

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

April 5, 2018

Present: Dale, Buterbaugh, Chairperson; Sharon Campbell, member; Marty Harvey, Guest; Ed Brown, City Council; George O'Brien, member; Patricia O'Brien, guest; Jerry Gallegos, guest; Sara Rose, Library District; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Don Bruestle, member; Vanessa Brazee, Public Health Department; Sam Vigil, ADA Coordinator; Ralph McPherson, member; Susan Lindeman, Center for Disabilities; Mark Holmes, guest; Annalynn Martinez, guest; Kristen Castor, Secretary

Minutes were approved as modified, adding "member" to Ralph's name in the attendance list.

Speaker: Sara Rose

After discussing our ADA activity with other library staff, Sara concluded that we might get more return on time, energy, and attendance with a different kind of activity. Information/vendor fairs just don't draw large crowds of people. We also need to consider transportation. This means not scheduling it on Sunday. On Saturday buses run between 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Last year lightly attended, but there were a lot of challenges that day so it's hard to use it as a true measure of success or failure. The library is willing to host the event.

One possible activity might be for the Temporarily Able Bodied to experience sensory impairment. Sam offered the idea of mimicking disabilities as per Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) training. Ralph recommended the GPA dining room as a resource or an alternative. Sara said the Ryals Room can accommodate 200 at the library. We could have a meal with a speaker and a morning or afternoon experience. Marty said not all merchants are friendly to people with disabilities. If we could get them in it would be good. Flyers could be distributed. Jerry wants to help. Dates need to be moved to August or September. Sharon suggested partnering with other organizations like the Scouts. The more people the greater the interest.

The consensus is that we should host a lunch event with an interactive passive program. Lunch could involve speaker Ralph knows about

Guest Speaker: Vanessa Brazee

This year the fire danger is very high and there will be many more before summer. The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exercise is on May 2. Paul Toth is the Sheriff's contact for the Emergency Operations Center. Cherie Herrera John Riley are taking over Karen Ashcraft's duties until a new Emergency Operations Manager can be hired. Karen has retired. Center for Disabilities may be involved in providing real people with actual disabilities for the exercise. Kristen will call Bill Edwards for information.

Vanessa is also part of the South Region Health Care Coalition, meeting May 8th at the Health Department from 9-12. The Health Department takes the lead in an emergency that involves public health concerns, like mass inoculation, or casualties. Another function is to bring training.

City Updates: Sam Vigil

Jeff Bailey, the new Public Works Director, will head the Transit Board.

Curb ramps and other repairs are going in on Jerry Murphy.

Pitkin is the boundary for the low income part of town, so the curb ramp project Ralph needs won't go up to Jackson, but it will still be on the list as other funding becomes available.

As for the historic curbs, crews will saw through curb to take out the name of the street and reinstall it. Some cannot be restored because they are too badly damaged.

Right now we are working on Jerry Murphy Road and also on Santa Fe and those ramps are going in with landscaping. It's part of the same project.

We are also working on Outlook to Eagleridge and Fortino to Eagleridge to get those areas into compliance.

Phase I of this year's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded projects goes to Mesa Junction and will finish up Broadway from Routt to Adams. Broadway and Jackson weren't in the CDBG area in the past. The boundary has moved with changes in the population's income.

CDBG is usually 2 years behind what the CDBG Committee approves because the office of Housing and Citizen Services needs to do an environmental study and historical identification first. Sam gives the list of curb ramps to Housing and they determine the history/environment and

then they approve it and then Sam does the engineering. This is only for federal money.

County Updates

Kristen noted that no one from the county is here. Kristen will email the county commission about the missing staff So moved by Ralph motion carries. With Chieftain.

Effective Communication: Dale Buterbaugh

St. Mary's is investigating all the complaints about the Video Remote Interpreter.

Pueblo Transit: Alan Neff

The ADA Complaint form has a link to a form you can print, but it will be fillable. Transit evaluated dark stops at night and will be testing solar lighting or a reflector system. We want existing routes on Google maps to mesh with schedule time and then real time. CitiLift is getting 3 new vehicles with an 800 lbs. capacity. There is grant money for a new regular transit bus. Ben Valdez will update them. One concern is the idea of a shield between driver and public. It protects the driver from being spit on or otherwise accosted, but then driver cannot help people board. Frank Ortega is looking for the fellow who spits on drivers.

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CitiLift is recertifying its passengers to cull the names of people who don't use it anymore.

Chairperson's Report

Kristen said the Work Plan that was passed out isn't accurate, but will email a new copy instead of using more paper.

Next Work Session: Thursday May 10, 2018, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3

Next Meeting: Thursday June 7, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, 1-3

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

