

Fwd: ADA downtown Salida

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Subject: ADA downtown Salida

Hey, Kay:

Re: downtown access

Just our two cents: my husband uses different mobility aids and parking downtown has always been extremely limited for us anyway, and with F street closure, even more so. He rides on the passenger side and rarely is there anywhere flat where I have a parking spot with a loading area on his side of the vehicle that is close to downtown or available. Salida's older downtown is not easily navigable for anyone using a mobility device (older sidewalks, curbs, steep pitch of sidewalks/driveways, sidewalks cluttered or blocked by cars and equipment). (This is why you see wheelchair users in the streets!)

As an older downtown, most businesses (esp restaurants) are inaccessible to him anyway. He has a large motorized wheelchair that just doesn't fit in small, cramped spaces.

We have given up doing anything downtown apart from the occasional drive through to hit Safeway or maybe Natural Grocers.

Honestly, most able bodied people don't care about this issue, because they never have to actually think about it and it doesn't limit their lifestyle. For families with special needs, we appreciate any effort made to accommodate if it's done thoughtfully, by which I mean, in consultation with people who would actually use the accommodation. A lot of ADA stuff is done to the absolute minimum, so as to cover liability, but may in fact still be completely useless.

We can't attend the meeting, but thought I'd pass along our experience.

Thanks for requesting comments.

Best, Ellen Maxfield

URGENT!!! CALL TO ACTION

RE: F STREET CLOSURE

If you are ambulatory challenged or handicapped please contact me ASAP regarding how the F Street closure precludes you from accessing downtown.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!! Come to the SCC MEETING on March 19th or Email me at ksinger2@me.com

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