

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
April 1, 2021

Present: Sharon Campbell, co-chair; Kristen Castor, secretary; Amy Nelson, Pueblo City and County Library District; Jon Walker, Pueblo, Sonja Baker; Canon City (guest); Amy Nelson, PCCLD; Susan Lindeman, Center Toward Self Reliance; Heather Norton; Co Chair; Charles Roy, Pueblo; Todd Berisford; ADA Coordinator; Don Bruestle; Bryan Gallagher; Weston Burrer, County ADA Coordinator

Minutes were not available to approve. Dale Buterbaugh did not attend so the interpreters were dismissed.

Guest Speaker: Sonja Baker

Canon City has put in charging stations for electric cars but none of them are accessible. Rob Gilkerson is working with the ADA Coordinator to resolve this. It will probably be off of 3rd of 4th. He has heard that charging stations don't have to be accessible. Rob Gilkerson is working with Jaime Lewis at Colorado Cross Disability Coalition to address this on a federal level. Sonja Baker will post this on her website. They are writing letters to the Canon City Council that we could use here in Pueblo if we have a problem. Kristen Castor pointed out that it is good business whether it is required or not. She will invite other people from Canon City to listen in and mentor with us.

Guest Speaker: Susan Lindeman

The Center for Self-Reliance is formalizing its relationship with District 60 and will be working with them.

City Report: Charles Roy, Todd Berisford

The first of our 2020 Community Development Block Grant projects is underway. This is the one at LaCrosse at 3rd 4th and 5th; Bradford and Chester at 2nd Street, 12th at Joplin, Kingston and LaCrosse. The other one is Abriendo. We have added Midway. This month there are overlay projects on High, Grand from Union to 24th, Northern, Minnequa, Hudson 3rd, 4th 5-7th, 27th, and High has to be re-done. Also at 26th and High there is a rise that needs to be flattened out on 26th due to repeated re-surfacing and will require a lot of extra work. Don Bruestle asked if there were photographs of the before and after scenes. This is done for the punch list for the contractors as documentation. The additional roadwork we are doing with the half cent sales tax has resulted in a lot of curb ramps. We could actually

advertise the work as it is being done. The mayor would like to retire the charge for streets on the Water bill and make it an additional half cent sales tax so that people coming in from outside of Pueblo. Heather asked what is happening on 29th street. They are replacing the pump station under the I-25 overpass. There will be a project to replace all the sewer lines at SRDA because the grease trap was not put in properly. In the process they will make the 2nd floor bathroom accessible.

County Report: Weston Burrer

Desert Sage in Pueblo West and South Mesa to South has sidewalks and curb ramps through the Safe Routes to School projects. The Joe Martinez extension and the new jail will be underway soon. The tower at the current jail will be torn down and the rest re-purposed.

Department of Human Services. DSS has moved into the re-modeled Justice Center. They are completely out of Wells Fargo. Youth Services are at the old Baptist Church and the rest are at the old Judicial Building.

Dale Buterbaugh brought up a lack of equity to bail bondsmen

Guest: Nick Potter, PCCLD; John Walker, Amy Nelson

The main library has funding for an extensive remodel. There has been a library here from 1886. Rawlings opened in 2003. There were about 900 visitors per day until COVID. It is widely used both by community organizations and individuals. In 2018 we engaged in a visioning project to meet the needs of the future involving a broad group of stakeholders. We know have an architect, Henderson, Mason and Dell along with HBM, to develop a phased in plan so that the library will remain open. It will be completed by September 22 with a start date of September 2021.

The scope of the project is comprehensive so we want it to remain accessible. The original plan was not to have a bridge over bates lane. It had to be done to avoid impacting utilities in the street. Bates Lane is taken out and becomes a courtyard with some handicapped parking, loading and unloading, pedestrian traffic. Church Street will be expanded to accommodate the re-design of Main and Union. This is funded through 1A funds.

There will be trees and landscaping along Abriendo so there will be no more wall and easier access. The parking will be closer to the building and the long walk to the building will be significantly decreased. You can turn right off of Abriendo to the parking lot and the new book drop. There were

questions asked about bicycle parking and charging stations, especially accessible charging stations. Sharon Campbell said loops need to be installed in meeting rooms so people with hearing devices can participate. Heather Norton said the materials that go into the meeting rooms need to dampen reverberation and the library is working on that.

Youth/children's services will move up to the second floor for safety and light. That allows for more meeting rooms on the first floor with a café space. The Info Museum will also move to the first floor along with Maker Space, which can be converted to many different uses.

The second floor is more traditional with the stacks for different age groups. The youth services will encompass what is now the computer bank. The magazines are included and there is a story telling area and a teen space.

The third floor space holds archives and special collections. It is much more secure and has room to grow. The Hispanic Resource area is more accessible and will occupy some of the space where there are offices. The non-public spaces don't change much but the training lab will move down to the computer area on the first floor.

The Ryals Room will be a larger event space. This will continue to be available for the public to rent. It will accommodate 350 people. The old auditorium will be the kitchen and storage area for tables, chairs and equipment.

There will be a substantial investment in air quality. Of the 11 million grant, one million will update the HVAC system and make it more energy efficient. There will also be enhanced security through lines of sight and controlled access to rest rooms. We are keeping the solar panels we have but are not putting in new ones. We are a solar garden supporter but it won't be on site.

Dale Buterbaugh asked if the public areas have closed caption areas or places the interpreters can stand where people can see them. Kristen Castor suggested that library staff take a walk through of the current facility to see what the physical and lighting barriers are for people who depend on interpreters.

There is kind of an amphitheater space under the flying wing but it will be very informal and parklike. It isn't appropriate for formal meeting spaces.

We need more fundraising on a local level in order to pull down all the matching money that is available through grants.

Guest Speaker: Bryan Gallagher

We sent out a notice about stakeholder groups for the five year Consolidated Plan. As we hear repeating topics we make it into a goal and are now asking us for input. There is also an analysis of barriers to fair housing. There is a link on the main page to a survey that will help support our needs.

There is documented need for respite or short term stays. Kristen Castor suggested that Bryan Gallagher talk to Judy Cagey at 211, Ivonne Garcia at ADRC and Tara Marrow at SRDA could give you. Heather Norton asked about veterans and that has been covered by other groups. Sidewalks came up also.

Guest Speaker: Sharon Campbell, Zara

The ADA Celebration has three tracks, growing up with a disability, living with a disability and ageing with a disability. We have some guest speakers in mind. It will be a hybrid event. We want the Lockwood Foundation to be involved. Zara from Canon City said she would like to help and Sharon will include her in the planning.