

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Thursday February 01, 2024

1:00-3:00 pm

Center Toward Self-Reliance

901 W. 8th St.

Attendance: Laura Leyba, Committee Chair; Joshua Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator; Tura Cowan, Committee Vice-Chair; Susan Lindeman, Center Toward Self-Reliance; Alexis Romero Stewart, Housing & Citizen Services; Kent Tompkins, Pueblo Transit Streets Supervisor; Paul Toth, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office; Justin Hiniker, Colorado State University – Pueblo (CSUP); Rita Gonzales, Committee member; Sharon Campbell, Committee member; Don Bruestle, Committee member.

Zoom: Ron Sasaoka, Emergency Management; Tiffany Garcia - Business Outreach Specialist, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Dylan Goodman, Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Planner; Andy Sanchez, Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center.

Absent Committee members: Deborah MacIlroy, Bob Long, Mary Leonard, and Elizabeth Harmes.

The meeting was called to order at about 1:00 pm. Attendees signed the roster and introduced themselves. The January 04, 2024 meeting minutes were approved without amendments.

Guest speaker: Paul Toth, Pueblo County Detention Center Bureau Chief/Warden, explained that the new detention center will have all the ADA accessibility that the existing one has, and answered questions

from the Committee. Dave Zupan, project manager, was invited but did not attend.

City report: Chuck Roy, Deputy Director Public Works and City ADA Coordinator, and Todd Berisford, Public Works Construction Manager did not attend, but Chuck sent an email with an update on the Ice Arena. He stated that “The chair lift is on order and won’t ship from China until March. Push button doors at the entrance are being installed. Public Works is putting together a project to install push button doors for the restrooms at the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center (PMJC). No timeline as of yet.”

County report: Weston Burrer, Pueblo County architect and 504 Compliance Officer, was absent but replied to my email regarding people with Tura’s disability being unable to open the doors at the County Courthouse east entrance since February 2023. Weston stated that “the (door) operators are in but the buttons sent were wrong. Waiting for those and then we can install.”

Transit: Kent Tompkins, Pueblo Transit Streets Supervisor, stated that they were fully staffed for one day. He also mentioned that the grant for the bus stop lighting project will be awarded in April. Chris Kringel, CitiLift Manager, was out of town and unable to attend.

Emergency Management: Joshua Johnson, Pueblo County Emergency Management Coordinator, said he is coordinating an exercise with Amy Nelson, Director of Rawlings Library and Customer Experience, and several other staff. It’s planned for some time after July and will take place before the Rawlings library opens so that operations won’t be negatively affected. It will include people with various disabilities.

Old business: Andy Sanchez, Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center (SDCACC), is expecting a new elevator in 3 months. He invited the

Committee to the next SDCACC board meeting Wednesday February 07th at noon in the SDACC.

New business: Lanyards with the Committee's and each member's name were given to the members in attendance to wear when we're representing the Committee. The remaining members will get their lanyards the next time they attend a meeting.

Katie Davis, Deputy Director Special Projects at Pueblo County Department of Public Health & Environment, requests a walk/roll audit so the Committee will schedule one soon.

Rita Gonzales made a motion to adjourn, Tura Cowan seconded it, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at about 3:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leyba, Chairperson

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