

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)**

Thursday, October 18, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was called to order on the above date at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Judy Kowalski at the Santa Fé County Community Projects Conference Room, 901 West Alameda, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Judy Kowalski, Vice Chair
Melissa Houser
William Hutchinson
Sandra Massengill
Jerry Rogers
Scott Stovall

Members Absent

Sam Pallin, Chair
Matthew Montoya
Michael Patrick

Staff Members Present

Colleen Baker
Beth Mills

Others Present

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Stovall seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Ms. Houser requested a correction on page 6 where it should say, "Volunteers were covered under the Trust's liability policy."

Mr. Rogers moved to approve the September 20, 2012 minutes as amended. Mr. Hutchinson

seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters from the public.

6. MATTERS FROM OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS STAFF

A. October 24 2012 Meeting with POSAC and BTAC

Dr. Mills reminded members of the joint meeting on October 24. She said Ms. Booth put together this agenda for the Committee to consider.

In her latest conversation with Mr. Siqueiros and Ms. Booth the MPO and the Trust would not be participating officially. She noted it was not required attendance but encouraged them to attend. Ms. Sarah Ijadi would facilitate and the staff would meet with her the day before so this evening would be good to review if this content was agreeable or any changes to propose.

She said this was the first time for a joint meeting.

Mr. Stovall asked if they would plan projects cooperatively.

Ms. Baker agreed. And MPO holds the regional vision. She added that she had never had issues with the city on their work.

Vice Chair Kowalski asked if there would be public comment.

Dr. Mills agreed. It was a public meeting. She said each group would present their mission statement and she would first ask Dr. Pallin if he wanted to present.

Vice Chair Kowalski said if he didn't she would be willing to do it. Dr. Mills agreed.

Dr. Mills said the second section, looking for common ground, should be the heart of the meeting and wanted to understand how the facilitator would approach it. For her the issues were connectivity, ongoing maintenance and funding for upkeep.

Mr. Rogers added annexation issues.

Ms. Massengill asked if they could show maps of what the County was doing. Dr. Mills agreed and she would use the Long Range Planning map which had trail information on it.

Mr. Rogers said for joint management issues the Board needs to realize the properties need to be maintained. Fees could come into play and not have separate fee arrangements between city and county.

He was not in favor of fees for use of public lands.

Vice Chair Kowalski noted there were personal mobility device regulations (OPDMD). They were motorized and used by people with limited mobility. It was a grey area.

Ms. Baker said they had similar issues with motorized bikes but they had not caught on much. We are discussing speed limits. We've been struggling with ADA guidelines and can't ban ATVs on trails.

Ms. Houser said she perused the internet for land use seminars that dealt with legal issues.

Mr. Stovall couldn't be there and Mr. Hutchinson wasn't sure.

B. Upcoming GO Bond (November 6, 2012 Ballot)

Dr. Mills shared a flyer on the GO bond.

Ms. Baker said it would not increase property taxes. If the County didn't pass these, the school districts could step in for bonds.

Ms. Houser felt that a tax increase of \$34 in about ten years was nothing.

C. Discretionary Funding and Access to Santa Fé National Forest at Glorieta

Dr. Mills was at Mt. Chal with Commissioner Holian a couple of weeks ago and she said she had \$200,000 in discretionary funding to help with an easement at the Glorieta Baptist Center.

Mr. Stovall said an article today in the New Mexican said the impending sale had fallen through. So he thought it would be a good time for the BCC to send a letter to the Conference Center's existing owners about the easement need. Ms. Baker agreed.

Mr. Hutchinson saw an article in the Albuquerque Journal about Conservation Trust involvement and asked Ms. Houser about it.

Ms. Houser said at the IMBA Summit, Tom Simon, who was a Trust board member presented on legal liabilities and used Glorieta as an example. To keep a prescriptive use easement you have to have adverse use. "To say I have the right to be here is adverse use."

Mr. Stovall thought that had changed.

Ms. Houser said it was very complicated.

Vice Chair Kowalski was thankful for some resources to purchase an easement.

Dr. Mills thought it was really a good time to approach the current owners because they were strapped for cash.

Mr. Stovall hoped that wouldn't impair their sale.

Ms. Baker said last time, the appraiser said it would not affect it.

Ms. Houser was willing to consider having the Trust donate an easement. They could get up to 50% of tax credit. Tourists have been going out there and found the gate locked. She agreed to talk with Mr. O'Leary about it.

The Committee decided to wait on the letter.

7. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Stovall asked if anyone went to IMBA. No one had.

Ms. Houser said the Southwest Trails Conference was the day before. She was putting all the presentations on the web site.

Dr. Mills showed the adventure map for Gallup that showed their trails and loops. She thought the conference was very inspirational with great success stories.

Ms. Houser said all of them were hikers except Charlie who was a mountain biker. They also had some equestrians there. The Trust was planning another one next year for two days and hoping for even more participants. Dr. Mills and Ms. Baker talked about the challenges of the trail through the River Greenway at the Southwest Trails Conference.

Dr. Mills said they had all of the ROW approved. The San Isidro contract was going to BCC on October 30.

Vice Chair Kowalski wondered if they had any discussions on design standards.

There appeared to be none.

Ms. Houser asked about the Volunteer Coordinator.

Ms. Baker said they were putting together the announcement now and if hired, could start on January 1.

Ms. Baker said the contract was awarded for Arroyo Hondo. Edgewood bids were due this week.

Mr. Stovall asked if the little parcel on the northeast side sold.

Ms. Baker didn't think so.

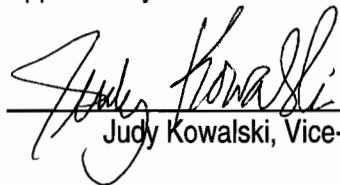
Dr. Mills reminded them that the Committee would change at the end of the year. Every District representative term was over except the District 4, and one at-large position, so she asked people to think about someone to suggest for appointment.

The next COLTPAC meeting is scheduled for November 15.

9. ADJOURN

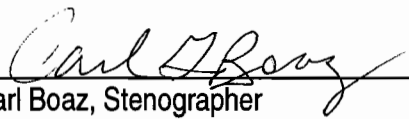
On a motion by Ms. Houser, seconded by Ms. Massengill, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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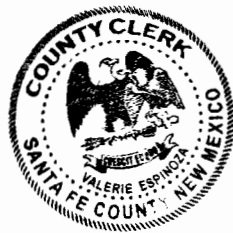


Judy Kowalski, Vice-Chair

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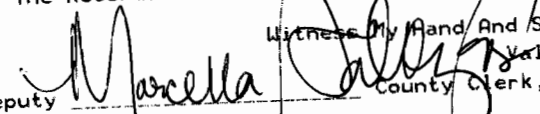
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