

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
November 1, 2018

Present: Dale Buterbaugh, Chair; Bill Gropp, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Vicente Martinez Ortega, (guest) Center for Health Progress; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Heather Norton, Vice-Chair; Vanessa Brazee, Health Department; Kendall Shafield, Red Cross; Ronald Sasaoka; Health Department; Don Bruestle, member; Ed Vaught, member; Weston Burrer, County ADA Coordinator; Ed Brown, City Council; Sam Vigil, City ADA Coordinator; Sonja Baker, member; George O'Brien, member; Ralph McPherson, member; Gary Lee Clark, (guest); Kristen Castor, Secretary

Guest Speaker: Weston Burrer

The old Judicial Building demolition process has finished with the asbestos abatement. Crews are completely remodeling the first through third floors for Department of Human Services. All the bathrooms will be accessible. Ed Brown asked if there would be a tunnel because he heard there would be. Weston said there isn't one. Plans will be available for review for the work session on November 8.

Don Bruestle wants to be notified when the County 1A (Tabor Time Out) projects come online. There will be some next year because the county is leveraging land to be able to start right away. One of them is the Pueblo West connection to Pueblo. It will stop at Pueblo Blvd. The next phase is up to the city and involves building a bridge over the rail lines. Choosing an alignment and getting it approved for construction is a lengthy process, complicated by the independence of the railroad itself. Another project involves Runyon Lake in conjunction with the Riverwalk expansion.

The October Minutes were accepted after a lengthy discussion about whether Mr. Fancher's concerns were summarized correctly. Sam added that at the moment the city is refining software to identify and rate sidewalks and then we can work on a policy for repairing, replacing and putting in new sidewalk.

Guest Speaker: Alan Neff: Pueblo Transit

Pepper sent a draft of a policy for keeping bus stops accessible. There is a problem with construction along several bus routes. The routes have been listed in Google maps along with bus stops and this feature is being tested out before it will be available for public use.

The lighting for bus stops in dark areas is on order. There is still a concern for how people with low or no vision can identify it. It is not required by the ADA but Ralph says it would be useful and any sound cue could be very different from the chirps at a signal light. There were more suggestions for timers, sounds and sensors. Sonja wondered whether the lamp could be smart enough to announce the arrival of a bus.

Guest Speakers: Health Department: Vanessa Brazee

There is an ongoing project to work with senior housing on evacuation or sheltering as the situation calls for. Emergency notification for people with disabilities is through the county and can be done on the county website. There is a form for landlines and one for cell phones. There is also an ADA notification for various needs. It is not public and is only queried in times of disaster.

City Updates: Sam Vigil, ADA Coordinator

The current curb ramp project is turning to the west side of Greenwood. The next one is Lakeview to Windsor on Berkely. There is work on the intersection of Santa Fe and Mesa with the signal. All four intersections will be ramped. The Oasis has been noticed on the repair of sidewalk upheaval. The restroom at the Golf Course will be redone. There is a new playground going in this weekend. Basketball court at El Centro. The curb ramp request for 2019 is firming up and housing will start the environmental reviews.

Kristen asked about tracking and it is available at Public Works. It just doesn't reach the standard of a grievance. Bill said it would be more effective if people approached city staff first. Others felt it was easier for people to approach us.

Chairperson's Report

Ralph will get Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) materials for us so we know about new trends in policy.

Dale wants to add Transit to the regular agenda.

Don wants the code violation problem to go into the Annual Report

Kristen needs to draft the Annual Report and then ask Council for a date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00

Next Work Session: Thursday December 12 (subject to cancellation due to holidays), 2018, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3

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