

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
October 5, 2017

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; George O'Brien, member; Tammy Naranjo, Co-vice Chair; Ralph McPherson; Sarah Snowberger, MV Transit; Pepper Whittlef, Pueblo Transit; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Vanessa Brazee, Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment; Earl Wilkinson, ADA Coordinator; Heather Norton, Co-Vice Chair; Donald Bruestle, member; Ed Brown, City Council; Bart Mikitowicz, Pueblo Planning Department.

The meeting was called to order at 1:07.

The September minutes were accepted as written

Pueblo Transit, Pepper Whittlef, Alan Neff

Pepper is the Interim Director for Pueblo Transit and will remain so while the position of Transit Superintendent is being examined. The transit study will not be implemented until this is ironed out. Kristen asked that there be a complaint form on the website with speedy response to complaints. Sarah Snowberger is now heading up MV Transportation.

Kristen asked if any of our members ride CitiLift. Someone asked her about income eligibility. There is no income limit and there can be conditional use for people with seasonal disabilities. This is probably referring to the time period when Pueblo Transit was granting lower rates for people at the lowest income level. This practice is not legal and was stopped.

Both Earl and Pepper have questions about implementation of the route changes recommended by the consultant and will be doing some research by phone with the consultant.

City Updates: Earl Wilkinson

Public Works is looking at an additional \$300,000 for curb ramps. Pueblo is looking for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the state for Bustang. They would use the Greyhound slips at the Transit Center. SRDA would provide drivers. One route might go as far as Lamar and back to Colorado Springs.

Earl will bring up the Walmart curb issue in a meeting next Tuesday. A property owner wouldn't grant the easement.

Tammy asked if Belmont was in the plan for ramps. Earl said they are not in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) area, but need to be done. Tammy needs a path from near her house to the University bus. Earl said there is a plan to make all bus stops accessible when the stops are ascertained. There could be more funding

available. Meeting the Challenge will do the placement. Bart has already done an overlay of the existing and proposed bus stops.

There will be more information about the Ballot Question 2C. Ramps will be put in when streets are repaired.

County Updates: Bart Mikitowicz

The bike map is almost finished. The Transit Advisory Committee will discuss where the Southwest Chief might berth. The Union Depot is not in condition for this, but there are some structures nearby.

Effective Communication: Dale Buterbaugh

Dale said he has a very interesting letter that explains obligations for doctors. Dale will send us a copy. It identifies federal and state laws.

Service Dogs: Dale Buterbaugh

Ralph reported that in Canada, certification is about to be required by Province. There is a lot of misinformation about Guide Dogs for the Blind. Several different groups banded together to say no. In British Columbia dogs have to be licensed and more.

Mark Simon, author of the Colorado law making it illegal to present pets as service dogs sent a full PowerPoint presentation on the law. Only about 3 pages are pertinent to the discussion of what police and judges can ask. Basically, police can cite for misbehavior of the dog and judges can establish a case by cross examining witnesses.

Dale will submit Mark's comments to Maggie.

Bart asked if there was a model out for certification and Ralph suggested International Guide Dog Federation.

Tammy wants some written guidelines for basic dog behavior.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ADA Committee is Thursday November 2 at El Pueblo History Museum from 1-3.

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