

## **DRAFT** Minutes of the November 6, 2025 ADA Advisory Committee Meeting

**Present:** Sharon Campbell, Chair; Don Bruestle, member; Sunny Lyon, community member; Dalton Sprouse, District 60; Kristi Roque, Library; Joshua Johnson, emergency PESO; Chris Harner, PESO; Helen Dupree, City of Pueblo Acting ADA Coordinator; Joseph Treanor, member; Kent Tompkins, Pueblo Transit; Laura Leyba, member; Guy Chabot, member; Tiffany Garcia, member; Alicia Solis, PDPHE, Rita Gonzales, member; ZOOM: Lexi Romero; Dylan Goodman; Excused, Mary Leonard, Tura Cowan.

The meeting was opened at 1:05 PM. After introductions and the approval of the October 2, 2025, meeting minutes, as there were no public comments, Guest Speaker: Dalton Sprouse spoke on the much-needed District 60 Dutch Clark Stadium updates. The stadium was built in the 1950s, and there are limits to what can be done.

A retaining wall was installed on the lower roadway leading to the locker rooms so that water would quit washing it out. It was costing \$1 million dollars a year to fix it to maintain access.

They regraded, repaved and installed sidewalks around the perimeter of the parking lot so that pedestrians didn't have to walk in the street. An electronic sign was installed as well. They also improved the entry feature welcoming guests to the stadium.

They upgraded the tired old bathrooms to make them welcoming and the people in the press box now have climate control and new windows without bars keeping the observer from seeing the action on the field. However, it is completely and irrevocably NOT mobility-accessible. For wheelchair access, they had to buy a couple of bathroom pods. These are at the entrance to the stadium and are kept locked except during events. There is an attendant with a key present to admit users.

The locker rooms were gutted, and redone to include ADA access, and for an added thoughtful touch, the walls are dry-erase board. This allows coaches to draw play diagrams for their teams without having to provide dry-erase boards.

The bleacher access isn't very accessible. Wheelchair seating is designated for below the press box, although it is possible to get disabled visitors onto the field using golf carts if necessary. The stairs were reconditioned and texturized to provide safer, less slippery access to the bleachers. However, they were originally built so that they are not wide enough to put handrails in. The compromise was to add handrails to the far sides of the bleachers for access for less-stable walkers.

All of this is very expensive, and when possible, District 60 partnered with other relevant organizations, such as Trees Please to plant new trees.

**City Report:** The Memorial Hall use of disability seating for light and sound equipment during shows update on what the

producers actually do is incomplete. Tiffany Garcia and Guy Chabot are attending a show and will report on if they keep disabled seating available for people with disabilities.

Due to the weather, it is the end of paving season for the year, and they are working on getting the concrete work for curb cuts and sidewalks done to set the stage for the next paving season. The mid-block crossing at Alan Hammel is currently in the design process. This will keep the many people much safer if and when they are choose to cross there.

There is no sidewalk at Red Creek Springs Road, which is very dangerous. The City is working to reinforce code to make developers provide roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure, but Mega Homes built this many years before the current code was in place. They have some limited paving plans, but since the sales tax ordinance failed, and every department has been ordered to find a 15% cut in their budget, it doesn't look good.

However, they have been applying for more grants for projects, such as a \$25 million Safe Streets. Their recent track record of receiving those grants is improving.

**County Report:** Weston Burrer was not present. However, Sharon Campbell raised an issue at the old Wells Fargo building about reserved parking for ambulances directly in front of the North entrance that was not marked in any way. Weston will be informed of this today.

**Emergency Management:** They held three major exercises, including one active-shooter exercise at the Dennis Maes Justice Center. They learned of some major issues involving the public. It is against policy to let public members into restricted areas, and clarification that if someone is shooting they will not be fired for letting people into those areas and out the available escape routes. The other exercises were strictly internal for employees. For future exercises where the members of the public are invited, ADA Committee members are also welcome.

**Health Department: Alyssa program manager? DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, COULD YOU CLARIFY?** The Health Department is seeking an Emergency preparedness manager in health department and our assistance in getting the word out would be appreciated. They had an in-house active shooter drill. It is respiratory illness season, with an uptick in flu and RSV cases. People are strongly encouraged to get their vaccinations. They are working to partner with other organizations such as Catholic Charities to improve their outreach programs on risky behaviors, such as drug use, smoking, alcohol use and the like. Like other agencies, their funding has been reduced.

**Transit:** They are offering free rides to EBT users until the shutdown is ended. All the rider has to do is show their card. If someone has already purchased a 30-day pass they can't refund their money, though. K-12 and PCC students also get to ride free if they show their student ID. CSU-P students get a reduced fare of \$1 instead of \$1.25, and seniors over 60 years of age have a fare of 60 cents, as do people with disabilities.

The Transit Center is redoing their brickwork sidewalks and will replace them with stamped colored concrete so it will look like brick without the safety and access disadvantages. Because of that, they will need to temporarily move stops in the Center.

The Thatcher Street bus will be rerouted to go through the park and add stops at the zoo and pool for additional access to the park's facilities.

All transit services will stop during the Veteran's Day parade on Saturday.

**Transportation/TAC:** They have a grant to look at persistent poverty areas. They are looking to provide transportation services to underserved employment centers. A route to both the Airport Industrial Center, and the Pueblo West industrial park is needed, as well as one out on the Mesa. Joshua pointed out that transit in Pueblo West is also needed for such things as shopping. A Memorandum of Understanding would be needed to go into Pueblo West.

Bus shelters and at least benches are also needed.

### **Old Business: Report on Master Plan for Fairgrounds**

The General Manager of the State Fair came to present their Master Plan for the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds will look completely different, with the Midway and Rodeo areas will be switched, among a great many other changes. Many buildings will be eliminated, particularly those that cannot be made

accessible. The extensive Master Plan is available on the State Fair website and members are encouraged to look at it.

However, until the architect is about 75% done with plans there is nothing for us to do. Laura will find out the name of the architect and follow up to make sure we get the plans in a timely manner.

There is a Pueblo representative on the State Fair Board. Laura will find out who that is and make sure we stay in contact with her/him.

Don brought up the Blue Envelop program again. This is so that people who might react differently when encountering a police officer can self-identify to the officer. Joshua apologized for dropping the ball on it and will again do more research.

Next work session: November 13, 2025 Topic: We will be drafting an Event Planners' guide to making them ADA friendly (and compliant) Dylan Goodman, Eva Cosyleon will be there.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Campbell, Chair and Secretary