

Minutes June 1, 2023 Pueblo CO ADA Advisory Committee

Present: Ronald Sasaoka, Lorraine Greenwood, Elizabeth Harmes, Tura Cowan, Kent Tompkins, Susan Lindaman, Heather Norton, Donald L. Bruestle, Tiffany Garcia, Laura Leyba, co-Chair, Todd Berisford, Kris Krengle, Zoom: Dustin Taylor, Deborah Mackilroy, Rob Gilkerson, Roqueo (?) Sonja Baker

After introductions and welcoming new member Elizabeth Harmes, and eventually acceptance of the May minutes as amended,

City Report Todd Beresford reported on numerous projects either completed or almost completed: La Cross, Abriendo, Ridge Drive, 100% of the Grove sidewalks, which was a citizen request, and Troy Avenue. The Joplin ramps are done.

The Dillon by Sam's and Walmart is about 30% done and should be done in 6 weeks. The Roundabouts are a separate project. They will be starting Prairie on the East side at the Walmart Marketplace toward Northern, then do the west side. The avenue will have the outer lane shut down. It is a 180 day contract and he anticipates that it will be done in about 90 days.

Handicapped parking for the river below the Chinese restaurant will be at the base of the road and parking for otherw will be about half way down. The West 11th Street project is started. There is no room for sidewalks, so it will be asphalt. Bike trails will go from the Boulevard behind Kaiser. Northern by the Safeway to the west will start this month.

Laura: ADA Access to parks is a problem. Due to no sidewalks.

Transit Reports Kent reports that the zero fare for better air starting June 1 through August is now underway. There is a robust ad campaign underway with ads in the Chieftain and Star-Journal, on radio and TV and a big billboard on Main Street. The raffle they tried last year mostly benefited the usual riders and didn't do much to attract new riders. Elizabeth suggested putting the flyer on the accessibility site.

They report that paratransit drivers are almost all filled. Tura complemented several drivers. There are also 3 new buses, but they appear to need rather more work than anticipated. They will retire old buses.

Kent reports that they have two new fixed route drivers that need training first, and are going to see if they can have one more driver than needed.

There was a woman crawling with bedbugs riding the bus. It was legal to keep her off of public transportation, and they got Social Services involved in helping her.

Issue: bus benches and shelters: We need them, but it is complicated. The City needs to get easements from landowners, and they can't be places where they cause other problems like drug use in the shelter. CDOT will do the bus stops where they have purview, but it is easier to work with the City than CDOT. Tura pointed out that there are shelters where she cannot fit with her chair.

Eva Cosellyon: was on agenda for the Walk Audits, but will try to get her here for a Work Session. The purpose of them is to prioritize car vs pedestrian traffic

It would be nice to know when the next bus is coming. The technology exists, and Denver is experimenting with some. We will have to see what works there and if it can be adapted at a reasonable cost for Pueblo. That is something the new Operations Supervisor is working on.

Emergency Preparedness Ron Sas... reported that it is fire season, and people need to mitigate their risks. While it has been raining a lot, the weeds will dry up later and the fire ban will return.

PWDs are invited to participate in the assorted emergency preparedness drills, both City and State. It is requested that we let them know w3 plan to come.

The expired COVID tests might still be good, and one was in a recent experiment. However, it is not a good idea to rely on the outdated tests.

Booster shots should be updated for the next one, but you shouldn't get one more than every 6 months. They are no longer free. You should get the Shingles shot even though it isn't free; Shingles is miserable and triggered by stress, in part.

Canon City Report Sonja reported that she and several others spoke at an assembly at the Canon City Middle School about how to make people with disabilities feel included that was very well received. Kids came up to them with questions afterwards and the tour of the renovated Middle School revealed that it is pretty accessible for mobility-challenged people.

She also reported that she has a new van which she is very happy with. Her old one is for sale.

Don raised a question about cytomegalo virus, which affects pregnant women and their babies.

D-60 and Runyon Field: Contact mayor's office and Bob Lawson and Dalton.Sprouse@PuebloCitySchools.us.com to get on their radar.

Rob Gilkerson reported that he has a white paper on visitailty that he will share. We need to speak before the Pueblo and Canon Ciy Builder's Associations on that.

Tiffany went to the National ADA Sumposium.

Dustin Taylor was asked how the Committee can help the PD. It was his first meeting and he learned about access issues and traffic contrl Roger Schneider who does neighborhood Watch and crime prevention helps with the library walkaround.

We need to address the Chilifest ASAP. Also other outdoor events are not very accessible.

Things to do:

Done Email Eva Costelyon on presenting on what is the Safe Streets Initiative

Done E- mail County Courthouse Contact Weston why no opener on the East entrance for disabled.

Runyon Field: Contact Bob Lawson, Dalton.Sprouse@pueblacityschools.us.com.
Also Mayor's office due to their lack of response.

Contact Alyssa Parga re need secretary to attend meetings, do minutes.

Contact Chamber of Commerce re Chilifestival. And other outdoor events