

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Meeting  
Minutes of the Meeting  
May 3, 2018

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; Ralph McPherson, member; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Susan Lindeman, Center for Disabilities; Vanessa Brazee, Health Department; Ed Brown, City Council; Don Bruestle, member; Sara Rose, Library District; Marty Harvey, guest; Bart Mikitowicz, City Planning; Weston Burrer, County ADA Coordinator; Heather Norton, Vice-Chair; George O'Brien, member; Pepper Whittlef, Pueblo Transit; Sharon Campbell, member; Bill Gropp, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Sam Vigil, Pueblo City ADA Coordinator

**Meeting was called to order at 1:09**

Minutes were corrected: The South Health Care Coalition meeting hours were change to 9:30 to 1:30. The lift, not the van, that has an 800 lb. capacity.

Minutes passed with the above corrections.

**Guest Speaker: Sara Rose, Pueblo Library District**

The date for our ADA day activity is Saturday July 21. They Ryals room is reserved from 9:00 to 4:30. As far as lunch, Pueblo Community College (PCC) is not doing any outside catering, so we need to come up with an alternative. Bonnie Clark is interested in helping in some way. She will definitely advertise. We need an ad hoc committee to iron out the details.

Wednesday May 16 10 am at the library is the first meeting for the ad hoc committee. It will involve lining up presenters, caterers and activities.

The dining in the dark activity means people will be blindfolded and be guided to build sandwiches and find their seats.

Other activities might involve working with a purse and change, for mimicking blindness, find the water fountain and come back. Hearing impairment can be demonstrated with various headphones. Mobility impairment can include using fine motor skills with objects taped to the fingers.

Don suggested inviting the press to the last planning meeting to get advanced press coverage.

Sara said publicity involving the library has to be done through the media contact, Midori Clark.

Kristen suggested contacting Rod Slyhoff for Chamber of Commerce involvement. If there are extra rooms, maybe the support groups could put up a table there.

### **Guest Speaker: Marty Harvey**

Marty said the city is not in compliance because of the lack of parking and numerous other points. Kristen explained that the Regional Building office has explained that it has no jurisdiction over private businesses once they award a certificate of occupation. Sam offered to explain the jurisdiction to her.

She also had difficulty with Human Resources. She applied for a part time summer position she felt she was well qualified for and didn't get it. The office itself was difficult to navigate because there was an interior door that was locked. It was also heavy and staff within view did not make an effort to help her. The first time she spoke to a staff person, she was told they don't have to do anything to help her. The second time she had an appointment with Marisa Pacheco, the Director. When she arrived, she was told Ms. Pacheco wasn't there. She was taken to a room with a number of people, one of whom took notes. It was led by the man she spoke to first.

She also has had trouble with Transit. She said there is a tree leaning over a bus stop on Routt that is about ready to fall over and no one has done anything about it. She did not say who she talked to.

### **City Update: Sam Vigil**

Ed Brown asked when Transit was going to phase in the changes identified by the Transit Study. Pepper said the University route is first because it can be done independently of any other route. The city will first survey for bus stops and look at how many need to be made accessible. If it's not too much expense, changes will start in September, if there are extensive modifications Transit will have to look for funding and it will take another year. The idea for changing the routes is good, but the stops, etc. are costly. It includes getting people to the stops so there is sidewalk repair involved. Pepper has sked for ADA funding from the federal government and didn't get it. This is federal money for capital construction through The Federal Transportation Administration.

### **Curb ramp updates**

Curb ramps on Jerry Murphy have been completed along with re-surfacing. The Santa Fe project is ongoing from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> street. The landscaping and bump outs will not be put in this far up. 7<sup>th</sup> and Santa Fe was coordinated with landscaping and the overlay is the last part. The overlay on Main is completed.

Phase I curb ramp projects on Broadway will be completed soon.

Phase II projects are ready for engineering. The historical and environmental studies have been completed and should be going in soon around Lakeview and Prairie and also Berkeley. There will also be curb ramps at 47 and Bonforte and Jerry Murphy.

### **County Updates: Weston Burrer**

The Department of Social Services has moved into the Old First Baptist Church. It houses Business Administration and anything to do with children.

County Housing is now in the building at 4<sup>th</sup> and Amarillo. Services are supervised by Tammy Torres. This includes LEAP, Commodities, Veterans Services and Weatherization.

There are now plans for the Old Judicial building remodel. Some offices may not be available to the public because making them accessible is not feasible. Weston will get plans for us. CSU-Extension is at 1120 Court. Plans will be available soon. The Old DSS Building will be torn down. It includes asbestos and fiber optic review. The county chili garden may be included in accessibility plans. Weston will check on this.

George pointed out there is maintenance involved. Don said that whenever anything is being remodeled, we should be involved.

### **Service Dogs: Ralph McPherson**

Canada has dropped its service animal restrictions. This is important because the US Justice Department has retracted its guidance on Service Animals and this decision puts a check on further erosion of ADA guidelines

### **Chairpersons Report**

#### **Bike Map: Bart Mikitowicz**

The bike map has been completed and is about to be published. Google Transit is being upgraded to include Pueblo Transit. It will show the routes and the stops. Eventually it will give live times. Planning documents are going into the city's GIS system so that everything overlaps.

Bart is looking for permission to broadcast ADA Committee meetings via face book. We could photograph the interpreters, which might change their logistics some, but it would keep the meetings accessible.

**The meeting was adjourned after three.**

**Next Work Session: Thursday June 14 2018, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3**

**Next Meeting: Thursday July 5, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union,  
1-3**

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