

Accessibility Working Group and Liaison Reports from mid-August through end of September

- 8/20 – Visited the Master Gardeners’ Demo Garden with a member of Canes and Canines, 7 representatives from LA Master Gardeners, and County Extension Agent. We came up with 5 low hanging fruits.
- 8/21 – ESB meeting. Herman Gaphard gave a presentation on the future of biking paths in Los Alamos. Quite a few of our accessibility survey respondents have indicated they would like more bike lanes. Currently, “Stop” signs are treated as “yield” for bicyclists while red traffic lights are “stops”. It’s also legal to bike on sidewalks, but they must yield to pedestrians. Gaphard’s presentation detailed expensive modifications that would involve ideally continuous flows for bicyclists, especially at intersections, possibly with underground tunnels connecting bike paths. This seems like a project not for the immediate future.
- 8/28 – Visited All Individuals First facility at TOTH Episcopal Church and compiled a wish list of how the County can help with this excellent program.
- 9/3 – In person meet-up at MPL and went over CSD’s ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan. We came away with more questions than answers.
- 9/8 – I met with Linda Matterson and we developed a plan forward on how to use this plan and other County ADA reports in our work as we move forward towards our goal.
- 9/8 –Library Board Meeting. Chalsea Ashcraft presented the FY25 Year End Report of CSD, which is relevant to our work. She will also be presenting this again two days later at the Parks & Rec Board meeting, which I skipped due to another commitment.

Future plans:

1. Organize a tour of Larry Walkup Aquatic Center.
2. In person meet up for October 1st, 6-7 PM at MPL.
3. Continue to promote online Survey through additional channels, including LA County FB page and individual promotion. To date we have 77 responses.
4. Obtain and study lists from CSD and Public Works on their ADA recommendations accomplished so far and “on-going” in order not to duplicate them in final report.