



**CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, CITY HALL,
#1 CITY HALL PLACE, PUEBLO, COLORADO 81003.**

**TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025
5:30 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

Executive Committee meetings are special meetings of the City Council and are informal Council meetings for the purpose of receiving information and discussion among Council Members; no official action is taken at such meetings. The public is invited to attend, but public comment is generally not received unless otherwise noted.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATIONS

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| A. CITY UPDATE | 5:30 PM |
| Brian McCain, Chief of Staff
5 minute presentation | |
| B. FIDUCIARY DISCUSSION - DEVELOPMENT PROPORTIONALITY | 5:35 PM |
| Roger Gomez, Councilor
15 minute presentation | |
| C. ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT | 6:00 PM |
| Sharon Campbell - ADA Advisory Committee Chair
15 minute presentation | |
| D. HOMELESS COMMISSION BYLAWS | 6:25 PM |
| Mark Aliff, President
15 minute presentation | |

ADJOURNMENT

Annual Report 2024 Pueblo/PACOG ADA Advisory Committee

2024 Goals

- 1) Continue monitoring access to city, county and state facilities and services
- 2) Business Community outreach
- 3) Succeed in outreach to State Fair and CDOT technical advisors
- 4) Emergency preparedness
- 5) Strengthen accessible public transit options
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Goal 1 Continue monitoring access to city, county and state facilities and services

The Committee reviewed Pueblo Transit's plan for lighting at some bus stops and conducted walk/roll audits for 33 of them.

The extension cord barrier that was identified in the 2023 walk/roll audit of the Chile & Frijoles Festival was partly solved by City Public Works using electrical outlets in light poles in 2024. However, there continues to be an issue with sufficient accessible Port-A-Johns.

An automatic door opener was installed at the Pueblo Ice Arena after one of the wheelchair-using members was not able to enter the building. A new mobility device lift was also installed at great expense by the Public Works Department when no parts could be found to fix the old one. We appreciate their commitment to access.



Goal 1, Cont.

The Committee had attempted to work with PURA and District 60 to no avail before the renovation of the Dutch Clark stadium started. A walk/roll audit was conducted and several barriers were identified. District 60 Directors, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority Director and City Council were all notified. These barriers should be removed in Phase 2 of the renovation; completion is estimated to be sometime in 2025. The unsalvageable locker room will be demolished and replaced.



Goal 1, cont.

The East entrance to the Pueblo County Courthouse had a mostly-compliant entrance installed for access into the building but the East automatic door opener was not accessible. The accommodation of having the office for auto registration, etc., directly ahead on the same floor is continuing and appreciated.

The West entrance has never been accessible for wheelchair-using clients, but that has been remedied with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new switchback ramp installed in the fall. However, the button for the automatic door opener has not been moved where it is accessible for all wheelchair-users, so it remains insufficiently accessible.



Goal 1, cont.

The City asked the Committee for one letter of support and the County asked for letters of support for three different grant-funded projects and received them in a timely fashion.

Closed captioning and American Sign Language Interpreters were present at the 2025 State of the City address at the Pueblo Convention Center as per our 2024 request.



Goal # 2: Business Community outreach

Members of the Committee attended the Legislative Breakfasts with Chamber of Commerce members and worked on access at the Chili and Frijole Festival.



Goal 3: Succeed in outreach to State Fair and CDOT technical advisors

The Committee engaged with the Colorado Department of Transportation Region 2 at their 4P (Project Priority Programming Process) meeting and asked to be included in reviews of their projects in the planning stages in the future. Walk/Roll audits had identified existing barriers in three of their completed projects that had to be retrofitted, so they see the benefit of working with us.



Goal #4: Emergency Preparedness

Committee members took part in an Emergency Management Exercise at the Pueblo Airport on a *very* cold morning and received monthly updates as needed.



Goal # 5: Strengthen Accessible Public Transit

The Committee supported the added bus routes for more access to shopping and free rides for veterans, conducted walk/roll audits of bus stops and advised on issues involving people with disabilities and transit access.



Goal # 6: Promote ADA Awareness

The Committee promoted ADA awareness by having representatives present at numerous meetings of other Pueblo bodies, such as the Transit Advisory Commission and PACOG, meeting with City Council, and many others. We advocated for everyone.



Challenges



When the Committee asked for an update about the new elevator in the County Courthouse, the reply was a sarcastic “Are you gonna pay for it?” We look forward to more appropriate communications from County staff from now on.



Dutch Clark Stadium Accessible Bathrooms

When the Committee met with everyone involved with the Phase 2 of the Dutch Clark renovation on October 7, 2024, the District 60 Schools Supervisor of Operations told the members, after bringing up the cost of the accessible restroom pods, that most events are only a couple of hours long. This comment insinuated that people with disabilities should wait until the event is over to use the restroom elsewhere.

While it is doubtful that any insult was intended, the inappropriate communications and assumptions clearly indicate that additional work with our partners is needed to create increased ADA awareness. We hope that District 60 will work with us going forward.



Assistive Listening Devices

The Committee audited an Assistive Listening Device (ALD) to use during training on November 20, 2024, held at the Pueblo County Emergency Services Center. This was training of Preparedness Planning for underserved populations for Rural Responders and Volunteers, and the ALD was not working.

The ALD microphone system that was provided for the December PACOG Board meeting was one that was owned by one of the board members. This was not effective, and the County ADA Coordinator was notified, and an ALD specifically for public attendees to use was requested for future meetings.



State Fair Challenges

The Committee has been unsuccessful in even being able to speak to the people at the State Fair who are responsible for ADA access. They claim to have access as part of what they were given taxpayer money to provide, but do not appear to have any interest in doing so effectively. We will persist.



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Questions?