

Present: Kip Morphey, Facilities Manager; John Madrid, member; Jean Benfield, Vice chair; George O'Brien, co-chair; Sharon Campbell, member; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Sherry Slate, Design Engineer, Pueblo County; Don Bruestle; member; Ralph McPherson, Co-chair; June Akeo, member; Bob Schmidt, County ADA Coordinator.

Approval of the Minutes

Ralph McPherson clarified that interpreters covering the Waldo Canyon fire were standing next to the federal officials.

Jean Benfield moved and June Akeo seconded that the minutes be accepted with the above correction.

Approval of the Agenda

June Akeo brought a list of items for emergency preparation to be discussed under D. Don Bruestle requested that speakers with reports go first. As there are no guest speakers, the transit issue will be discussed first.

Pueblo Transit Report

Brenda Broyles is out of town and Pat Manzanares had personal business, so Kristen Caster summarized the request for reduction of service. Saturday service will start at 8:00 instead of 6:30. This doesn't seem to affect many people. Three routes will lose 30 minute service and the people in the hearings supported the fare increase of 25%. That means base fare will go up to \$1.25 and City Lift fare will go up to \$2.50 one way. There will be no more income based discounts on City Lift passes because the Federal Transportation Authority has objected to the practice. June Akeo said she won't be able to afford the pass. It was agreed that the Committee should submit a statement to the effect:

The Pueblo ADA Advisory Committee recommends there be no reduction of service to the Eastside, Berkley/Beulah and Irving/Bessemer routes. We have heard from families and school administrators who are concerned about the safety of students on those routes. It would also impact workers who transfer to the more traveled Mall and Highway 50 Routes. We believe strongly that if City Council can find the money to fund the Zoo and the Animal shelter, both of which are amenities worthy of support, they can find

a way to fund the bus service. Pueblo has enough unemployed workers. City Council doesn't need to add to it by putting barriers in the way of those who can least adapt.

To be truly effective, we need to demonstrate numbers. Because any ordinance requires to public hearings, it is still possible to organize, but those meetings are still after bus hours and many riders won't be able to attend. We may need volunteers for a petition drive or to make a cardboard cut outs representing real people.

County Report: Bob Schmidt

Sherry gave the Committee a DVD on emergency preparation for people with functional needs made by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and Sharon Campbell determined that it is not captioned.

Sherry Slate said the county is starting sidewalk replacement around the courthouse with ramps on the east side for direct access to the handicapped office along with the three parking spaces on 11th street with two more on Main Street right at this entrance. All services are now available from this office. Diagonal parking will be extended down Main Street.

Emergency Preparation

We need to review the DVD from FEMA and let Dave Schaad know that it is not captioned.
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Bob Schmidt said the new motto is: What can you take in ten minutes?

George O'Brien asked if anyone was interested in the Home Safety presentation that Inspector Micheli offered last month. There was no interest in watching this. George O'Brien confirmed that we need to build a relationship with the Fire Department. Don Bruestle suggested there could be grants for some PR. This might also be something the Fire Department could do with us.

Work Plan for 2012-2013

Goal 1 remains as stated.

Goal 2 remains without objective 3.

Goal 3: Strengthen Transit

Preserve existing service and support improvement

Promote improvements to Greyhound bus shelter

Support the RTA through:

Land use plan

Grant applications

Long Range plans

Goal 4 Emergency Preparedness

Implement Registry for Fire Department

Participate in emergency drills and exercises

Promote awareness training for citizens and community awareness

Goal 5: ADA Awareness

2 workshops a year on ADA Updates

Invite public

Goal 6

Update cards

Advertise in Chieftain

Institute Business of the Month award or something quarterly

Write a column on disability issues, possibly irregularly, maybe
Quarterly

Important Dates:

The next work session is Thursday August 16, 2012 at SRDA at 230 North Union in the third floor conference room from 1-3 pm.

The public hearing before city council for transit fare increases is Monday August 27 at 7:00 pm at 301 West B Street.

The next regularly scheduled ADA and PACOG Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday September 6 at El Pueblo History Museum at 301 North Union from 1 to 3 pm.

Our Annual Report for 2011-2012 is at the City Council Work Session on Tuesday September 4 at 5:30 at 301 West B Street across from the Union Depot. Please remember to call 553 2295 and let Sam Vigil know if you need assistance to get to the meeting.