

ADA Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes: 03/05/2026

Members Present: Sharon Campbell, Tiffany Gacia, Guy Chabot, Donald Bruestle, Dylan Goodman, Alexis Romero Stewart, Molly Evans, Helen Dupree, Lisa Pate, Sunny Wyon, Joe Treanon, Rita Gonzales, Kent Tomkins, Marey Leonard, Dianne Danti, Martine Orr,

Zoom Attendees: Laura Leyba, Alicia Solis

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Campbell at 1:05 PM

Molly Evans introduced herself. New Deputy Director of Public Works, replacing Charles Roy.

Joe moved for approval of the Feb. minutes; Mary Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

City Report:

- **Streets and Bridges:** Lisa Pate/ Helen Dupree reported that a plan is in process for a new ramp on Lake Avenue and Lakeview Ave.
- **Housing:** Lexi Romero-Stewart--Lexi discussed a Fair Housing Summit to be held in the fall of 2026. Proposed that the ADA Committee might consider requesting a place on the agenda to make a presentation regarding our committee and what we do. It should be no longer than ten minutes long, including time for Q & A
- There was a discussion of the difference between the Housing Authority and the City Housing Department. The Housing Authority has moved to City Hall on the lower level.

County Report: No one in attendance.

Emergency Management: No one in attendance

Health Department: Alicia Solis gave an update on the Bus Benches Committee. They will be meeting next week to decide on the artists. Respiratory illnesses are

low in our area. There is a measles outbreak in Denver. Five (5) cases have been reported in Pueblo.

Transit-Kent Tompkins reported that the recent open house was a success with great attendance and discussion about bus transportation and the fleet in Pueblo. Rita Gonzales mentioned issues in the flood plain and difficulty with transportation in Pueblo. Don Bruestle spoke about Dillion Dr. and the new investments (businesses). Kent continued his report with information about the three (3) phases of new bus routes: 1. Highland Park; 2 & 3. North and south shopping centers and the extension of operating hours to 630-830pm. The timeline of 3-5 years is dependent upon availability of funds.

Transportation/TAC: It was reported that bus routes hours are being extended to 6:30-8:30 PM, including a trailer route. A goal for increasing service would be to implement a 9am start for trailers. The administration and maintenance facility has not been presented to PACOG. A new traffic light was installed on Mirror and 12th. The department is hoping to soon have a MyRide app operational that will enable them to see where all buses are located.

PACOG: Dylan Goodman reported that at the end of this month it is expecting to meet the State guidelines for greenhouse gas emissions. The bicycle infrastructure in the region has been updated. Don Bruestle mentioned that Pueblo is actively involved in community environmental planning.

Canon City Report- No Report

Zoom reports-No other Zoom reports

Old Business- Don Bruestle asked about the committee annual report for City Council. ADA will work on its report at the next work session on March 12. Our report to City Council Work Session is on **Monday April 20th** at 530pm. Don then mentioned that he has seen several new homes that look like they are visitable. Sharon said she will update Council on "Visitability". Dianne Panti suggested that ADA and the Committee should do some education for council. Challenges and Successes are the main subjects during this update.

New Business:

- Martine Orr reported that the Curb cut at Sangre Cristo Arts Center ramp was difficult to navigate with mobility devices. When she was there recently to attend an event there were no directions or signage that provided information on where the useable elevators are now located or how to get to them. There is construction currently in process currently. Rita will contact Andy Sanchez, ACC Director and discuss it with him.
- Dianne Danti reported that during the City Council work session they vote on approval of allocation of funds to project requests.
- Rita contacted the Leonardo Da Vinci Director. She will schedule a walk through for the ADA Committee. So far, he has not responded. Diane said she will discuss it with the mayor.
- Don saw a program on social media providing an update for Habitat for Humanity and proposals for home design. Don wants to discuss accessible housing design with Yvonne Rampa along with the housing builds they are planning. Don had pictures of homes with level entrances for accessibility. Don can do an update in April work session.
- Rita mentioned that a temporary Vice President needs to be elected. That it was tabled last month's meeting. Rita was nominated and elected as a Vice Chair.

There was a motion for adjournment at 2.21 by D. Bruestle; Dianne seconded; motion passed.

Next work session: April 2nd, 2026

Respectfully Submitted:

Martine Orr, member and Tiffany Garcia, COLE/DVR