

**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, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
Via Webex**

1. 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.

2. 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)
Morika Hensley (At-Large)
Sandra Madrid Massengill (District 1)[arriving later]
Matt Picarello (District 4)
Jean Pike (At-Large)
Apple Snider (At-Large)

Members Absent/Excused

Sue Murphy (District 2) - Excused

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space/Trails Planner
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager
Daniel Fresquez, Webex Host

3. 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, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against. Member Massengill was not yet present for this vote.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **November 4, 2020**

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

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

6. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items for this meeting.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Review of the process for acquisition of property for open space and trails program

Ms. Lohmann shared her screen. Her agenda was organized differently. She noted that members received a binder upon joining COLTPAC which has a guide on the acquisition process. That is not working right now. But there is a resolution on the process for acquisition when the owner wants their property used for open space. When the County gets an application, County staff must review it within 30 days and, if deemed complete, COLTPAC begins review, has a site visit, and recommends for the time-limited BCC decision. During the pandemic, time frames are more fluid.

The resolution has issues that are being addressed and changes will be shared with the COLTPAC members.

The County received interest in a property in Cerrillos that could connect to Cerrillos State Park.

Mr. Olafson said they are working on it and if we need immediate work on it, we could call a special meeting. We cannot have a site visit with more than five people, which is restricted during the pandemic.

Chair Cedeño said the property is near his property and near the Jane Calvin Sanchez Land Grant. He thanked Ms. Lohmann for sending a copy of the application to him. The owner is not in a hurry but will work with us for completing the application. So it is in process and they will be meeting face to face or video conference to complete it.

Chair Cedeño asked about the site visit.

Ms. Lohmann clarified the resolution requires a site visit, and we need to follow the rules for the pandemic now in place. She would check with Legal to see how that a could be done.

Member Picarello asked if the acquisition was already in process and if we could reach out to the landowner.

Ms. Lohmann agreed. The County initiates land acquisitions and often, they don't come to COLTPAC. There are constraints on funding right now. Most of the acquisitions since she became County Staff have been requested by the landowner.

Mr. Olafson said trail connections from point A to point B are County-initiated acquisitions. Right now, we are concentrating on what has been acquired.

Ms. Lohmann said this property could become a donation and is a different because of the County's inability to receive it.

B. Presentation of 2021 OSTP Annual Report

Ms. Lohmann shared her screen and described it for those on the phone. It was COLTPAC Annual Report – 2021 draft. She described the photos on the cover and first pages. It starts with why we are doing this. Next is the ambitious workplan on Resource Management, Educational Programming and Stewardship; Project Development and Implementation; Planning and Program Development. Some projects are started, and some are not. The first priority is for property surveys for bats and rare plants. Second is monitoring our resource program. A crew will work next month with picture posts to maintain regular monitoring, etc. Third is to continue surveys, one of which is a pollinator management plan with Xerces Society.

Member Cohen asked about the legislation that will limit pesticides that might affect bees and will be heard tomorrow morning at the Legislature.

Ms. Lohmann described the work plans for Education Stewardship, Project Development, Planning & Program Development as shown in the Annual Plan. She then reviewed the projects from 2020 that included, Piñon Pine seed planting at Thornton Ranch, the Management plan at Ortiz Mountains Open Space, and the Master Naturalist Program, and highlighted the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Ms. Lohmann said the pandemic has put trail development at Thornton Ranch behind schedule. Staff members are conversing with tribal partners and editing videos of the Ranch to kick off the conversations.

Member Hensley asked about tree planting goals. She thought she heard at the Watershed Assn. pre-COVID that on Earth Day they planned for five planting sets of 150,000 trees each and shrubs as an approximate population of the County. She didn't know if Thornton Ranch was included, but the City has canopy plans, and planting.

Ms. Lohmann agreed the seeds and a few other projects are included in the overall goals. That big plan for Earth Day has been scaled down quite a bit. The County plans are separate from the plans for Earth Day. She explained the differences for tree planting in a drought, using seeds that sprout when they have moister to establish themselves.

In response to Member Picarello's pollinator effort question, Ms. Lohmann said grassland is good at Thornton Ranch, so the focus is on the pine trees. There is also a project at Los Portreros for riparian plants and trees. Plans with xerces society are less fleshed out.

Ms. Lohmann said the Annual Report was submitted today to Robert Griego and will be on the BCC by the end of the month.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters from the Committee.

9. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 2021

10. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Picarello and second by Member Massengill the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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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