

Minutes 5-11-23 Work Session

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Don talked about missed opportunities with the Rawlings parking lot, Habitat project for home visitability. Mark discussed the need to get universal design into the planning stages so it is part of building code. In his job, he can only enforce what is on the building code. Accessibility requirements have evolved, for example, increasing the size of wheelchair accessibility in bathrooms, Universal design goes above visitability and needs to be our goal. We need to work with architects. Need to work on level one accessibility (from parking lot into building.) Type A units in multi-unit projects are more accessible, and builders must make a certain percentage number accessible.

Mark suggests that we put out a white paper, try to get changes into national building codes. We need to check and see what CCDC is doing on . We can also speak before the Association of home builders. Nicki will put us in touch. If we can get some homebuilder's plans, tear them apart and show them how it can be better at minimal cost. That would be a good presentation.

Nicki Hart interfaces with all the elected officials. She is the communications consultant for the City and County and has made many web sites. She focuses in part on making them accessible. She sees many opportunities to advocate and educate and can help us. ChoosePueblo.com is designed to drive economic growth. One of the main questions she gets is the accessibility of the city. We need to bring this issue to city leadership to get them to be proactive.

Pueblo Shares is a site that realtors use for images.

Nicki can help us with PowerPoint presentation. Website available, too. She will send Sharon statistics to use at the next City Council Work Session on the need for accessibility in housing here.

Laura wants to film Sonja in her new van; led to discussion of a positive campaign to raise awareness and let temporarily Abe Bodied people related to our needs. Nicki will work with her to make an effective short film.