

**Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee
November 2, 2017
Minutes of the Meeting**

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; George O'Brien, member; Bill Edwards, Center for Disabilities; Tammy Naranjo, Vice Chair; Edward Vaught, member; Sara Rose, Library District; Don Bruestle, member; Earl Wilkinson, ADA Coordinator; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Sarah Snowberger; MV Transit; Ed Brown, City Council; Kristen Castor, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:05.

The minutes were accepted as written.

Guest Speakers

Library District: Sara Rose

Sara apologized for missing the ADA Day event. She will work on making it even better for next year.

Transit: Sarah Snowberger:

Kristen said she was contacted by the Polk family about a letter from CitiLift that was confusing. First it said that he wasn't in the system, then it rejected his application. Earl admitted that the letter was improperly formatted. It was a form letter and was intended to say that he doesn't need to reapply. Pepper will call her.

A new issue arising is that transit lifts are designed for 600 pounds and there is a rider who weighs more (plus wheelchair). Kristen will refer to Jaime Lewis.

Center for Disabilities: Bill Edwards

Bill is now the Executive Director of the COD. The center has moved to 901 West 8th Street. It is across 8th Street from the Pueblo Chieftain in a field that looks like a storage shed area. The entrance is around the corner at the far end of the building.

City Updates: Earl Wilkinson

Public Works is getting ready for the ramp work in the Abriendo area. Earl is still working on the Walmart curb ramp issue. It is really Pueblo West's

responsibility to get all the necessary right of ways before submitting a project.

County Updates

Earl said Public Works is working on a warming shelter for homeless. Finding a safe place that can be supervised is difficult.

Effective Communication: Dale Buterbaugh

Maggie Simms said Mark Simon's PPT was accurate and well stated. Dale will talk to Mark about using it.

Dale went to Corwin to get a contact lens extracted. He went to the registration desk an hour later and the receptionist said he was next. When people came around, Dale thought they were looking for the interpreter. It was another hour before someone came for him and the VRI machine shut down after contacting him.

The security guard kept coming to Dale's sister. Dale insisted on waiting for the interpreter. The guard said he had to produce documents for the dog. Then he said he had to provide a shot record. It turns out this policy is geared to therapy dogs and pets. A nurse was acting as patient representative because there is no one in that position.

Chairperson's Report

Ed Brown suggested putting a blurb in the paper the way the Health Department does about service animals.

Tammy said the PUC is just a Commission. Who do they respond to? Let's go over their heads. Earl said it might mean changing the rate of return for Black Hills Energy. Pueblo's Energy Future is part of the effort to leave Black Hills.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Anyone requiring accommodation should contact Earl Wilkinson at 553-2295 a week before the meeting, especially when requesting interpreters for the deaf.