.

## **The meeting adjourned at 2:39**

**The next work session for the ADA Committee is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> at the El Pueblo History, 301 North Union, from 1-3.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup> at the El Pueblo History Museum from 1-3.**

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