

**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, June 1, 2022 at 6:03 P.M.
Via Webex and in-person**

I. 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 6:08 p.m. by Chair Rubén Cedeño.

II. 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)
Chris Mann (District 2)
Apple Snider (At-Large)

Members Absent/Excused

Morika Hensley (At-Large)
Sandra Madrid Massengill (District 1)
Matt Piccarello (District 4)
Jean Pike (At-Large)

Staff Members Present

Robert Griego, County Staff

Members of the Public Present

Joanna Garcia
Rachel Thompson
Ross Lockridge
Barbara

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Siegel moved, seconded by Member Snider, to approve the agenda as published. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote with members Cedeño, Siegel, Cohen, Mann, and Snider voting in the

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affirmative and none voting against.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 2, 2022

Member Siegel moved, seconded by Member Cohen, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote with members Cedeño, Siegel, Cohen, Mann, and Snider voting in the affirmative and none voting against.

V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Mr. Griego read an email from Marie Metzger, 20 Cumbres Pass in Rancho Viejo South. Ms. Metzger requested that electric bikes be allowed on the County trails. He explained that no action could be taken on it until the next meeting.

Ms. Garcia commented on the South Meadows open space property and said she was composing a resolution to protect this beautiful dedicated open space. She explained that as a County trust property, it could not be sold and COLTPAC should have been a part of the process from the beginning.

Member Cohen said the members were shocked when they learned about it and considered how to secure properties for the future. To prevent it from happening again.

Member Mann agreed and noted COLTPAC formed a subcommittee to find a way to ensure development rights will be protected for other open space properties to ensure the development rights will be protected and prepare a recommendation for the County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Thompson said she has been working with the neighborhood at South Meadows since the first ENN. She seconded what Ms. Garcia said.

After a lengthy discussion on the problem, Chair Cedeño proposed to have it on the agenda at the next meeting to follow up further.

VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. May 31 BCC TDR Presentation

Mr. Griego provided information to COLTPAC on closures from the fire, including the closure of County trails that intersected with the Santa Fe

National Forest Trails.

Mr. Griego shared the County Attorney's statement regarding the South Meadows open space that money received on the sale would be used for Santa Fe Greenway.

Mr. Griego shared his screen with a power point presentation on TDR Basics (Transfer of Development Rights).

Chair Cedeno asked that this could be fully presented at the next meeting. The presentation was tabled to the next meeting.

VII. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. Report of the Conservation Subcommittee

Member Mann reported the Subcommittee did not have their second meeting scheduled yet.

Mr. Griego explained Three members (Chris Mann, Sandra Madrid Massengill, and Matt Piccarello) were appointed to be the Subcommittee.

Member Mann said their first meeting was a get acquainted meeting and ended up with a good discussion about creating a TDR Bank. He sympathized with the public commenters on South Meadows open space. Unless a lawsuit is filed, the sale is finished and COLTPAC is not legally empowered to stop it. The property was purchased with taxpayer money and this sale took all the County's \$6.5million and the County has no source of money to buy other properties. The Subcommittee is working on a better process to protect other country open spaces in perpetuity so the problem with South Meadows does not happen again.

Mr. Griego showed the spreadsheet of county properties. The Subcommittee's next step was to look at creating criteria to determine how to prioritize projects for each property and go through the TDR process, reviewing the criteria and create a resolution on how to qualify and certify a TDR agreement for that property for what uses would be allowed.

Although protected from other development, it could allow structures like gazebos on the property, etc. so potential uses would be specified. The conservation easement would require a new plat for the property to indicate what is allowed and what is prohibited.

Chair Cedeño requested an update at the next meeting.

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Member Cohen shared information about a federal initiative to set aside 30% of all federal land as preserved for the nation by 2030.

Member Mann spoke about his experience with it and thought COLTPAC should coordinate with that effort and with the State and invite them to a future COLTPAC meeting. They are working on what counts now toward the 30%. He suggested the subcommittee meet with potential presenters to get their thoughts how the County efforts could fit in with the initiative.

VIII. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Update on County Open Space and Trail Projects

This item was postponed.

B. Review of Application for Open Space Donation – 10 Little Hills

Mr. Griego included in the packet some information on Board action on the application., including the application, a survey, and a map.

Mr. Lockridge presented the application for #10 Little Hills and what they called an Archaeological Park. Since 1997, the Association there worked to get the Park established. It opened May 24, 2003 to the public as Cerrillos Hills Historic Park. In 2005, Representative Rhonda King introduced a memorial to make the County Park a State Park. Now they wished to donate #10 Little Hills Ct to the Cerrillos Hills Park.

He was concerned about the impact to its entrance if a house was built on that property. So the land should be preserved. He included several interesting photos and felt it would not take long for COLTPAC members to digest the application which he believed was complete. He hoped BLM would support a trail to the top of Grand Central. He said it was a little less than a quarter mile long.

Mr. Griego shared the criteria. He said the Committee is scheduled to go out and view the property. It is just a preliminary review of the application now.

Mr. Lockwood clarified this is a donation to the County.

Mr. Griego described the process in which COLTPAC makes the recommendation for acquisition to the BCC. We need to schedule the site visit and then reconvene as COLTPAC to act on it after an up to 30-day review. He pointed out the written process needs revision for donations as

it was designed for County purchases of land.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that Mr. Griego would meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair to determine the date for the site visit.

Mr. Lockwood urged some carpooling since there was no parking lot there and the road was narrow.

Chair Cedeno offered to coordinate the notices to property owners about the site visit and cars that would be parked there for an hour.

IX. NEXT MEETING: August 3, 2022

Mr. Griego noted the screening process for an in-person meeting at the County offices building.

Chair Cedeño asked to meet in person at the next regular meeting.

The date of the site visit/special meeting were not determined at this meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Cohen and second by Member Siegel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved by:

Dr. Rubén S. Cedeño
Rubén Cedeño, Chair

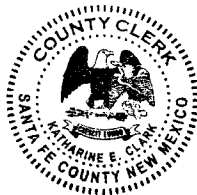
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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