

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 3, 2013

Present: George O'Brien, co-chair; Ralph McPherson, co-chair; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Terry Skinner, guest; Michael---, guest; Kip Morphew, City of Pueblo, Shanna Farmer; CSU-Pueblo, Kay Jamison, Deaf Gathering

## REVIEW OF DECEMBER MEETING

The recording of last month's meeting taken in the Secretary's absence could not be retrieved. The essential business of the meeting is reconstructed by members as follows.

### **Transit Update**

Kay Jamison wanted to know how the bus company informs people with hearing and vision impairments about changes in routes and stops. All of the buses have enunciators, but this doesn't inform people of changes in stops.

The consensus was that a person who needs guidance to get to bus stops should have an assistant or can use CitiLift or SRDA.
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### **Public Works: Sam Vigil**

Sam gave an update on the status of the ongoing curb ramp projects, which have been previously mentioned.

### **County Update: Sherry Slate**

Sherry gave an update on the construction of the new Judicial Building.

### **Status of CSU Project**

Dr. Wakefield came to talk about the sidewalk survey and most of the conversation centered on the RTA project. Shanna will make sure Dr. Wakefield understands these are two projects and we are interested in both.

### **Deaf Gathering**

Kay couldn't understand why there aren't more interpreters, especially in the health arena. Kip explained that it doesn't make money. Ron remembered

that the video systems make it possible for remote interpreting. Kay's issue is that interpreters are not available for medical need.

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2013 MEETING

### **Transit Update: From Brenda Broyles**

Brenda told Kristen that the budget has been approved and should be sufficient to meet the need unless there is something completely unforeseen. She confirmed the claim that if a driver is laid off, the Amalgamated Transit Union has it negotiated that he/she will be paid for two years. There are agreements like this all over the country. It is not a Pueblo issue, but certainly factored into the decision to find adequate funding for the transit system.

### **Public Works: Kip Morphew**

Ron brought up the question about the bathhouse at City Park and the ramps we requested.

Kristen will call Steven Meier for an update.
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### **Parking Patrol**

Captain Ryder told Ron he would work on the names Ron gave him. Kristen will put in a call to Captain Ryder. Shelly Taylor has been identified as the contact person for the Volunteer Program.

Our concerns are:

- The judge does not grant any leeway for someone who can show a placard. The former judge reduced the fine.
- Dimensions of the parking space include the access lane in federal law, but Sgt Noeller does not allow ticketing of vehicles in the access lane.
- Safety lanes should also exclude motorcycle parking, though volunteers aren't certified to write tickets for that.
- Changes in radio ID will make it difficult to identify the person who wrote the ticket
- The new trainer says we we don't write tickets for anyone outside of the state of Colorado, although we have before.

## **CSU Projects: Ralph McPherson**

Ralph McPherson met with Dr. Wakefield and he has three students to put together a proposal for RTA. Ralph did not remember sidewalks. He said it would take two or three years to put together. There is a way to fund some of this through grants. The HEALY center supports the project and can keep the continuity and momentum going. Don said Pueblo Active Community Environments (PACE) is also keeping this on their agenda. PACE meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:00 am at the Health Department. It will be February before they can start. Shannon said they get a Fellowship for a certain number of hours.

## **Relations with the Deaf Community**

Technology might help with interpreters. Kristen will see if she can find an old email about this from Kay.

## **ADA Coordinator Position**

The ADA Coordinator must:

- Stay abreast of changes in the ADA
- Make sure the city is in compliance.
- Take complaints
- Work with the ADA committee to identify barriers that prevent people from participating fully in civic life and address them.

Kip explained that whoever it is needs the authority and the money to do things, so there has to be a line item in the budget and a position of authority in the hierarchy of the city.

George suggested a liaison kind of positions. Kip pointed out that DOJ is still the enforcer and the threat of law suit is still the most powerful motivator.

## **Other Business**

Kristen will send out a new calendar, copies of the settlement agreement, the bylaws and minutes for December/January
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We also need to be sure the grievance procedure and complaint forms are on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53.

The next meeting is Thursday February, 7, 2013 at El Pueblo History Museum from 1-3.