

May 4 2023 minutes Pueblo ADA Advisory Committee

Present: Sharon Campbell, co-chair; Laura Leyba, co-chair; Tura Cowan, Kent Tompkins, Chuck Lopez, Transit operations supervisor; Heather Norton, Rita Gonzales, Don Bruestle, **Sonja Baker**, Todd Beresford, Kelly Grisham, Deborah Macilroy

Due to the lack of current minutes, approval will wait for a future meeting. The tape recorder failed and my notes were sketchy so the minutes will be sketchy this month.

City Report: Todd Beresford. The Abriendo asphalt and concrete work in front of the Rawlings Library will be finished by the end of the week. The concrete work on Joplin is done along the whole extent of the street. The Troy concrete work is also done, and the overlaying will be done next week. The Cheyenne Avenue concrete work contract has been awarded and work will start soon. There are a limited number of contractors out there so it will take a while for them to get to everything they were awarded. 24th to Court concrete contract has been awarded. Prairie Avenue will be torn up from Mesa to Pueblo Blvd. That will be done by the end of the year. Expect lots of detours. The contract for Northern west is awarded. 11th St. asphalt contract from Pueblo Blvd to the bridge is awarded. Comment from Rita: the Red Spring Road from Domingo Homes to the Loaf and Jug on Pueblo Blvd has no sidewalks.

Todd will talk to the developer whose responsibility it is. There is escrow money to ensure that it gets done.

Transit Report: Kent Tompkins introduced the new operations manager, Chuck Lopez. The buses will be providing free fair for everyone June, July and August, including Citilift because of a grant they got. They are now working on the advertising campaign, including social media in conjunction with the City. There are two routes where they were able to bring back the second bus so the wait is only ½ hour now. Staffing is improving, but they are still running a lot of overtime to get people where they need to go

Canon City Report: Sonja Baker, Chris Cobos, Marianne and Johathan will be speaking at the Canon City Middle School later this month on disability. It will be an all-school assembly.

Dutch Clark Stadium People Sharon has contacted have not gotten back to her or have brushed us off. While D-60 is getting Urban Renewal money, it remains their project. Jerry Pachecko is the Executive Director of Urban Renewal. Sharon will call him and see about getting us involved on the repaving project. They will be redoing the stadium later this fall and we really need to be involved. We need to report the stonewalling to the Mayor's Office.

Ice Arena Report: They have removed the old concession stand seating and will replace them with accessible seating. The aisles

are widened. It was suggested that we have our August Work Session there. Jerry Wilhite needs to be contacted to arrange that. 310-933-7818.

The Orman and Colorado large home being turned into a B&B and event place: We want to contact the Konjilicas who are doing the renovation to offer our input on their project. Don will contact them.

First Friday Festivals at Sangre de Cristo: they are blocking off access when they do these. Since the County bought the place, Weston Burrer needs to be notified and needs to deal with it. There is a new CEO at the Sangre de Cristo Art Center who should be contacted. Weston also needs to be reminded to put an automatic door opener on the outer door to the handicapped access entrance.

Union and Grand We would like to see the plans that will make the buildings there accessible.

Chilifest accessibility: It is time for us to get involved to prevent the usual accessibility issues there. Vendors block sidewalks, and crowd control barriers are put over ramps. The Chamber of Commerce is in charge.

Regoinal Building is scheduled to come to the work session next week.

