

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
June 1, 2017

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; Tammy Naranjo, Vice-chair; Heather Norton, Co-Vice Chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary; George O'Brien, member; Don Bruestle, member; Ralph McPherson, member; Ed Vaught, member; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Earl Wilkinson, ADA Coordinator; Vanessa Brazee, Health Department, Sara Rose, Library District; Susan; Center for Disabilities; Bart Mikitowicz, City Planning; Terry Skinner, County Representative

Minutes were approved as written except for the bottom of the second page where "I" needs to be changed to "it."

**Guest Speakers: Alan Neff**

Transit is waiting for Nelson/Nygaard to finish the study to and are making some improvements as they can. There will have to be a final public hearing before changes can be adopted.

**Guest Speaker: Sara Rose**

The library will have Sorenson Relay available soon. Don noted that the celebration is slated for a Sunday when there is no bus service. This would make it inaccessible to the target audience. Sara agreed to look at the date again, but was very disappointed that no one had noticed this when the date was first set several months ago.

**Guest Speaker: Vanessa Brazee**

We just had a 50-year flood and are preparing for a 1000- year flood. The danger is highest where there are burn scars from last summer's fires in Beulah and La Veta. Residents in both areas have had to be evacuated during severe storm activity.

Bart Mikitowitz: Public Outreach

An update on Superfund Site in Eilers is coming up. Notices will go to the ADA Committee, the Chambers of Commerce, CSU Pueblo, PACOG, and others. The Bike Plan is also up for review. So is the long range transportation plan.

## **City Update: Earl Wilkinson**

The CDBG ramp list will soon be ready and will be shared with us. The east side is in the process of having areas designated as historic and curb ramps in these areas cannot be made with federal funds.

The service dog training drew in about 60 people. It was a good presentation and there were questions that Maggie Simms had to research. One question was about the Kiddie Rides at City Park. The new Colorado law will be difficult to enforce because of the limitation on what people can ask and the lack of certification.

We also need customer service training in working with people with disabilities separate from what Human Resources does.

## **Chairperson's Report**

Dale wants to record meetings as backup for the secretary.

Speakers could include someone from the Fire Department to explain the new diversion program for repeat home health calls.

Ed Vaught asked if Pueblo Transit is fully staffed for mechanics and about administration/staff rifts. Earl says there was a thorough investigation and the report will be ready soon. There has been a lot of turnover so this is why the organizational study was added to it. We are not fully staffed with drivers because of the turnover, many who are older or ill. Ed wants to go to the Transit Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:21**

**Next Work Session: Thursday July 13, 2017, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3**

**Next Meeting: Thursday August 3, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, 1-3**

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