

## **ADA Committee Minutes 3-2-23**

**Present:** Sharon Campbell, co-Chair; Laura Lebya, Co-Chair; Tura Cowan, member; Kent Tompkins, Transit; Chris Krengle, CitiLift; Todd Berisford, Public Works; Donald L. Bruestle, member; Deborah Macilroy, member; Heather Norton, member; Weston Burrer, County; Ron Sassola, Public Health; Joshua Johnson, Emergency Management; Rob Gilkerson, Canon City; Kelly Grisham, Public Works; Sonja Baker, Canon City

**The Minutes** from January and February were approved as written.

**City Report:** Progress is being hindered by other utilities, as it does not make sense to put in new streets and have them come in and tear them up. They are still working on Court Street, and Joplin is next. They expect to do the concrete work in the next 2-3 weeks, but the asphalt is on hold until the factories reopen for spring. They put in a new bridge on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and plan to connect Cheyenne to 18<sup>th</sup>. Cheyenne is a disaster and will be redone, but it has no sidewalks and won't be getting any. Because there are no sidewalks and they can't put them in on Cheyenne, there won't be curb cuts. On Northern, there are utility issues. They plan to fix Prairie from Northern to the Interstate. Any time there is a two-step process in repaving, they must make the street ADA compliant.

**CDBG funds:** more working on the Eilers area; the Mason intersection will get curb cuts. There is also \$17 million from Tabor funds to spend, and his boss is a genius at finding more money hidden in the budget.

**Rawlings Library:** A committee met at the Rawlings Library with Amy Nelson and her sidekick to review accessibility of the new parking, etc. Deborah pointed out her issues with landmarks from the bus to the entrance for blind people, and there were parking lot issues. Public Works will fix some of the parking issues. Where the CitiLift busses will drop people off was resolved.

Court and Fountain will get curb cuts; also 10<sup>th</sup> and Kingston, and filling citizen requests keep them busy.

**County Report:** They are mostly working on road projects, and those will be discussed in more detail next meeting. The Wells Fargo building that the Committee provided feedback on will have the main entrance moved to the North Side and the south side one will be closed. And they are going ahead and fixing the bathrooms. The rest of the building is in limbo.

They are remodeling the former Planning Department and Probation buildings. The 4-story building is going to be demolished and they expect that to be done by the end of April. The building at the More Skinny parking lot (13<sup>th</sup> and Santa Fe) was purchased by the City for half of what it cost to build it for the Coroner's office. It requires some remodeling, but the doors are nice and wide. They will build a shield wall so that the people in the high-rise next door don't see bodies going in and out.

The new jail on Pueblo Boulevard is at the 50% stage of design. Joe Martinez will be connected to 24<sup>th</sup> Street and to Purcell. The new Recreation Center in Pueblo West, which will be called the Mesa Recreation Center, is in the Master Planning phase. Weston will share those plans with the Committee at a future Work Session for our input.

The former Boys'/Girl's Ranch is being renovated as well, for the Recreation Center. Some buildings have been kept, but more of them demolished.

**Transit Report:** They are changing out the HVAC system in the Transit Center. Currently they are working on the inside, and the use traffic cones to keep people out from under work areas. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will be changing the roof unit. This will involve a crane and closing the road at the end of the building near the Ice Arena. Later, it will also get all four new automatic doors.

They are working on getting more drivers. They can't do a full training because of staffing issues, but hope to have full staffing by the end of March.

**Paratransit:** Also working on getting more drivers. They do have 3 "new" used vans that are being worked on. Tura had a comment on a lift that did not go all the way to the ground; Chris will look at it.

**Canon City Report:** Sonja and Chris went to meet with the Superintendent of Canon City Schools about doing more presentations on disability to other classes. She also connected with the No Barriers program to bring in assistive devices and speakers via Zoom to preschool, because the younger they start the better. Spreadtheword.global is the website for the No Barriers program. Also, Representative Peterson is opening a Canon City office. [Justin.Kurth@mail.House.gov](mailto:Justin.Kurth@mail.House.gov) is the e-mail address.

**Old Business:** The plan to improve **Haaff Elementary** was discussed by Kelly Grisham. They will be improving accessibility outside the school by installing ramps. It is part of a Safe Route to Schools grant. For phase 2 they will work on the intersection of Jerry Murphy and Chinook. It will have a less than 2% slope despite the current extreme slope.

**Library parking lots:** Laura Leyba did a survey of library parking lots and found that there were problems. Currently, the library is planning to redo the Lamb and Barkman branches.

**Dutch Clark Stadium renovation:** There is no safe way to the top seats because there are no handrails. **Tura, Heather and Don** will go with **Laura** to inspect it. **Sharon** will call Bob Lawson, director of Facilities for D-60 (719) 549-7206 and see which dates he is available for. (13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> of March)

**New Business:** Regional Building has a new boss, Mark Gurrero. He is an architect by training rather than a contractor.

We need to contact the people doing the proposed Front Range Passenger Rail System. The project manager is Assistant Director of Passenger Rail, Bryan Robinson, the CDOT main contact person for passenger rail is David Singer, 303-757-9878 W 303-921-7273 C 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204; [David.Singer@State.CO.US](mailto:David.Singer@State.CO.US), [www.codot.gov](http://www.codot.gov)

#### **Future Work Sessions:**

**Library Update** Amy Nelson; parking lot issues; she will contact us when she is ready

**District 60** parking lots, Dutch Clark Stadium upgrade; no response to phone calls yet

**New Regional Building boss:** acquaint him with what we can do for them; will call back

**Front Range Passenger Rail System;** trying to get a phone number for Bryan Robinson from David Singer