

## Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting

September 3, 2015

**Present:** Sharon Campbell, Co-Chair; Jeanne Benfield, Co-Chair; Don Bruestle, Vice Chair; Dale Buterbaugh, Member; Ralph McPherson, Member; Kip Morphew, City Facilities Manager; George O'Brien, Member; Ed Brown, City Council; Justin Holman, CSU-Pueblo; Heather Norton, Member(?); Jo Booms; Bill Gropp, Vocational Rehabilitation; John Madrid, Member; Bill Edwards, Center for Disabilities.

**The meeting was called to order about 1 PM by Vice-Chair Don Bruestle.**

Minutes were approved without any corrections expressed

Earl was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Sharon and Jeanne were late and the meeting was convened by the vice chair.

#### **City Updates:**

Kip had nothing new to report. Nobody had anything on bike lanes to present as planned.

#### **County Updates:**

There were no representatives of the County present to give a report.

#### **Transportation:**

There is a new medical transportation provider who has expressed an interest in attending our meeting to better develop his niche in our transportation network. He has been invited to both works sessions and regular meetings.

#### **Regional Transportation Authority:**

**CSU-P Project:** Justin Holman will consult with Dr. Wakefield on the focus of his work.. Justin was there to learn what we wanted. Some things mentioned include how to do effective outreach with the public to develop the understanding of what makes it personally valuable enough to them to vote to tax themselves to pay for a Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Holman will come to the Work Session next week if his schedule permits to hold an in-depth discussion. Otherwise, we will arrange a mutually agreeable date and time. More information on previous work done by CSU-P students is also needed. A survey done of the public on what is important to Pueblo citizens is a possibility.

**Effective Communication:** Sharon reported that the training was quite successful, and we want to extend it to more agencies and professions, such as the fire department, EMTs, ambulance companies, etc. The summary of tips and quick evaluation still needs to be sent by Sharon.

There is a need to work towards getting more options for the police to get help for people with mental illness in crisis. This can be another topic for the Work Session. This is a big problem and requires help from CCDC and needs to be done on at least a state-wide level.

### **Chairperson's Report**

**Library Project:** George reported on the meeting with Sara Rose and Charlene Simms, which was summarized by Sara and sent to attendees. The issues we raised were enumerated, and there is a proposal to have an Accessibility Celebration, which Sharon suggested should be held in July. We also need to have ongoing education of both the public and the library staff to increase both the usage of accessibility tools by the public and training and maintenance of those tools by the staff. George will continue to head this effort up. John Madrid wants to get involved as well, and this will need to be a long-term project.

George wants to know what our library needs are with various disabilities. Please send your information and suggestions to George, and participate in this project as you are inclined.

Dale had a question as to if animal shelters have to pay for interpreters for training deaf volunteers. He will ask Meeting the Challenge and report back next meeting.

As Don had led a very efficient meeting, we adjourned at 2:05 PM.

We need an update with Azteca Apartments and issues with safety. Earl needs to talk to the Fire Chief and report back.

**Next Work Session is Thursday September 10 at 1 PM at the El Pueblo Museum.**

**Next Regular Meeting is October 1 from 1-3 at the El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union.**

**Anyone needing accommodations to attend should call Earl Wilkinson at 553-2295 a week before the meeting.**