

Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

September 5, 2013

Present: George O'Brien, co-chair; Ralph McPherson, co-chair; Shelly Talyor, Handicapped Parking Patrol; Ed Brown, guest; Kristen Castor, Secretary, Sharon Campbell, member Weston Burrer, County Facilities; John Madrid, member; Carol Madrid, guest; Ron Burke, member; Larry Williams, member; Ed Vaught, member; Sam Vigil, City of Pueblo; Terry Skinner, guest.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Handicapped Parking Patrol: Shelly Taylor

There are 37 volunteers in total, but some have stepped back from the handicapped parking patrol because they cannot meet scheduled court dates. There are now 5 volunteers dedicated to handicapped parking enforcement. There have been over 1,600 tickets written since January. The coordinator is trying to get retired people out and do nights. There were four working the State Fair.

Judge Martinez is knocking about 50% off fines. Sharon said people steal signs. The price of scrap metal is up. Larry said there are screws that you can't take out with screw drivers that could be a solution. Ron said that when businesses get their occupancy status, they take away their signs. Hwy 50 Subway and the Subway by University Station are examples of this. Shelly will look into it. If anyone sees a violation, the number for dispatch is 553-2502. George said you can buy signs at Lowes.

Judge Martinez says if it looks like a handicapped parking space, it is. Ron verified that patrol members can look at registration. It shows the name of the person and checks who is handicapped.

There is a lot of training involved with this patrol, but there are more people interested.

There are two cars available for the patrol and Shelly wants more.

Public Works

Sam will send an attachment with the current list of projects.

Terry said there are still corners around Thatcher to O'Neal that need ramps. The ramp at Red Creek Springs is too concave to get up because of the asphalt lip. The exact location is Red Creek Springs and Pueblo Blvd. Place. Also at Sonics, you have to go to a driveway. This is still old construction. Sam will put these locations on the list.

Also, her mother lives on Big Hill up 7th Avenue and those curb ramps also need to be on the list. There is also a bus stop on 7th Avenue where there is always foliage in the way. That's a code violation. Transportation handles obstructed view of signage and traffic. It is at 7th and 24th.

Parking Issues: Weston Burrer

We need to get Regional Building to come up to codes for ANSII and ADAAG.

We should invite them to the next meeting and offer a workshop on the 2010 ADA standards, or perhaps work on an ordinance to refer to the most current standards along with a clause for continuing updates.

Ordinances eliminate or add languages.

County Updates: Weston Burrer

Public Works does only roads and bridges. Facilities does all the rest.

As of today, the county does not know what to do with the Department of Social Services. Whether the building is repaired, reconstructed, or services moved, it will consume the capital expenditures budget for next year.

Parking and IT are issues either way.

Weston is going to each department to begin a self review for access to services. The lawsuit with jail over interpreter policies is also consuming time effort and money.

Access at the courthouse includes Commissioners Chambers. This is doable under maintenance.

Showers at the jail are being replaced and holding places made accessible. There might be public comment in the spring. Grievance procedures are being drafted.

Court rooms in the Judicial Building are fully accessible and there is no transition between the judge's chamber and bench for better access. Ron asked for signage to the handicapped parking spaces

Chairperson's Report

Ralph reports that Deborah Espinosa wants the Song of Pueblo input in writing. Kristen will do this by the next meeting. The Ghost Walk is headquartered here at the museum this year and there is a sit down version as well for people who cannot participate in the walk.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Pueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee is October 3, 2013 at the El Pueblo History Museum at 301 North Union from 1:00 to 3:00.

Anyone needing accommodation should contact Earl Wilkinson at 553-2295 a week before the meeting.