

ADA Committee Minutes 11-3-22

Present: Tura Cowan, Sharon Campbell, Chair, Susan Lindeman, Center towards Self Reliance; Laura Leyba, member; Debora Macilroy, member; Todd Berisford, City of Pueblo; Citilift; Chuck Roy, Eva Cosyleon, Sonja Baker, Kent Thompkins, Pueblo Transit; Chris Krengle, Don Bruestle, Member; Tiffany Garcia, DVR, member.

Approval of minutes: Approved

Complaint: A very large woman tried to go to her dentist, whom she had had for 30 years. She couldn't make it through the door. Nor could she use the dental couch. Her dentist office canceled her appointment without notifying her. When she came, the dental office staff made a big scene. Chuck will send me her information and Sharon will contact her and plans to have a conversation with the dentist. The lady is looking for a new dentist.

City report: Abriendo is done with concrete improvements, and curb ramps are upgraded. Ridge drive between Highway 50 and Eagleridge is being upgraded and will be done in another month. Cedar and Aqua is getting done. This is in Bessemer, by the Millstop.

They have projects getting ready to advertise for bids for concrete repairs at Joplin from 4th to Courtland, where they do the Soapbox Derby. They will repave that stretch next year, so the concrete work needs to be one first.

They will upgrade 20 corners, at Cheyenne between 11th and 14th, which will connect the 11th St. bridge repair with Cheyenne. They are

getting a design for Court and City Center to 24st, They are working around 29th street to address some citizen requests. Besides CDBG money, they are also using city money.

Starting next Monday, they will be paving Northern between Pueblo Blvd and Prairie, which is paid for by a CDOT grant. Somewhere else they are making easement acquisitions; 45 easements needed, only 3 approved.

They had a communications failure at the Rawlings Library renovation on Abriendo. The contractor had to put in ramps by the library, but did not did not get information. They had to tear up what they had done, and redo it.

Northern, maybe Abriendo, probably will have to be put off until spring.

They are currently designing 3 new fire stations, one on 4th and Victory, across from Jerry Murphy between Bluestem and Candytuft, and a 3rd one at 24th St and Prairie? One is new; the other two are for safety and health of the firefighters. There is no safety zone where firefighters can back a truck dirty from a fire to clean it. The exhaust goes into the firefighters' living area.

Kent: Looking at 2 day crane lift in front of the bus stop on Court. This will not start until March. It will close in front of bus stop for 2 days. They will have to use the next bus stop over.

The Raise Grant will do all the bus stops in the North West quadrant of the city, but they will not get the money until next year to do the work. When Court is paved, it will be summer or fall 2023.

ADA upgrades require work with transit so that there is a level concrete pad, and they have an existing sidewalk so people can travel safely. The 2023 budget has \$10 million for streets and roads and concrete improvements.

Tell people to please report issues so people can have access. CDBG money works better if they file a citizen request, there is a good chance that they will get a quicker response than waiting for that area to come up in the schedule.

Every street must be ADA compliant, and they won't pave a street until the concrete work is done. When Justice Center paid off, look for bonds to be renewed for fire stations. **Eva:** Did Mesa Junction get finished? Both are complete. One corner, Van Buren and Evans, the 4th corner did not get done because it is flagstone. They will have to go back on a later date.

The Wells Fargo building renovation is still under discussion. They are looking into another building. Looking at PBR building, which is a better facility with better parking.

They are doing an assessment of roads that will drive what concrete improvements will be done in what order.

They are putting in roundabouts to slow traffic at Dillon 47th and Eagle ridge, although the Loaf and Jug will not be happy. They will have one at Berkely and Mesa, and Jackson and Adams by Columbine elementary school, and another one at Orman and Lake, by Central HS. Vestas is looking to double or triple their capacity, and will provide 1000 jobs, so the City will have to redo Lime road which is in bad shape due to more traffic than it was designed for.

Transit Report: There is really nothing new. They are a little shorthanded, and did recently cut some of the trainer buses. They have all routes going, but none have 2 buses going, so it will be a one a hour wait between buses until they can get fully staffed. They are working on getting new employees. At one time they were up to where they needed to be, but they lost some, and one is out to due to injury.

Chris Krengel, City Lift: They have hired one person, and have another in the pipeline. Their peak times are from 6:30 to 8:30 AM. And people come back from 2 to 3:30. They had an 88% increase in ridership in January. They will be getting newer buses in March, and are hoping to retire the oldest ones with 300-400 thousand miles.

Sonja Baker will be talking about why she and Chris Cobos are using chairs and disability advocacy at a speaking gig in a Canon City school.

The Work session November 10 will be discussing the Committee and its workings, and a good time for new members to get oriented.