

ADA Advisory Committee Minutes January 8, 2026

Present: Sharon Campbell, Chair; Helen Dupree, City of Pueblo; Lisa Pate, City of Pueblo; Guy Chabot, member; Joe Tranor, Member, Don Bruestle, member, Rita Gonzales, member; ZOOM: Dianne Danti, Pueblo City Council; Laura Leyba, member; Jane St. Onage, member; Martine Orr, member

It was our pleasure to welcome new members, Jane St. Onage and Martine (Tina) Orr. When they can come in person we can present their certificates of appointment to them. It was also our pleasure to welcome Dianne Danti, City Council Member, whose e-mail address I have changed.

Our guest speaker was unable to attend and will be rescheduled to the February 5 meeting. We will learn about the Rawlings elevator renovation and meet the new Technology Program person then.

City Report: Helen Dupree reported that work on the mid-block crossing on Alan Hammel Boulevard is progressing. Due to numerous constraints such as grade, slope, light fixtures, and the like, they are having to really work on the design. Don would like to see the plans when they are about ready so we can share our experience and expertise. Curb cuts on St. Claire from Pueblo Blvd to Prairie are being constructed now.

Transit: They are continuing work on sidewalks at the Transit Center, which is largely complete. The free EBT bus rides that they offered during the Federal Government Shut Down expired with the reopening of the government, but the other free rides for veterans and school students continue. They got a grant for 5 new buses, but by the time the money is actually disbursed and the new hybrid buses ordered, built and delivered, we don't expect to see them until 2027. Eventually they plan for all the buses to be hybrids. There are also two new Paratransit buses, but we have no further report on them.

There is a Facebook survey, <https://www.facebook.com/CityofPueblo/posts/take-a-couple-of-minutes-to-fill-out-this-survey-with-pueblo-department-of-publi/1318275960343775/>, on bus stops that the public is encouraged to weigh in on. As should our Committee members. I cannot find it anywhere but on Facebook, so people without an account cannot participate. **We would like to invite a representative to our February meeting to discuss it.**

Transportation/TAC: Laura sent and Sharon forwarded the link to the Transportation Long Range Plan draft. People should access it and comment if they like.

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofPueblo/posts/take-a-couple-of-minutes-to-fill-out-this-survey-with-pueblo-department-of-publi/1318275960343775/> They plan to put a seven-foot-tall wall on Hudson/Bonforte to protect "vulnerable road users." This will help with

pedestrian safety. There is a grant awarded to fix all of the Salt Creek bus stops. They are at the Phase 3 visitability study stage

Old Business: Memorial Hall ADA review: Guy met with the Oak View Group management team, Kevin Ortiz, and operator Dave Cesario. They run the Hall activities. It turns out that the Hall actually had more companion seats for wheelchair users than required, and the excess seating will be used for production equipment such as sound and lighting. All of the wheelchair spaces have the rails and toe plates required. They have captioning, assistive listening systems and for a production involving a comedian, they are going to hire a couple of American Sign Language interpreters as requested by a deaf future attendee. They go above and beyond the minimum. Rita had additional concerns regarding her ability to evacuate safely and will meet separately with the Oak Group representatives to resolve them.

Rita was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation, and this should be part of the Annual Report. We will work on that next week at the Work Session.

New Business: Laura reported on her success in getting accessible parking and sidewalk cut-outs in the Pavillion area of the Mineral Palace Park. Don observed that since this is 36 years after the ADA was passed, it is odd that there is still pushback when we request access. Hopefully the Parks Department will not do that again when we try to get changes made to improve accessibility.

There is a complaint that the parking at the Langoni Sports Complex is way too far from the bathrooms/Port-a-Johns. Laura will be meeting with someone to evaluate. She thinks now that the fix is simply to restripe the parking lot, and move the accessible parking closer.

We were supposed to elect new officers, but your Chair spaced it out. That has been moved to the February agenda.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Campbell, Chair