

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
December 7, 2016**

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 Dave Dannenberg in the Projects, Facilities and Open Space Conference Room, 901 West Alameda St., Suite 20C, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Dave Dannenberg, Chair
John Parker, Vice Chair
Greg Betts
Rubén Cedeño
Patricia Conoway
Jeannie Dodson-Edgars
Judi Kowalski
Ernesto Ortega

Members Absent

Sue Murphy [excused]

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager

Others Present

Quentin Candelaria, tribal messenger
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Conoway moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 2, 2016

Chair Dannenberg had one small change on page 3 in the third paragraph from the bottom to insert, "for example," ahead of "five issues outstanding..." On page four, second paragraph, a confusing statement by Ms. Okuma that the County did not have funds for large-scale projects.

Member Ortega asked to change it to say, "The County does not have the funds to do large-scale projects."

Member Parker moved to approve the November 2, 2016 minutes as amended. Member Kowalski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

No matters of public concern were voiced.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Thornton Ranch Open Space Master Plan

Chair Dannenberg asked not to do wordsmithing of this document during the meeting but to email those to Colleen Baker and copy to Ms. Lohmann and focus here on the large topical areas by putting those to be discussed on the board. After recommended changes have been agreed upon, he would send those in a letter to Staff for follow-up.

Member Dodson-Edgars reported Commissioner Stefanics planned to set a meeting with the tribes to deal with their issues and Member Ortega said the Commission agreed to delay formal approval of the plan until the tribal consultation was completed.

The Committee assumed the consultation would result in proceeding with the plan. Topics were mentioned by members and placed on the board. They included trail standards, protection of sites, equestrian uses, protection of ecology, compliance with Galisteo Basin Protection Act, trail locations away from archaeological sites, trail maintenance around vegetation, management of invasive species, interpretation (educational objectives) to the public, appropriate recreational uses, dedicated program management resources, safety at active railway, and then grouped related priorities.

The Committee briefly discussed how general or specific the master plan should be. Mr. Olafson described the differences among a master plan, a development plan and a management plan.

Chair Dannenberg stressed the need for intense site monitoring for prevention of violations or damage to the property at the opening of the property. Member Betts asked whether an entrance fee should be

imposed to cover costs of monitoring and regulations for population controls or other enforcement.

The Committee discussed best ways to keep the sites from being vandalized, including not showing locations on the map and not emphasizing them in advertising. Ms. Lohmann said they planned to stop talking about Petroglyph Hill altogether including renaming the Petroglyph Hill Management Plan to be the Galisteo Basin Management Plan to make it less attractive for people to go see.

Member Betts thought they should allow the Native people to name it what they wanted. Mr. Candelaria understood they wanted to honor it in their own way but cautioned that people would try to go and look for it, whether on a map or not. And it should be up to the tribes if they even want to call it something. Ms. Lohmann believed the name came from the application for purchase of Thornton Ranch. Before that time, there was no mention of the name "Petroglyph Hill." Consequently, the County can choose to get rid of that name and any interpretation will be decided by the future discussions. The Committee agreed that education should include respect for sacred archaeological places exist in the Galisteo Basin but not identifying locations and placed in the Galisteo Basin Interpretive Plan.

Chair Dannenberg thanked Mr. Candelaria and Ms. Naha for coming to the meetings and speaking and encouraging consultation with the tribes. Mr. Candelaria left the meeting at that time.

Member Cedeño noted an inconsistency in the draft - if the plan deals from dawn to dusk - that star gazing at night is also included and sends a message that it is okay to go out there at night. Ms. Lohmann explained that Galisteo is very protective of dark skies at night so no lights will be put in the Thornton Ranch area and that will be spelled out in the Master Plan and might do guided night hikes or interpretive events or programs.

The Committee discussed the dog prohibition policy and how it could be enforced. Dogs are prohibited in order to protect wildlife and other natural resources. Dogs are allowed in other parts of the Galisteo Basin on leashes and in some cases, off-leash. The rationale and impact of the prohibition need to be understood since it reduces the recreational uses.

Ms. Lohmann said she and Ms. Baker would be meeting tomorrow to put together the response sheets they have collected in order to provide direction. She mentioned some of the responses. She said Ms. Baker has met with all of the adjacent landowners.

Chair Dannenberg said he would try to meet with Member Ortega before the next meeting a prepare a letter of feedback to date to COLTPAC regarding the Thornton Ranch Master Plan for review at the next meeting and finalize it. Member Ortega agreed to meet with him.

Member Ortega mentioned the need for clarification of what tribal consultation means. Mr. Olafson agreed it is not clearly defined at this point and the County Manager and County Attorney need to help determine that. It isn't the purview of COLTPAC.

B. Strategic Management Plan Update

Because of the lateness of the hour, this item was not considered at this meeting.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg reminded the Committee that this is Judi Kowalski's last meeting as a COLTPAC member. He and the Committee thanked her for her six-years of service and two years as Chair.

Member Kowalski thanked them and said it was a very rewarding experience for her. She commended Staff for their progress and great work.

Mr. Olafson appreciated her perspective on things including the work on the Santa Fe River.

Ms. Lohmann announced the deadline for reapplying for membership is Friday, December 16 by 5 pm. It needs a letter of interest and resume sent to her from those whose terms are expiring.

Chair Dannenberg noted that the next meeting would be his last meeting as Chair so the agenda will include election of a Chair. He said he would ask for a show of hands from everyone who is willing to accept a nomination for Chair before the election is held.

Mr. Olafson commented on the rolling quorum issue, which is also in the resolution.

Ms. Lohmann said, due to two contradictory resolutions, it is unclear if the Chair's term is one year or two years. She promised to figure it out.

Chair Dannenberg announced approval of item 4 on the County Bond election - \$6 million for open space and trails. However, it was the least popular of the five that were approved. It was the last one on the ballot but got a 71% approval vote. The top one was 76%.

Member Ortega thanked Staff for emailing information about rolling quorum. He had three questions to be addressed at the next meeting. Chair Dannenberg agreed to put it on the agenda.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Open Space Staff Updates

Ms. Lohman said Staff is still internally reviewing the management plan to resolve concerns expressed and moving forward on them. One was a comment of being superficial. She and Mr. Olafson will meet with Ms. Okuma and the consultants next week and have documents for review at the January meeting or February.

She has taken inventory of all signage and working to develop a "sign family" to have a consistent

message for the public users and brand the open space program. She will bring that forward in January or February.

Mr. Olafson announced the Arroyo Hondo Trail Management Plan is 60% designed. Field work is being compiled for agency review with public meetings scheduled for January. The Arroyo Hondo Trail is not connected to Arroyo Hondo Open Space but is a trail network in the SFCC district. Staff also submitted an application to NMDOT for funding and will know about it later in the spring.

B. 2017 COLTPAC Meeting Schedule

Ms. Lohmann shared the meeting schedule which is the first Wednesday of the month but the January meeting is the second Wednesday in order to get members reappointed ahead of the meeting.

9. ACTION ITEMS

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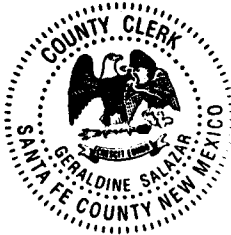
10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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11 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
Deputy Laura Hernandez County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

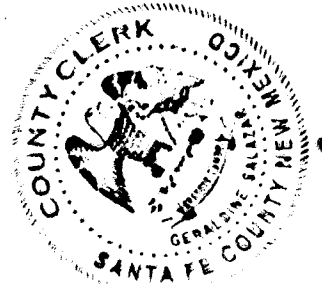


Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar
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4-11-2017



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