

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
July 11, 2019

Present: Sharon Campbell, member; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Don Bruestle, member; Celestina Lynch, guest; Heather Norton, Co-Chair; Ed Brown, City Council; Ben Valdez, Pueblo Transit Director; Kristen Castor; Secretary

Call to Order: 1:10

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as presented.

City Updates

No one from Public Works was available to give an update. Suffice it to say that curb ramp projects are ongoing.

Transit Updates

Ben Valdez says that implementation of the Transit Plan depends on making all the identified stops accessible and that includes stops on the two routes that could be changed most easily. Alan Neff added that there is a possibility for a North Side Circulator because it could connect with so many routes. Ben added that he would like to take out a stop in City Park by the lake.

Don Bruestle asked again about bus shelters and benches at stops that have none. Alan Neff said we have about 250 shelters out and 167 in storage. These amenities take a great deal of abuse and are replaced often, so this does not mean there is a surplus. The company that uses these shelters for advertising is responsible for evaluating where they need to go and keeping them in good repair. Shelters in particular require a lot of support, from space to lighting. It is not possible to put them in every place we might want them.

There was a discussion about how best to proceed with calls for a Rural Transportation Authority. It was decided that the Executive Committee needs to make an appointment with the mayor to discuss this and other issues, such as keeping housing affordable for people on fixed incomes.

Chairperson's Report

Don Bruestle asked if we could have business cards with meeting information to hand out to prospective members.

Donald Moore will bring plans for the new Community Health Center to the Work Session on August 8.

The Meeting Adjourned at about 2:45

Next Meeting: Thursday September 5, 2019, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, 1-3

Next Work Session: Thursday August 8, 2019, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3

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