

Pueblo and Pueblo Area Council Of Governments (PACOG)
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee meeting
minutes

Thursday August 01, 2024 1:00-3:00 pm

Center Toward Self-Reliance

901 W. 8th St.

Pueblo. CO 81003

Attendance: Chuck Roy, Todd Berisford, Kent Tompkins, Joshua Johnson, Ron Sasaoka, Rita Gonzales, Sharon Campbell, Laura Leyba, Donald L. Bruestle, Tura Cowan, Larry Fancher, Weston Burrer, Kristi Roque, Olivia Leyva.

Zoom: Alexis Romero Stewart, Dylan Goodman.

Absent: Bob Long, Tiffany Garcia, Mary Leonard.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm and we introduced ourselves.

Public comment: Larry Fancher spoke from 1:06-1:15 pm about the sidewalk section of the DOJ Settlement Agreement, then departed the meeting.

Chuck made a motion to approve the July 11, 2024 meeting minutes without amendments, Rita seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker: None.

City Report: Chuck said he's received several complaints from Larry Fancher since April and has replied to them. Sharon gave Chuck some historical data to put on the Committee's section of the city website. He also updated us about the current projects. He said a town hall is scheduled for September 04th regarding planned construction on Saratoga and Lexington streets. More information will be on the city website. Chuck will report on the motion sensors for the vestibule doors in the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center at the next meeting.

County Report: Weston said the County Planning Dept. and Pueblo Means Business will be moving to the building formerly known as Wells Fargo on 8th and Main streets. The building doesn't have a new name yet. He said the restrooms there are ADA accessible, and the new door opener at the County Courthouse is the type they'll install going forward.

Transit: Kent said the city buses will give State Fairgoers rides again this year.

Emergency Management: Josh updated us on the fire in Beulah that is almost completely out. He doesn't have a date scheduled for the emergency evacuation drill at the Rawlings library, but he will update us as soon as he knows. Ron said that COVID cases are on the rise, and bird flu testing of animals that will be at the State Fair will be ongoing. Rita suggested that the Health Dept. do public service announcements about hand washing.

Canon City Report: Sonja was absent and still recuperating.

Kristi Roque, Pueblo City-County Library Manager, said the Lucero branch will be renovated soon, and an alternative place for their activities isn't approved yet, but she'll let us know where it will be.

Don brought up the issue with the Ryals Room sound system and Kristi will look into it.

Old Business: No updates from sub-committees regarding business community outreach, recruiting more walk/roll auditors, ADA improvements to City and Mineral Palace Parks playground equipment, or the Department of Justice Master. Laura emailed City Councilors about the ADA accessible restrooms and other improvements to Dutch Clark stadium that were promised by Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director of Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority (PURA). Jerry said if there isn't enough money left over from this budget, they'll be included in the 2025 budget.

New Business: *Sharon* will contact the Pueblo Star Journal to ask if they'll do a story about the ADA Committee to promote public awareness. *Don, Tura, and Rita* will contact the State Fair Board of Authority to review its 30 year plan for improvements to the physical infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm. Work session Thursday from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Center Toward Self Reliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Leyba, Chairperson and acting Secretary