

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
May 3, 2017**

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
Sue Murphy
Ernesto Ortega
Jean Pike

Members Absent

Jeannie Dodson-Edgars [excused]
Linda Siegel [excused]

Staff Members Present

Maria E. Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager
Robert Griego
Erin Ortigoza

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 1, 2017

Mr. Olafson said Commissioner Anna Hansen was not present at that meeting and the comment attributed to her was made by Carl Hansen, with the Madrid Fire Department.

Member Ortega moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017 as amended. Member Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except Member Betts abstained.

B. April 5, 2017

Member Parker moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017 as presented. Member Betts seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote, except Member Murphy and Member Ortega abstained.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- Outreach Subcommittee: Chair Dannenberg said the Outreach Subcommittee met and decided to not proactively schedule outreach presentations but respond if someone asks, Member Betts or Chair Dannenberg will accommodate them. He thought the presentations were successful last year but they are only reaching the same demographic each time. Activities of the Outreach Subcommittee will be suspended until the Committee has a chance to look at community partnerships and Ms. Lohmann and Mr. Olafson recommend a project that could be done, at least in part could be done by the Outreach Subcommittee. Presentations are on hold until the Outreach Subcommittee is reconstituted. The Committee agreed.
- Focus: COLTPAC had a special meeting to talk about its focus going forward and, if changed, whether it still meets the BCC expectations. Ms. Lohmann is following up on it at this meeting with an overview of all that is going on relevant to open space.
- BCC Recognition: Member Parker and Member Murphy were recognized last night at BCC for the Master's Program and student trail work.
- Attendance: The Committee discussed ways to improve attendance at the meetings and avoid unexcused absences. They agreed that having members call in when out of town was helpful. Member Cedeño proposed having private conversations with members whose attendance has been spotty to determine their status and commitment instead of embarrassing someone in the Committee meeting. Everyone was urged to call in when they need to be excused.
- Field Trips: Ms. Lohmann is coordinating with BLM for a Thornton trip. The only date available is the 19th when a rail trail trip is already scheduled. She said it was scheduled more for fun and to

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get to know each other better. Chair Dannenberg proposed to cancel the Rail Trail trip and reschedule the Ortiz field trip. The Committee agreed. Most were happy with Friday dates. The Staff will announce what they are trying to see and learn beforehand.

- USFS Forest Plan: The Committee discussed whether to submit comments on the plan. Staff have attended the meetings and found nothing to comment on. Member Parker felt it was important for the County to submit comments and would follow up. Member Ortega agreed to help with that. Ms. Lohmann said the Environmental Assessment is close to finish with a comment period to follow.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Agriculture and Ranching Implementation (ARI) Plan and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program and TDR Bank Update

The Staff is organizing a series of community open houses on growth management plans that include the ARI, TDR, Affordable Housing, Community organization, and Plan implementation to inform the community of the County Staff work. Ms. Lohmann handed out the schedule that begins on May 16th in La Cieneguilla. Mr. Griego shared the efforts they have undertaken to promote the meetings.

Ms. Ortigoza used a Power Point to discuss the ARI, TDR and the TDR Bank. Ms. Lohmann is sending out a press release about the community meeting to explain these programs.

Member Pike asked for a map where receiving sites are located and whether a TDR has happened. Ms. Lohmann said nothing has been advertised yet and it is mostly among those who want to preserve their land. Chair Dannenberg mentioned a property off Hyde Park Road that has been on the market for a year. They would be a prime candidate for TDR. Member Pike suggested approaching hem and others like them.

B. Open Space Project and Budget Status Update

Ms. Lohmann shared a PPT and provided some handouts on the Open Space Project and Budget Status and described it to the Committee. For the Open Space Project, the strategic management plans should be finished by December. The project includes planning at Los Potreros, La Cieneguilla, study of best management practices, a signage plan and a forest health assessment for all properties. The Committee needs to choose among the many best practices available, those that are best for the County.

The Budget Request will include implementing the management plans at Lamy and Madrid, the New Mexico Central conceptual design and the cultural resources study. The Capital Projects that must be budgeted include Thornton, El Camino Real Trail, Arroyo Hondo Trail, Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex, Romero Park, Santa Fe Rail Trail; Rio Quemado Watershed Restoration; Mt. Chalchihuitl Land Acquisition and Environmental Remediation; and the Santa Fe River Trail.

For the 2018 Budget, there is \$150,000 allocated for all of those plans in the Operating Budget and \$223,000 for implementing management plans in the Capital Budget which is very specific. The FTE

Requests a total of 14 positions with an Open Space Resource Manager and Open Space Maintenance Staff. The 2018 capital projects include Rail Trail Segment 5, the Trail Head at Avenida El Dorado, Rio Quemado Phase II; and Arroyo Hondo Trail Segment IV. The capital projects are new and ongoing - some have bond funds or grant funds.

Mr. Olafson said they are starting a 2020 CIP plan. Population development is expanding and will need infrastructure, etc. the CIP is updated every five years. He briefly explained the difference of capital vs maintenance projects. The Greenway Project, is anticipating construction in July as they are closing on the last acquisition for the current phase now. The Greenway from San Isidro has 75% funding for design and the County won't complete the design until all acquisition is finished. They need to acquire 17 acres among 74 owners to finish the whole project. The construction cost is estimated at \$3.8 million and is not funded. It will probably be in the next bond issue.

Ms. Lohmann said transportation and trail connections are the highest priorities for 2018. Arroyo Hondo is a really big connection and a lynchpin to other trail systems. It is at 60% design now so it is not ready to be built tomorrow. Mr. Olafson said the Arroyo Hondo, River Trail and Rail Trail are the specific priorities but establishing a track record on the management plans will go a long way toward getting human resources and dollar resources for our future work.

Member Betts asked if the Committee needs to advocate for the budget. Mr. Olafson said they are really doing very well on budget with a strong track record. COLTPAC is very strong there but should not be involved in pushing for the budget except recommendations for plans.

C. COLTPAC Focus Discussion

Chair Dannenberg agreed that COLTPAC does not advocate for budget but some programs require some focus. Thornton Ranch was a focus before, as was Romero Park and it was fairly effective as it got funded in the last bond issue. The Strategic Plan always gets put on the back burner. Now the Committee should decide on the focus for FY 18 focus activities. Last year, Member Parker presented to the BCC.

Member Pike asked what is happening with Thornton. Ms. Lohmann said they are still trying to schedule a meeting with tribal partners. The time line doesn't exist anymore. We are coordinating with BLM on the Petroglyph management plan.

Chair Dannenberg suggested discussing Romero Park next time.

Staff planned to talk about Arroyo Hondo at the June meeting as well as refocus and re-prioritization and maybe signage.

Chair Dannenberg commented that Ortiz seems to be slipping and it has lots of issues. It is all designed to reboot a presentation for two years out. The focus areas do get results.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

There were no other matters from County Staff.

9. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Parker and second by Member Ortega, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg
Dave Dannenberg, Chair



Attest

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Submitted by:

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

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