

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Thursday January 05, 2023
1:00-2:30 pm

Attendance: Sharon Campbell, Laura Leyba, Heather Norton, Tura Cowan, Bryan Gallagher, Chuck Roy, Todd Berisford, Tiffany Garcia, Travis Romero, Kent Tompkins, Susan Lindeman, Sonja Baker, and Wanda Baker.

Zoom: Don Bruestle, Eva Cosyleon, Ron Sasaoka, and Kelly Grisham.

Tura said she would distribute the December 2022 meeting's minutes as soon as possible.

City Report: Chuck Roy and Todd Berisford updated us on the upcoming ADA street compliance projects for 2023. There are many spread throughout the city. Chuck said that \$10 million was appropriated this year. Included in the list is the State Fairgrounds' curbs, sidewalks, and signage along Mesa, Acero, and Arroyo Avenues.

County Report: No county report was given, but Bryan Gallagher said that CHAPA (Citizens' Housing And Planning Association) did not fund a proposed project. He notified us of a public comment meeting on Tuesday January 10th at 2:00 pm that's taking place in city council chambers regarding ARP funds for homelessness. He also forwarded the email for distribution.

Transit: Kent Tompkins said that 3 CitiLift buses were donated to Pueblo, but need repairs so Ben Valdez asked City Council for the funds. Kent also said that recertification is being conducted for members of 5 years or longer. Also, a reduced bus schedule is in place until a driver is being trained.

Emergency Management: Ron Sasaoka said that COVID testing sites closed, but vaccines can still be received at some locations including the Health Dept. Test kits may also be picked up there.

Guest Speaker: Sonja Baker said that she has been speaking at Cañon City schools about ADA issues. She also said improvements to stop lights and geographic cameras have been made.

Travis Romero introduced himself as the Youth Services specialist at the Center for Disabilities.

Old Business: An assessment of the Ice Rink and a power point presentation was completed. The most pressing issue is the lack of permanent wheelchair ramps to the emergency exits. There's also a need for designated seating spaces and signage. **A subcommittee was formed to address it. The members are Heather Norton, Tura Cowan, and Tiffany Garcia.**

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:40 pm for Kristen Castor's farewell party. She has served on this committee since her appointment on May 28, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Leyba
Co-chair