

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

**Thursday, November 17, 2011**

**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 Chair Sam Pallin 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**

Sam Pallin, Chair  
Judy Kowalski, Vice Chair  
William Hutchinson  
Eliza Kretzmann  
Sandra Massengill  
Michael Patrick  
Jerry Rogers  
Scott Stovall

**Members Absent**

Matthew Montoya

**Staff Members Present**

Beth Mills  
Colleen Baker

**Others Present**

Bill Baxter  
Tim Rogers  
Keith Wilson  
Steven Newhall

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Mills was expecting Tim Rogers and Keith Wilson at about 6:15 so they might need to shift the agenda a little to accommodate them at their arrival time. They would have only 20 minutes to make their presentation. Chair Pallin agreed to manage that.

**The agenda was accepted as presented by unanimous voice vote.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2011**

**Ms. Kowalski moved to approve the minutes from August 18, 2011 as presented. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## 5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COUNTY STAFF

### A. Santa Fé Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle Master Plan - Tim Rogers

Mr. Rogers was not yet present. The Committee delayed this item until later.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

The Committee considered item B before item A.

### B. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on a "Resolution Recommending the Renewal of Dedicated County funding for the Open Space, Trails, and Parks Program Through Approval by the Voters in 2012 and Recommending a Public Opinion Poll and Other Assistance from TPL"

Mr. Patrick thought it would be good to make the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners and have it as a tool that Mr. Hogan and others could use for next year. He provided copies of it to the Committee. He wanted to get it on the Board of County Commissioners' agenda.

Chair Pallin said his impression at the last Board of County Commissioners meeting was that the Committee had been impeding the use of funds that two of the commissioners felt were more appropriate to be used elsewhere.

Dr. Mills said Commissioner Holian brought forth the resolution to support our work in maintenance and other work and it passed unanimously so there is support for us. That was the good news.

She liked the specific language about the 15% in preparing for the bond. She thought that given that the resolution passed this month, they already had an agreement with TPL to work with them.

She didn't know how necessary it would be to take this to the Board of County Commissioners because they already had the go ahead and might open a can of worms with the 15% issue.

Mr. Patrick said that was added after the last meeting.

Chair Pallin thought it was possible to pass it here as an indication of the direction from COLTPAC.

Ms. Baker thought having this follow so closely on the heels of the last resolution might not be good. She was getting negative responses on the mil levy with people saying the County had no more money for that. It would be helpful to have the Committee pass it now but she was hesitant to take it to Board of County Commissioners right now.

Chair Pallin wasn't sure each commissioner read everything the Committee passed.

Mr. Stovall asked if it had to be in the form of a resolution rather than just be a statement.

Chair Pallin thought the 15% might be an excuse to not approve more funding.

Mr. J. Rogers asked what was different here than the resolution they already adopted.

Ms. Baker said the mil levy was not in it.

Chair Pallin reminded them they had to delay this last time. Had it come earlier this one might have been submitted instead of the one that was.

Ms. Baker agreed they were very similar. The other was getting staff salaries in the budget.

Mr. Stovall asked if it would help to soften it then.

Ms. Baker didn't think so but they could follow up by proposing a bond package for 2012.

Mr. Stovall agreed. They would be remiss if they didn't do that.

Mr. Patrick said if the Committee was uncomfortable with the 15% they could redraft that part.

Mr. Hutchinson asked if the Committee didn't think the mil levy would fly.

Chair Pallin suggested they leave it in and have it on the record. Mr. Stovall agreed.

**Mr. Stovall moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. J. Rogers seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**A. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on acquisition of ~12.5 acres on U.S. 285 near Lamy from Commonweal Conservancy for the purpose of constructing a trail head and parking for the Rail Trail (Santa Fé to Lamy)**

Dr. Mills pointed out that if the Committee went into closed session to discuss the logistics of this it would take a while.

Chair Pallin suggested they could go to the next agenda items.

**7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There were no matters from the Committee.

**8. MATTERS FROM OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS STAFF**

Dr. Mills said they were in a whirlwind of changes. There were lots of transitions going on as well as a lot of movement.

Ms. Baker said the Burro Lane Park, the 3 acres off the river south of Alameda and west of Siler Road,

was wrapping up.

El Camino Real Trail near NM599 was almost complete. Both bridges would be finished in January and seeding done in the spring. It would be complete and open in the spring.

The Rail Trail was going to the Board of County Commissioners on November 29 for the award of the first phase of construction and they would be ready to put out segments 2 and 3 on its heels.

For South Meadows the RFP for landscape architecture just went out and they selected the top candidate and would negotiate with them after Thanksgiving.

Staff put out the historic packet as well as the original Master Plan that they redrafted as part of the Request for Proposals.

Edgewood was coming close to final design and would go to the community and then be brought here.

The Arroyo Hondo lower parking lot had 100% on specifications so they were close to putting it out for bid. They chose middle option location for the parking area between the acequia and the little hill. So far they had the necessary approvals and the fire department wouldn't need access.

We were getting a lot of energy with the river right now. They hired a project manager, Megan Bayer who was coming from the State's Main Street program.

Mr. Hutchinson thought that was a great choice.

Ms. Baker said Megan would start December 12. Also the Utility Department got a position using bond funding for two waterline projects and the position ended up under Mr. Hogan so they could work for any bond project. She was a licensed civil engineer - Marla Doyle. So if they got another bond project passed they could look to her for help. She was the equivalent of City Engineering Director in a California community prior to coming to Santa Fé. Mr. Hogan wanted to push collaboration and partnership to get the river done. Staff never got that to the Board of County Commissioners so they missed an opportunity there.

Dr. Mills said the Board of County Commissioners was having a study session with the recommendations from Green Energy and Open Space and Trails focus groups at the chambers on November 29<sup>th</sup>. She would be there to present the Open Space and Trails recommendations.

Chair Pallin asked if the Committee would have access to them. Dr. Mills agreed to circulate the recommendations in the email.

Mr. Stovall asked what kind of reshuffle happened in the division reorganization.

Ms. Baker outlined a staffing chart for the Committee.

## **5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COUNTY STAFF**

### **A. Santa Fé Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Bicycle Master Plan - Tim Rogers**

Tim Rogers, Keith Wilson and Steve Newhall arrived at this time.

Mr. T. Rogers was informed of his time limits and asked if he could also be on the next agenda because he had never had a chance to meet with COLTPAC.

Mr. Wilson introduced himself and explained what the MPO was. Santa Fé got the designation in 1982. The MPO covered transportation planning for the city and urbanizing areas of the county adjacent to city limits. They were responsible for maintaining a rolling 25 year transportation plan and, as part of it, developed a Bicycle Master Plan. Mr. T. Rogers had been the consultant on it over the last 18 months. He distributed copies of the Master Plan. Next month they would finalize the draft for a 30 day public review period. He explained that the Transportation Policy Board would adopt the plan and make the recommendation to city and county.

Mr. T. Rogers brought some copies of the 2009 bikeways and trails maps for the Committee. He said they were in the middle of publishing the 2012 map now. The new map had an expanded scope to include a lot of the county and a regional map on the back that showed almost the entire county. It included all of La Tierra and Dale Ball trail areas and had an inset for Lamy and Eldorado.

The City of Santa Fé was just recognized as a bicycle friendly community at the bronze level and he would like to include the county in their next application.

Mr. T. Rogers went through his power point presentation.

He announced that the International Mountain Bicycle Association would have their national conference in Santa Fé during the second week of October, 2012.

Mr. Stovall wanted to see him come back next time. He asked how they got the funding for this.

Mr. Wilson said the funding for the city projects was going through a CIP bond and a GO bond that included some of them. Depending on the results of the federal reauthorization for transportation, they might have funding for city and county grants.

Mr. Stovall asked if La Tierra was part of the County. Mr. T. Rogers agreed that it was.

Mr. Stovall asked if he could address the two-lane divided Las Campanas Loop next time.

Mr. T. Rogers agreed. He said the widening of roads was an expensive way to get the trails. Old Santa Fé Trail was the only road widening project in our area.

Chair Pallin thanked them for presenting.

Ms. Kowalski thanked them for the work they were doing. She enjoyed having places to ride her bike.

Mr. T. Rogers said he would be happy to come to the next meeting.

Mr. Patrick said two TPL folks were coming in December and wanted to meet with staff and Mr. Hogan.

He said Peter Harock from Washington DC was TPL's expert on parks and would be in Albuquerque for a conference and wanted to ride the Rail Trail on December 4. He had been on many rail trails around the country. He offered to find out his schedule to see if he could meet with staff.

**A. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on acquisition of ~12.5 acres on U.S. 285 near Lamy from Commonweal Conservancy for the purpose of constructing a trail head and parking for the Rail Trail (Santa Fé to Lamy)**

**Ms. Kretzmann moved to go into closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1.H (8) for the purpose of discussing the possible acquisition of ~12.5 acres on U.S. 285 near Lamy from Commonweal Conservancy for the purpose of constructing a trail head and parking for the Rail Trail from Santa Fé to Lamy. Ms. Kowalski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

The Committee went into closed session at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:38 p.m. the Committee returned to open session.

Chair Pallin announced that during the closed session no actions were taken and the only matter discussed was the possible acquisition of land in conformance with NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1.H (8).

The Committee discussed whether to meet in December or not.

Chair Pallin suggested not meeting in December.

**Mr. Stovall moved to postpone the decision on acquisition of land from Commonweal Conservancy in order to obtain more information from the State Land Office with a deadline by the next regular stated meeting. Ms. Massengill seconded the motion.**

Ms. Kretzmann asked about the size of the parking lot (with a projection of up to 1000 families in the future). She asked if it would be too expensive for parking for the trail head.

Mr. J. Rogers said if any money were involved for a train platform, the NMDOT probably couldn't get it anyway. If the County bought it for open space that would be prohibited.

The Committee briefly discussed the restricted access from the highway.

**The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Dr. Mills summarized what to do next: talk with the State Land Office for viability of a trail head on state land, putting in a public entrance at the Galisteo Preserve entrance and getting a better estimate of space on the lower triangle of the Bourque property and how much of it could be used for parking.

Ms. Kretzmann asked how much they should talk with Commonweal about it.

Ms. Baker said it was public information on their plan.

Dr. Mills thought the Committee should be as supportive as possible of Commonwealth's plan because they had similar goals. But she didn't want it to override the public money for the trail head.

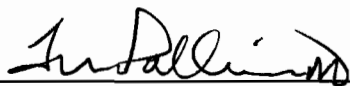
Ms. Kowalski asked what the consequence would be if the land were appraised at less than the asking price.

Ms. Baker said it could become a public use area even without a purchase but they did want a trail head.

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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Sam Pallin, Chair

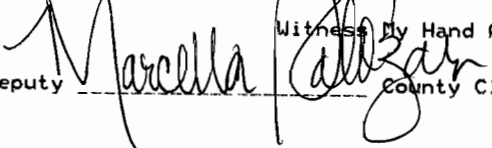
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