

**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY  
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)  
Santa Fe County Administration Complex  
100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501  
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.  
Via Webex**

**1. OPENTING BUSINESS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe 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 Rubén Cedeño.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Rubén Cedeño, Chair (District 3)  
Linda Siegel, Vice-Chair (At-Large)  
Jan Cohen (District 5)  
Sandra Madrid Massengill (District 1)  
Sue Murphy (District 2)  
Apple Snider (At-Large)

**Members Absent/Excused**

E Monika Hensley (At-Large)  
E Matt Picarello (District 4)  
E Jean Pike (At-Large)

**Staff Members Present**

Maria Lohmann, Open Space/Trails Planner  
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager  
Daniel Fresquez, Webex Host  
Sara Smith, Liaison of Commissioner Anna Hansen

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Member Murphy moved, seconded by Member Cohen, to approve the Agenda as published. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Members Siegel, Cohen, Massengill, Murphy, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against.**

## **D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **March 4, 2020**

**Member Massengill moved, seconded by Member Murphy to approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote with Members Siegel, Cohen, Massengill, and Murphy voting in favor and none voting against. Member Snider abstained because she was not at the meeting.**

- **August 5, 2020**

**Member Siegel moved, seconded by Member Cohen to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Members Siegel, Cohen, Massengill, Murphy, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against.**

## **2. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

There were no matters of public concern.

Mr. Olafson introduced Ms. Sara Smith, liaison for Commissioner Hansen and present to respond to any bond questions.

## **3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Update on Mt. Chalchuhuitl**

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) decided on Sept. 25 to not move forward with the Mt. Chal acquisition. They reached an impasse in negotiations with landowners. They made no decision of the money allocated for that and it might come up in the near future.

Member Murphy was surprised since the owners have tried to sell it for 20 years. Do the monies stay in Parks and Open Space Program or go into GF?

Mr. Olafson thought the BCC would redirect it to another Trails and Open Space project. He would anticipate when another acquisition project comes up, the BCC would put it to that use.

Member Cohen asked if they could get the seller to be more favorable or is this an abandonment of the turquoise mine.

Mr. Olafson clarified the bigger issue is remediation costs that could be as much as multiple millions. Until there are other avenues identified, the acquisition won't go forward. The BCC directed Staff to work with NMED on how best to address the contamination on County property. It needs further

funding to go forward. About \$1.2m is available and land acquisition on top of that. He explained that the bond asked if the County should get involved in purchase of property and then COLTPAC goes out to find properties to recommend. There are no other properties pending for acquisition. The money could be used to enhance the Thornton Ranch property.

#### **B. Update on election bond projects**

Ms. Lohmann noted the Commissioner Roybal letter in the packet that outlined the summary of projects that may be funded if approved and it was approved. She read the project amounts and described them.

Mr. Olafson explained how they identified the projects and gave an unofficial bond tally of 79% approval for open space and trails, 82% for roads and 81% for other projects – the highest in his history. Outreach was via an interactive map that is still on the County website.

#### **C. Project/property Updates**

Ms. Lohmann updated all projects and described the work being done currently, including the Ortiz Mountains, riparian work at Rio Quemado, Thornton Ranch, volunteers mapping erosion and harvesting a bumper crop of Piñon nuts. She also updated the Master Naturalist 2020 certification training.

Mr. Olafson, responding to Chair Cedeño, updated the donated land project near Old Pecos Trail, that the owner is looking for a property open space transfer. The County is aware of activity on that land and the concern for possible gasoline leakage on it from a former filling station. The Committee could go out to hike it, if desired.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

A brief discussion clarified Committee responsibilities and meeting frequency. Several members desired meetings more often than quarterly and when things came up that should have COLTPAC input.

Mr. Olafson proposed a monthly Staff memo to members as a check in but cautioned to avoid a rolling quorum.

Ms. Lohmann said Staff could always call a special meeting. She suggested meeting on February 3, 2021, when an annual schedule could be established. The Committee supported that suggestion.

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**5. NEXT MEETING**

**A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

The next meeting was changed to Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Murphy moved, seconded by Member Cohen, to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 7:24 pm.**

Approved by:

Dr. Rubén S. Cedeño  
Rubén Cedeño, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl G. Boaz  
Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.

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