

November 7, 2013 Minutes of the ADA Committee

Attending: Ed Brown, Guest; George O'Brien, Co-chair; Terry L. Skinner, Guest; Jeannie Benfield, Member; Jo Booms, Guest; Kip Morpew, Guest; Ralph McPherson, Co-Chair; Sharon Campbell, Member, Acting Secretary; June Akeo, Member

The minutes were read and approved as written.
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None of our guest speakers came to the meeting.

City updates:

The code enforcement of obstructed sidewalks is still a problem. Sidewalks are often obstructed with merchandise, trash cans, tires, and more. City Council will be asked to address the issue.

Terry pointed out that sometimes a truck loading or unloading will block the handicapped parking spaces and ramp. She called the police on one person with a bad attitude who was doing this for two hours, took a picture of the person and vehicle, and when the police officer showed up three hours after being called, she wasn't interested in the picture. Or anything else. Terry will follow up with the police department.

Ed brown: They are going to put in a pad for the bus stop on Hollywood and Northern; it will be going in before winter; Kristen followed up with Meeting the Challenge, and wrote a letter to Brenda, which is attached. The cost is in dispute, due to need for sidewalk access to the pad. The pad needs to be 4' X 5', and currently there is no pad there. There is a similar pad at Abriendo and Jackson, where they need a sidewalk to connect sidewalk to connect to pad.

Apparently a bus stop is being moved on Pueblo Boulevard, but I have no idea where.

County Updates

It is not possible to do anything about the removal of handicapped parking signs once the Certificate of Occupancy is awarded.

Emergency Preparation

Ron has ordered a Coleman gas stove to cook on, food supply, 110 gallons of water, and is building up canned goods. Jeanie pointed out that if you are

in a group home they will not let you have any excess medications, so you can't have a reserve for an emergency. .

Kip mentioned a water purification device about the size of an electric toothbrush that uses batteries and UV lights. It is available at Cabellas, Bass Pro Shops, and the like for about \$100.

There is a similar device that uses UV light to sterilize building or room air. The brand name is Sterile Air for commercial use. There are also room or house size units which are important for people with allergies or immune system problems.

Chairpeople's Reports

Covered under emergency preparation.

Adjourned 2:20 PM.