

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
December 3, 2020

Present: Kristen Castor, Secretary; Heather Norton, Co-Chair; Sharon Campbell, Co-chair; Don Bruestle, member; Joe O'Brien, PEDCO; Todd Berisford, City of Pueblo, Eva Cosyleon, PACOG

Due to problems logging on with Zoom, many members were unable to participate. The following are rough notes taken by hand in case there was no recording from Zoom.

Guest Speaker: Joe O'Brien, PEDCO

Mr. O'Brien is asking the Committee to rescind new requirements requesting directional curb ramps and 5' wide sidewalks for new development. Up until now the policy at Public Works was that developers put in the sidewalks as per ADA requirements. But a 4 year-long study identifying barriers to new development revealed that developers want the city to provide more infrastructure, so now the city has to put in sidewalks.

The ADA requires 4' sidewalks in residential areas. The Committee can require wider sidewalks, which at today's rates add 20% to the cost.

Heather Norton, Sharon Campbell and Don Bruestle objected to rolling back the 5' requirement, noting that 4' is not enough for easy passing, or for a wheelchair user and able-bodied friend to walk side by side.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. O'Brien agreed to bring in other members from the Planning Department who had been involved in the study, including Scott Hobson and Mike Cuppy among others.

Eva Cosyleon, PACOG reported that their sidewalk plan has been turned into the chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, John Adams.

Emergency Management: Charles Bradley

Mr. Bradley reported that the Centers for Disease Control will soon set the guidelines for who has priority in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. Prisons and Long Term Care facilities are of concern because they are congregate living facilities where people are most at risk.

The Emergency Operations Center meets every day with the state and with the city about COVID updates. So far there has been no need to use either Corwin or the Convention Center for overflow.

There were no further reports.