

Pueblo/PACOG ADA Advisory Committee
January 02, 2025 meeting minutes

Attendance: Laura Leyba, Tura Cowan, Sharon Campbell, Don Bruestle, Tiffany Garcia, Mikiel Ghelieh, Rita Gonzales, Anna Jones, Mary Leonard, Joe Treanor, Charles Roy, Todd Berisford, Justin Hiniker, Chris Kregel, Thad Stelter, Kent Tompkins, Estella Maes, and Yuli Giles.

Zoom: Lexi Romero Stewart, Dylan Goodman, Ron Sasaoka, Olivia Leyva, and Sonja Baker.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at about 1:00 pm.

Roll Call: All committee members attended in person and we had a quorum.

Introductions: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Vote to approve the December 05, 2024 meeting minutes: Mary motioned, Don seconded, and all committee members approved the December 05, 2024 meeting minutes.

Public Comment: Don and Rita commented from 1:13-1:15 pm.

Guest Speaker: Thad Stelter, Library Program & Outreach Specialist - Tech Trainer gave a presentation on the current library services offered.

City Report: Todd and Chuck reported that construction on 24th St. is almost finished. A bike trail around Lake Minnequa Veterans Memorial Park is planned, but funding opportunities are pending.

County Report: The County representative was absent.

Transit: Kent reported on the veterans ride free lifetime grant. Chris reported that veterans need a separate identification card to ride paratransit.

Emergency Management: Ron reported on the approximately 50 hospitalizations a day of COVID, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), and flu. Olivia added that farm workers, particularly those working with poultry or cattle, may be at an increased risk of contracting avian influenza.

TAC (Transportation Advisory Commission): Laura reported on the airport renovation plans that she and Don reviewed with Greg Pedroza, Director of Aviation, and Chuck Roy, City ADA Coordinator. Laura and Joe also conducted a walk audit of the terminal and addressed the lack of time to conduct an adequate audit. The airport renovation plans were presented at a December City Council meeting that Laura attended by Zoom. Laura sent a support letter to Greg and copied City Councilors.

Laura also reported on CDOT's 4th St. bridges feasibility study, and was waiting to hear back from the project planner about conducting a walk audit.

Old Business: Laura discussed the need for more auditors. The sub-committee didn't meet or come up with ideas on recruiting more auditors.

New Business: Laura reported on the December 20, 2024 10:00 pm KKTU Channel 11 news broadcast titled "ADA Compliance Complaints in Pueblo" that she and Sharon saw. She asked Chuck if he would clear up issues about his interview when he claimed the committee said that City Park is compliant, which we did not say. Several committee members gave their opinions on the issue and asked to be notified before a statement is made in the future.

The committee voted unanimously for Sharon as the new Chairperson, but couldn't fill the Vice-Chair or Secretary positions, although we voted to suspend the requirement in our bylaws that

only members who have served at least one year could serve on the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laure E. Leyba