



The Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities

2101 O'Neil Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Monthly Meeting: July 10, 2025, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Room 310 and Zoom

1. Call to Order: 11:30 a.m.

Roll Call/Attendance:

- Board Members Present: Tom Gallagher, Bob Jacobsen, Rebecca Millett, Kristy Richardson, Patti Riesland, Teresa Simkins-Aris, Julie Tucker, Michelle Woerner
- Board Members Absent: Marie Hamilton-Morganroth, Daisha Hunter, Amy Simpson, Gregg Smith,
- Establish quorum: Yes – 8 of 12 members attending
- Council Liaison: Pete Laybourn, Councilperson
- City Personnel: Amber Ash, Chief of Staff

2. Approval of Minutes: June 2025 unanimous approval

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Jonah Bank \$4,658.64
- b. Blue FCU \$4,803.38
- c. Accounts will be combined into one account at Jonah Bank

4. Announcements:

- a. July 26th is the 35th anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act passed into law in 1990

5. Speakers/Presentation: Michelle Woerner, CEO of K9's for Mobility

- a. 13 years in business
- b. Place dogs in home (go to customer) training is specific for the individual, spend 2 weeks in home with recipient, match dog personality to person, make sure dog's needs are being met too
- c. Different types of dogs, combination of guide dog and balance dog, facility dogs work in facility with many people, courthouse dogs for calming/company, dogs at LCCC and schools, all sizes of dogs
- d. Puppy raisers – always need, take puppy in public and expose them to other breeds of dogs
- e. \$7,500 fee to recipient per dog (costs about \$25,000 to train), some organizations will help cover the fee
- f. Focus on quality not quantity, just placed 61st dog
- g. Priority for Wyoming residents and previous clients
- h. Training is specific for the client, takes about 9 months, there is a 2 year waiting list

- i. Can educate businesses about service animals

6. New Business:

- a. Safety Summit – May 15th meeting
 - i. Cottonwood Room reserved September 10 from noon to 5 pm (morning was not available)
 - ii. Finalizing speakers and schedule
 - iii. Plan to stream on Zoom if possible
 - iv. Next steps –
 - 1. Compile preliminary information to distribute to service providers for display/information tables
 - 2. Speakers: Compile contact list for speakers, contact speakers with format details, distribute list to committee
 - 3. Meet with library to discuss set up, capacity, zoom and refreshments
 - 4. Post information on website
 - 5. Press release and promotion of event
- b. Evaluation of patio at Depot
 - i. Door is heavy, looking into automatic opener with sensor
- c. Reports:
 - i. Airport Board – see attached
 - ii. City Council – see attached
 - iii. Cheyenne Frontier Days – no report
 - iv. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – see attached
 - v. Finance Committee -see attached
 - vi. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – no report
 - vii. Planning Commission – see attached
 - viii. Public Services Committee - see attached
 - ix. Sidewalk/Parking meeting with Engineering – see attached
 - x. Transit – no report
 - xi. Visit Cheyenne – no report
 - xii. Wyoming Legislature – no report

7. Old /Continuing Business:

- a. Adaptive Adventures event registration open now for August 8th
<https://adaptiveadventures.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/adaptiveadventures/event.jsp?event=95524>
- b. Revisions to web pages – completed, site is updated
- c. Reports and/or comments from members about training available through Rocky Mountain ADA <https://rockymountainada.org> – none
- d. Email updates from Rocky Mountain ADA, Pacific ADA or anything else will be forwarded to members when received

8. Member or Public Comments

- a. Opening on Transit Board, next meeting November 13th at 1:30 pm at bus barn

9. Upcoming meeting dates:

- a. August 7 3rd executive board meeting
- b. August 14th monthly board meeting

10. Adjournment: 12:56 pm

Reports for July 10, 2025 MCPD Meeting

Safety Summit Committee

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Liaison Reports:

Airport Board

- The Spiker garage is down from \$45 to \$30 monthly.
- The Board received 2 grants. One helped with clean-up inside the old terminal and the other is for renovations and repairs to the old terminal.
- The airport is fixing up the building that is housing some state agencies by making it ADA accessible.

Downtown Development Authority

- The train cars have been moved closer to the tracks to create an open area.
- The city has still not come to an agreement with Burlington Northern on the Reed Avenue Project.
- There will be a town hall in August on upcoming DDA projects.
- There will also be a town hall upcoming about the on-street parking MOU. The final design is done and will be reported on at the next DDA meeting July 17th.

City Council

- The PD is addressing speeding vehicles and noise issues from vehicles. They have issued 125 tickets.
- Water/Sewer rate increases approved.

Finance Committee:

- 15th Street Railcar Experience has opposition on the City Council but is moving forward. The MCPD has advocated for accessible entrances.

- Pershing Blvd. and Windmill Rd. Intersection Plan may be funded by Department of Transportation Grant.
- Possible listing of the Old Pumphouse for sale. The MCPD advocated for accessibility in any plans for restoration.

Planning Commission and recent projects-

- County pocket annexations and zoning for Dell Range south to Charles St, and from Dry Creek east to Whitney Rd
- Bison Business Park Zoning Map Change– 720 acres, change to Business Park
- North Range Business Park (I-80 and Roundtop Rd) Zoning Map Amendment change to Business Park, to increase the area of the business park

Public Services Committee

- Feeding geese, ducks and seagulls on city property is considered illegal.
- Annexation continues of county pockets of land which are surrounded by city property.

Sidewalk/Parking

- Plan for restriping downtown is not completed yet
- Waiting for update on DDA sidewalk project