

Present: Bill Gropp, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kiera Hatton-Sena, Health Colorado; Bryan Gallagher, Housing and Citizen Services; Sam Vigil, ADA Coordinator; Bart Mikitowicz, Planning and Development; Sonja Baker, guest; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Pepper Whittlef, Pueblo Transit; George O'Brien, member; Don Bruestle, member; Sharon Campbell, member; Heather Norton, Vice Chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary

Guest Speakers: Pepper Whittlef on Proposed Transit Policies

Pepper submitted a proposal to clarify policies for riders who are disabled. All of the policy changes will affect both fixed route and CitiLift. All buses will have the heavy-duty lifts that can carry 800 pounds. There are four buses Pueblo got from Kansas City. They are older and do not have the visual and spoken indicators yet but will have them by January. There was a lengthy discussion about service dogs. Bill pointed out that passengers sometimes need to alert about the requested stop. Don wanted another word besides "alighting."

Approval of the Minutes

Last month's minutes were approved with the addition of the word "interior" to demolition of the old judicial center building under "City Updates"
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Heather also wondered if there should be a different category for voice over phones, but Bart said the notice comes to the phone number and the phone does what it is set to do. Some land lines do not get text, but cell phones do. No changes were made.

Guest Speaker: Kiera Hatton Sena, Health Colorado

Beacon Health does just the administrative duties. Otherwise, the RAE navigates 19 counties. This is unique. It operates like a co-op and is owned by providers. Heather brought up the confusion between mental health and applied behavior analysis.

Guest Speaker: Bryan Gallagher

Prices for homes have gone up at least 50,000 in the last 18 months. He is here to listen to our concerns. He is responsible for overseeing the Community Development Block Grant program.

City Updates: Sam Vigil

We are working on Berkeley at Lakeview. We will return to Greenwood and 13th when we get the materials we need to finish it. The intersection of Mesa and Santa Fe has been awarded and is awaiting materials. We are designing ramps at 9th and Blake for the

warming shelter. Housing and Citizen Services is doing the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the new curb ramp list.

County Update: Weston Burrer

Weston couldn't be here today, but he will be coming to the work session with his plans for the old judicial building/new Human Services building.

Transportation: Bart Mikitowcz

Bart is working on Google maps for a number of planning purposes. Bustang debuts the Pueblo to Springs route. On December 17th there is a ribbon cutting for the outrider Pueblo to Lamar and Alamosa and on to Colorado Springs. The draft of the bike plan is progressing. There will be a presentation in January. Part of the Google Maps project is funded by a grant for planning groups to get more targeted input from the people affected by specific projects. It will also allow non-profits to write better grants.

Having learned that our taxi company is under new management, Kristen said the company needs to have accessible cabs as do Uber and Lyft. Kiera is contracting with them and has been assured they each have 3 vans. Bart asked if there was a way to request an accessible cab. Kiera is looking in to it. This needs to be advertised. Don asked about subsidies for low income populations. Medicaid subsidizes rides, but only for medical purposes.

Chairpersons Report

Kiera has resources for helping Medicaid patients. Parkview has a family advocacy committee we may want to participate with.

The meeting adjourned at 3.

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

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