

October 05, 2023 PACOG and Pueblo ADA Advisory Committee meeting minutes

**Attendance:** Weston Burrer, Justin Hiniker, Alexis Romero, Deborah MacIlroy, Tura Cowan, Don Bruestle, Elizabeth Harmes, Kent Tompkins, Chris Krengel, Chuck Roy, Todd Berisford, Rita Gonzales, Mary Agnes Leonard, Sharon Campbell, and Laura Leyba

**Zoom:** Ron Sasaoka and Sonja Baker

**Absent:** Bob Long, Jennifer Thornton, and Tiffany Garcia

**Call to order:** Sharon called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Approval of minutes:** The August and September minutes were approved.

**Guest Speaker/County Report** Weston Burrer, Pueblo County architect, updated us on the renovation of the former Wells Fargo building and **many things need to be redone** because they aren't ADA compliant.

Don asked how the committee could offer **input on ADA compliance of the new detention center** and Chuck will give us the plans so we can review them at our next work session October 12th. Then, he will forward any concerns that we have to the person in charge.

**City Report:** Chuck and Todd updated us on the construction going on around Pueblo regarding accessible sidewalks, curb ramps, and paving.

Laura asked for an update on the **replacement of the wheelchair lift at the Pueblo Plaza Ice Arena**. Chuck said the new lift has been ordered, but not received yet. A door opener was also ordered, and emergency exit to the East is under consideration as a secondary route.

Laura asked for an update on the **complaint** about the landscaping that's blocking drivers' view of people crossing at the intersection of 4th Street and Elizabeth Street. He said that is Colorado Department of Transportation jurisdiction and forwarded to them.

Laura asked whether he heard back from Melanie Turner regarding the pedestrian crossing signal there and at the intersection of 8th Street and Santa Fe Avenue, but he hasn't received a reply yet.

**Transit Report:** Kent explained the bus route changes due to the construction on Prairie Avenue. They continue with the hiring process and hope to be fully staffed soon. Chris said the same about CitiLift.

**Emergency Management Report:** Ron said there was a rise in West Nile virus and COVID cases. The health department has some COVID test kits left.

**Old Business:** Don will set up another meeting with Jerry Pacheco, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority regarding Phase 2 of renovations of Dutch Clark Stadium. We discussed the details of our recent tour there, and how brand new concrete must be broken in order to place an ADA accessible restroom on both sides of the stadium. **This could have been prevented had we been able to make contact with District 60 in the last 7 months.**

Tura and Laura conducted a walk audit of 8th Street bridge from Santa Fe Avenue to Hudson Avenue for Eva Cosyleon, MPO in charge of Complete Streets Initiative.

**New Business:** Sharon will email Chuck regarding construction crews parking in the way of sidewalks and curb ramps.

We received a request from Mariposa Center for Safety, formerly known as YMCA, to schedule a presentation on their daycare project. Sharon will contact them.

We received a request for information about ADA employment from Sari Mazon, Affirmative Employment Program Manager with FCI Florence. Tiffany Garcia will contact them.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Secretary Tura Cowan,

Laura Leyba, co-chair