

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
December 5, 2019

Present: Bryan Gallagher, Housing and Citizen Services; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Todd Berisford, City Public Works; Daneen Baca, CitiLift; Sharon Campbell, member; Heather Norton, Co-Chair, Weston Burrer, County Facilities; Loraine Greenwood, CSEPP; Ronald Sasaoka, Health Dept.; Donald Bruestle, member; Bart Mikitowicz City Planning and Zoning, Chuck Bradley, County ER; Ed Brown, City Council; Kristen Castor, Secretary.

Reading of the Minutes

Minutes were corrected to reflect that the names of those present were left off. The first line should read that Regina Renee Ward is our new ADA Day Coordinator. There was a request to spell out the word "xeriscape" or "dry landscaping" so that people would know this is not "zero"-scaping. There was also a request to use people's first and last names throughout the minutes.

County Report: Weston Burrer

Weston Burrer said there have been more personnel changes at the county. The county manager, Sabina Genesio, will be here next month. He has discussed bringing the ADA Transition plan up to date. The Public Works director and Planning Director are new. Weston Burrer is still the ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities. Each department has an intermediary ADA Coordinator.

Kristen Castor brought up the fact that the Department of Human Services (DHS), formerly known as Department of Social Services (DSS) has made an accommodation for Dale Buterbaugh. He can call a specific person. But that needs to apply to all Deaf. Weston Burrer said he would talk to Tim Hart.

The asbestos abatement at the new DHS building is nearly finished and some construction has started. It may be done by March.

Transit: Alan Neff

The Lake Route is encountering construction between Iowa and Route. The stop on Orman and Nevada has no sidewalk, so it may move across Orman to where there is sidewalk. Ben Valdez is working on making sure existing stops are accessible or can be moved easily. This work has to be done before the Transit Plan can be implemented.

The state got several grants except for Pueblo and Ben Valdez is trying to find out why.

We have 22 bus drivers, and some are coming from Denver because of the cost of living there.

The Bronco bus mentioned last month is painted blue and orange, not wrapped as an advertisement for the Broncos, although that is a possibility.

Don Bruestle pointed out that serving the Airport and Industrial Park area could be more difficult than thought because the area is so large and there are facilities with many workers scattered from one end the other.

Planning: Bart Mikitowicz

We now have 3 Electronic Vehicle (EV) stations. They are being placed on B Street, by the Transit Center, and by the Municipal Parking Garage. Weston Burrer added that the County put in for a grant about renewables. They want to look at placement of things like this.

The TAC applications (Transportation Alternative Program) are in and will help pay for sidewalks around Prairie. It includes the bike plan around bachman to the ditch. (Prairie to Lake Minnequa.)

Don Bruestle noted that many landowners have encroached on the public right of way and wants to know what is being done about it. It eventually encroaches on sidewalks.

The Front Range Rail Commission has decided that the initial phase of the Southwest Chief should go all the way to Colorado Springs to give momentum to both projects.

There is a Capstone student looking at the Commission on Housing and Homelessness. They are looking at what needs to change in the City Charter to allow Granny cottages, both attached and detached, as well as student housing.

The 2020 election will have a question about the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) on it involving Pueblo County.

City Report: Todd Berisford and Bryan Gallagher

The Committee was given individual copies of a map of Pueblo showing what streets have been ranked worst and therefore first priority by the assessment tool that feeds the information into the GIS system.

A lot of work has slowed down. The Oasis Trailer Park entrance will be finished by the end of the year. New sidewalks are 5 feet across, commercial sidewalks are 6 feet. The Fortino Blvd. project has been approved. The Outlook project will start in January.

Bryan Gallagher went through 4 two-hour training put on called Fair Housing First by HUD. Housing First should be the go-to place for people to call in to.

Most of the sidewalk repairs we have done to this point are scattershot, depending on citizen requests and street repairs as they have come up. This map makes the repair work well planned. Bryan Gallagher argued that we could stretch our limited funding for both street and sidewalk repair if the Committee would agree to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the sidewalks that are in the low to moderate income area. The city could save on sidewalk repair to fix more streets, which would in turn cause more sidewalk repair.

Kristen made the motion that we approve the use of CDBG funding where appropriate to augment the Street Utility Enterprise. The motion carried.

Dan Centa asked Todd Berisford to report that the Entry to the Water Tower Building is fully accessible. We need to talk to Ryan McWilliams about plans to be sure that spaces are accessible as they open to public use.

Ed Brown said the Ice Arena is not accessible. Kristen Castor said that it has been and was crossed off the list of Justice Department findings. It probably means that the lift is out of repair.

Emergency Management: Charles Bradley

There was a meeting about assessing hazards for the county: what are the hazards and where are the gaps? How do we deal with it when it comes? It includes cyber-attacks on the Industrial Park, and the trains. We will be invited to participate on committees

On March 19 we will have an access and functional needs workshop for the state exercise on May 6.

The future plan is to look at how infrastructure might be affected.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2020, El Pueblo History Museum,
301 North Union, 1-3**

**Next Work Session: Thursday, January 9, 2020, El Pueblo History
Museum, 1-3**

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