

# Human Resources

Accessibility Division



## Meeting Minutes

### ADA Community Forum 2023 – 4th Quarter

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual Microsoft Teams (5 people in attendance)

**Subject:** Residents can come learn about a variety completed, ongoing and future improvements throughout the city as well as an update on web accessibility successes and progress.

**Accommodations:** Captioning via Google Meets

**Introduction:** Rob Hernandez, ADA Manager opened with introductions. Meeting began at 1:03 p.m.

**Rob:** Briefly discussed the City's remediation process as well as the meeting agenda.

### **Project updates.**

#### **Current Projects**

ADA Coordinators Michael Killebrew, Jason Crowe, and Project Manager Timothy Hartong provided updates on the following projects that are currently underway:

##### **Garden of the Gods**

Mike discussed the recently completed shuttle pickup and the adjacent eight new accessible parking stalls in the main lot at Garden of the Gods.

##### **Palmer Dog Park**

Jason described construction at the Palmer Park dog park which includes a new ramp, parking and accessible surfaces inside both the large and small park. This was a collaboration with the



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Parks Department and the finished work will also help to mitigate some previous runoff and drainage issues.

### Palmer Playground

Tim spoke about the work at Palmer Playground which includes a new engineered wood fiber surface for the playground as well as accessible route improvements. This new work compliments the more than \$200,000 in improvements made just over two years ago.

### Cottonwood Creek

Tim detailed parking lot improvements at Cottonwood Creek Park. The lower lot is designated solely for persons with disabilities and includes six newly surfaced parking stalls that have a flush finish to the accessible route leading to all baseball fields and the playground. There is also a new curb ramp leading from the lot to the trail and a spot for the dumpster that previously was blocking access to the curb ramp.

### Sertich Ice Center

Tim described recent work at Sertich Ice Arena that will bring the men's and women's restrooms into compliance.

### Fire Station 18

Jason spoke about a project that adds two compliant accessible parking stalls and a new accessible route up to the entrance of Fire Station 18. This station has a community room, so having it accessible and compliant was important and factored into making it a higher priority.

### Prospect Lake Beach

Tim discussed a new accessible route from the parking lot to the beach area at the Prospect Lake Beach House. Previously, the route ran through the building, however, with the YMCA no longer doing programming in the building, it was frequently closed, and people were unable to have access to that route. The new work solved that problem.

### CSPD Property Return

Mike detailed work to the parking lot at the CSPD Property and Evidence return Office. Work includes resurfacing of two stalls and a new, compliant curb ramp and accessible route to the door.

### Airport

Jason outlined work that is currently being undertaken at the main terminal at the CS airport. Some highlights include hearing loops at each gate, an adult changing table in a new family restroom, and phone chargers being relocated to a compliant height.



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### Upcoming

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#### **Antlers Dog Park**

Jason described a collaboration with Parks, Engineering and Parking Enterprise to create a fully accessible, turf surface dog park at Antlers Park directly behind the Antlers Hotel.

#### **Meadows Park**

A project to improve accessibility to the entrance of Meadows Park as well as repair and replace non-compliant concrete was discussed by Mike. This project is a collaboration with the Parks Dept.

#### **Westside Community Center**

Tim spoke about work being done at Westside Community Center including a new, compliant entrance and the addition of a lift inside.

#### **Community Gardens**

Jason said the Office of Accessibility plans to place as many as eight, ADA accessible raised garden beds at several community gardens. He said they plan to put three at Westside Community Center and are looking at other suitable locations.

#### **Rock Ledge Ranch Kiosk**

Tim discussed progress on finishing the accessible kiosk at Rock Ledge Ranch. The kiosk will feature accessible video tours of ranch locations that cannot be made accessible due to site constraints and fundamental alterations. Tim said OA recently hired a vendor to help complete technical work required to make the kiosk accessible.

#### **Fire Station 16 / Oak Meadows Park**

Tim detailed future work at Fire Station 16 and Oak Meadows Park that includes improvements to the accessible route from the parking lot to the station community room, a new playground and concrete work on existing routes.

### **Web Accessibility Update**

*Robert Hernandez, ADA Manager*

Rob discussed HB21-1110 and the recent Technology Accessibility Draft Rules Listening Session was held on November 27, 2023 by the State of Colorado Office of Information Technology (OIT). Over 80 participant from all-over the state discussed the rules for clarity and in some cases opposed certain language. The State OIT released the following schedule:

Tentative schedule:

- December - release revised proposed rules, invitation to comment on the revised proposed rules, and announcement of a public rulemaking hearing.
- Mid-January - comments due and public rulemaking hearing.



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- Mid-January - adopt rules.
- Mid-March - rules become effective.

Rob stated that the OA plans on updating the current Administrative Regulation and Web Accessibility Transition Plan to reflect new HB21-1110 requirements and will continue to improve accessibility throughout.

### **Title VI and Language Access**

*Paulyna Johnston, Language Access Coordinator*

Paulyna addressed Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, nation of origin, or any other protected class under State or Federal law. Also, in compliance with such Title the City has developed a Language Access Plan to include the 4- factor analysis and all the information to access/offer language services to the limited English Proficiency (LEP) community.

The OA has worked with different departments and divisions providing them with the information/instructions to obtain language services.

Rob thanked everyone for attending and opened for questions/comments.

### **Questions.**

**Vickie Pacheco** asked if there were any updates on the new senior center and the City Auditorium. **Mike** said we will be involved in both projects, but it is still early and we have not been given any plans to review.

**Leonard Timm** asked if the lift at Westside Community Center will require an employee to operate or if anyone will be able to operate it at any time. He suggested that if it is operated by key, that perhaps staff could provide copies of the key to patrons who frequently use the lift. **Tim** said he was not sure if a key will be required, but thought Leonard's suggestion would be a great idea.



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Rob ended meeting with thank you to all for attending. We look forward to seeing you at next year's March, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly ADA Forum.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:54pm.



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