

**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND, TRAILS, AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
Plaza Conference Room
100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

1. OPENING 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 in the Plaza Conference Room, Santa Fe County Administrative Complex, 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Rubén Cedeño, Chair
Jan Cohen
Sandra Madrid Massengill
Sue Murphy (telephonically)
Matt Piccarello
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel
Morika Hensley

Members Absent/Excused

Apple Snider (excused)

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Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space/Trails Planner Deputy *Destiny Herrera*
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager

Others Present

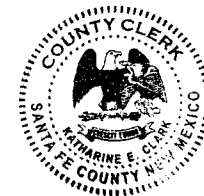
Elizabeth Martin for Carl Boaz, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The new members of the Committee were introduced.

Member Siegel moved, seconded by Member Cohen, to approve the agenda as published. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - December 4, 2019



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Member Cohen moved, seconded by Member Siegel, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019 as presented. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

3 ACTION ITEMS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Member Siegel moved, seconded by Member Pike to re-elect Rubén Cedeño as Chair of the Committee. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

B. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Member Piccarello moved, seconded by Member Massengill, to elect Member Siegel as Vice-Chair. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

2 MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no public comments.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The introductions were made earlier in the meeting.

B. PROJECT/PROPERTY UPDATES

Annual Report 2020 in the packet, presents highlights accomplished in 2019 and goals for 2020. Ms. Lohmann reviewed the document with a Power Point presentation printed handout.

Ms. Lohmann announced the Earth Day 50th anniversary is this year with celebrations planned around the City. We identified one area in each Commissioner district to do those events for plantings. The river event is Rio Tesuque (restoration) in Pojoaque in District 2, Hondo Fire Station in District 4, Eldorado Senior Center in District 5 and the Edgewood Senior Center in District 3.

In answer to Member Pike, Ms. Lohmann said Thornton Ranch is scheduled to open in 2021. Staff is trying to devise the best way for tribal review and how we do that is

complicated. We are working through the nuances of that and also having conversations with BLM. She did not have enough information now to say if we are on track.

The County is working on the New Mexico Central Trail 15 miles from Rancho Viejo to Thornton Ranch. It will tie into existing trails. Some of it is still on private property. A fairly large portion is on Rancho Viejo property which is private but could be a fairly easy negotiation with the County. An Archaeological Survey is being done on the entire 15 miles to know the content of historic alignment for SHPO.

The Galisteo Basin Trails are all private but publicly accessible. The County does not have any stake in it at all. There are opportunities for collaboration and connections with Lamy. She had a communication on it but nothing official.

Chair Cedeño asked if the County is working on connecting trails by Beckner and Pulte homes near Presbyterian Hospital.

Ms. Lohmann replied that the County does not have much influence within the City but does work with the MPO and coordinate with them to think through how those trail connections could be made. There has been discussion near Richards and Rabbit Road, creating another connection of that area to the Rail Trail along Rabbit Road, but no firm designs yet.

C. BOARDDOCS OVERVIEW

Ms. Lohmann shared new protocols to use less paper in the future. The new system is called *Boarddocs* that digitizes all agendas and packets and put them in one place. We hope that makes them more accessible and more user-friendly, with everything on-line. She reviewed how to get to the Boarddocs link on the County external website. She described how to pull up the packet items through the system. She will continue to send the members the link each time. This is easier to use. A paper copy can still be printed from the system.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Olafson said NM Game and Fish is reaching out to organizations for help in identifying wildlife corridors. He and Ms. Lohmann are working with BLM, Game and Fish, and community organizations in three well-known shooting areas on public lands: Camel Tracks, Las Campanas, and San Pedro. They have been used for years and abused for years. BLM just issued notice that they have banned exploding targets on their land. It is an extremely complex problem and she is trying to roll it into a NEPA process.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Cedeño noted some members talked about fat electric bikes on the trail. He asked what discussion, if any, has been between County and City on that.

Ms. Lohmann they are not allowed on trails as they are considered to be motorized vehicles. We need to have those conversations and have been talking to the City on the issue to determine enforcement. It will be a public process we will need to have.

Member Massengill noted that on federally funded projects vehicles cannot be motorized. That may help with mandating.

Member Piccarello said these are motorized and some are called electric assist.

Chair Cedeño explained that is a different bike.

Member Piccarello pointed out that for disabled folks, it may be a disability issue.

Ms. Lohmann clarified that electric assists are motorized vehicles.

Chair Cedeño asked, for next meeting, to give us an idea from the City and County attitude about that.

Mr. Olafson agreed.

Member Cohen wanted the Committee to address trail and bike etiquette so all can enjoy the trails.

7. NEXT MEETING

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Siegel, and second by Member Massengill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Approved by:



Rubén Cedeño, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.