

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
July 6, 2017

Introductions: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Earl Wilkinson, Vanessa Brazee, City and County Health Department; Susan Lindeman, Center for Disabilities; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Ralph McPherson, member; Sara Rose, City and County Library District; Heather Norton, Vice-Chair; Andrew Bregar, PCCLD; Bart Mikitowicz, City Planning; Terry Skinner, guest; Don Bruestle, member, Ed Vaught, member; George O'Brien, member

June minutes were approved as presented.

Guest Speakers

Alan Neff from Pueblo Transit says there is so much road construction around town that several stops have been moved. Last week there was a conflict between two service dogs and the aggressor got off the bus. Draft copies of Transit Study are available and still under review. Sara said the library has similar problems with dogs.

Sara Rose of PCCLD had fliers for the Assistive Technology event. The signage is up so you can find the AT station. The equipment is running, so is Sorenson. A new date is set for Saturday August 26. The committee is looking for vendors, entertainers, speakers. Dale offered sign classes. Kristen offered tapes and movies. Contact either Andrew and Sara with ideas.

Bart Mikitowicz from City Planning said the public participation plan will be going to the Transportation Advisory Committee and then will go to the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, and will have a final round of public comment before adoption. The idea of dividing the city into chunks is getting some blow back. He is also working on sequencing, when there is an event to advertise, such as when it goes up on a Facebook page, etc.

Upcoming events for possible demonstration of outreach include:

July 24 there is a workshop on GIS, PACOG, PACE regarding the update to the Bike Map. It will upgrade its readability as well as add more trails.

Front Range Rail at the state level has a project that is developing at the same time as the link up with Amtrak through Trinidad. The preliminary vision is due in December.

The Eilers workshop went well. We are still waiting for the consultant to finish the report. It will probably apply to neighborhood plans. Planning districts are set up so that populations are similar.

Vanessa Brazee from PCCHD said the Point of Disbursement exercise that took place in June served 400 people and was considered a success.

City Update

Darren Bustoss is replacing Kip Morphew as Facilities Manager and has longevity with the city. Next Monday evening council is reading the street maintenance utility concept to decide whether to put it on the ballot. It includes curb ramps on at least one side of a street.

Kristen pointed out that this effectively does what a Regional Transportation Authority would do. Now that rail service will eventually come to Pueblo, transit will have to be improved as a result and Bart agreed that the issue needs to be kept alive.

Terry noted that new sidewalks are going in on the north side close to where she lives and there are no curb ramps. This is a Omega Homes project and it will have a curb ramps. It does not fall under Public Works.

Service Animals

The workshop went well and there were about 60 people there. There are a lot more questions coming up now. The new law is bringing problems to the judges and the police, who do not see how to enforce it.

Chairperson's Report

Kristen followed up with the information George O'Brien provided about BEO. There is an office in Colorado Springs that provides service to Pueblo. It is a private transportation service that charges. A round trip to anywhere in Pueblo costs about \$100.00.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20

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

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