

APueblo and PACOG ADA Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
April 4, 2019

Present: Ronald Sasaoka, Health Department; Vanessa Brazee, Pueblo Health Department; Susan Lindeman, Center Toward Self Reliance; George O'Brien, member; Sharon Campbell, member; Joseph Bowers, Friendly Harbor; Donald L. Bruestle, member; Rick Romero, guest; Bart Mikitowicz, Pueblo Area Council of Government; Ashley Wickham, Seeley's Voice; Bryan Gallagher, Housing and Citizen Services; Ed Brown, Pueblo City Council; Alan Neff, Pueblo Transit; Daneen Baca, CitiLift; Sam Vigil, City ADA Coordinator; Heather Norton, Co-Chair; Bill Gropp, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Loraine Greenwood, Health Department; Kristen Castor, Secretary; Todd Berisford, City Public Works; Weston Burrer, County ADA Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at about 1:05.

The March minutes were approved as presented.
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**Guest Speaker: Susan Lindeman**

The Center for Self-Reliance has a grant for light yard work to help seniors keep up their yards. Heather suggested listing the organization with 211 and Susan agreed leave off a list of services the Center provides at the 211 office.

**Guest Speaker: Rick Romero**

Rick is on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) committee and there are problems with old ramps and no ramps around the area of Bauman, Meyer and Eagan. There are also problems with curb and gutter. He has had no response from the city when he has posted complaints through the City website.

Sam acknowledged the reports he has received from Mr. Romero on the website. Now the entire area qualifies for both Superfund and CDBG funding. The intersection of Santa Fe and Mesa is an example of the environmental surveys, the assessment, the design and the approval that have to take place for a project to be implemented. The process can take years. Santa Fe and Mesa will be the test case for this area. Because of the soil contamination, the super fund may be responsible for the cost.

Bryan Gallagher described how the CDBG funding is allocated. Pueblo expects about half a million dollars. This money pays for the office of Housing and Citizen Services first. The \$400,000 of that goes to curb ramps off the top and the rest is divided among all the other approved projects.

Sam Vigil said Bryan's requests are on the list for citizen requests as are all the requests citizens from around the city. The new applications will soon be released and Sam will help with the engineering and design estimates for individual requests like Mr. Romero's. There isn't any way right now to see where a specific request is on the list. Making an online request will get an inspection and cost estimate of the site, but that doesn't put it on the CDBG list

On April 24 at 10 there is a fair housing presentation in the Police Department Community Room. Bryan wants to clarify that it will include the 3 day notice and the bill to extend it.

Sam and Bryan will help Rick Romero draw up his request for the upcoming CDBG project grant cycle.

### **Guest Speaker: Ashley Wickham**

Ashley's son is nine and autistic and her four-year-old daughter is probably somewhere on the spectrum. She herself a disabled veteran. She has a page called Ask Seeley's Mom. Don said there is a group helping veterans move into farming. More information will be coming. Sharon added that veterans have a high incidence of hearing loss and would like to set up a chapter of The American Hearing Loss Association with veterans.

### **City Updates: Sam Vigil**

Todd Berisford does the engineering for curb ramps. The handouts detail the next curb ramp projects. Lakeview and Prairie will include a traffic signal and Prairie will be resurfaced when all the other work is done.

### **County Updates: Weston Burrer**

Weston says the podium on the south side of the courthouse will be moved to the statue level and a roving mike will be in place

### **Transportation: Daneen**

Ben Valdez, maintenance manager, is temporarily Director of Transportation. CitiLift has 3 new applications daily. They are waiting on buses. Ashley said

the lack of evening service is a hardship on the kids. Daneen says ridership needs to increase before this can happen. Bart says it is actually more like funding has to increase The City gets less than 15% of its cost through the fare box. Sam said everything is in flux until the new director is hired.

Bill Gropp said not all of the buses have the electronic readouts with the stops listed and Deaf need that. Sharon said the deaf person should let the driver know where to stop when he or she gets on the bus. The bus should also be signed as not having an electric sign.

The transit study has identified the bus stops it needs and includes path of travel. The Transit Board met before Pepper left. Kristen reminded everyone that Ed Vaught is our member and needs a reminder call.

Sam suggested they could deal with the signage quickly. He has made contact with the Mexico bus. Bart is looking at transit options for the long term. Right now 6% don't have a vehicle. That's not enough to get people interested in leaving their cars at home. He needs to project into the future. So what is our 20 year vision??? The words Regional Transportation Authority should not detract from the campaign to implement it.

### **Emergency Preparation: Vanessa Barzee**

Several people from the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment went to a preparedness summit and got so much information they do not know what to do with it.

There us an exercise May 8 and they want to include us. With the transition of the Center Toward Self Reliance to Bill Edwards, there wasn't input for this year's training. Planning for next year has already started.

### **The meeting adjourned at 3:00**

**Next Meeting: Thursday May 2, 2019, El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, 1-3**

**Next Work Session: Thursday May 9, 2019, El Pueblo History Museum, 1-3**

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