

Human Resources

Office of Accessibility



Meeting Minutes

ADA Community Forum 2024 – 3rd Quarter

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams (11 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 Microsoft Teams

Introduction: Rob Hernandez, ADA Manager opened with introductions. Meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Rob: Introduced the Office of Accessibility Staff and welcomed participants. He also provided updates on the following:

- Independence Center ADA Fest-ABLE – July 26, 2024
- Wheel the World – Great video showcasing accessibility in the City. Produced in collaboration with VisitCOS.
- Track Chair Program – Two new dates added for reservations. Looking to hire someone to oversee the program by next year.
- Colorado School for Deaf and Blind Playground ribbon cutting 8/28/2024

Current Projects

- Oak Meadows Park/Fire Station 16 – New accessible playground, accessible parking and route to playground and FS community room. Ribbon Cutting 8/29/2024.
- Community Gardens – Four accessible raised garden beds placed at West Side Community Center. Designed by Jason, built by Mike and his son for an Eagle Scout Project. Wood recycled from Parks bridge project.
- Garden of the Gods Waterline/Parking Lot #4 – Running waterline under existing path through Central Garden. New route will be ADA accessible as will the parking up above and the shuttle drop-off below.
- Citadel Transfer Station – Corrected non-compliant work by contractor.



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- CSPD Gold Hills Repaving – Project will provide compliant parking and accessible to the entrance.
- Pioneers Museum – Worked with Parks to ensure compliance at new exhibit space as well as add an accessible front service counter at the entrance.

Upcoming Projects

- CSPD Stetson Hills Repaving – Similar to Gold Hills. Adding compliant parking and route to the building.
- Quail Lake Community Park – Project will improve parking and add access to restrooms, playground and basketball court on west side. Discussing collaborating with Parks to possibly include an accessible fishing pier on the west side of the lake.
- Garden Ranch Park – Working with parks to replace buckled and deteriorating concrete at the large pavilion at the west entrance to the park.
- Grey Hawk Park - Working with Parks to add amenities to what is currently an open-space park. The plan will include a playground with a pour-in-place surface and a basketball/multi-use court.
- Parks Ranking – The Office of Accessibility is finalizing a park prioritization ranking system based on a variety of accessibility criteria. OA will use this as a guide to future parks projects.

Questions and Comments:

Kevan Worley: Our city is setting the standard and largely because of you, Rob, were there in the beginning. I have buddies who regularly check the City website, and kudos to Colorado Springs.

Vickie Pacheco: Is the City meeting with other Cities on communication access? Do you do speaking engagements with other Cities to share what you are doing?

Rob: We haven't done any speaking engagements, but we get calls from other cities throughout the state and country on a weekly basis asking for advice and guidance on a variety of accessibility issues and for assistance on their transition plans.

Vickie Pacheco: At City Council they don't have signage for hearing loops at either chamber door.

Rob: We were not aware of that so I will send someone over to look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm



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