

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
July 6, 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
Ruben Cedeño
Patricia Conoway
Judy Kowalski
Ernesto Ortega
Sue Murphy, New Member

Members Absent

Jeannie Dodson-Edgars [excused]

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Commissioner Elect Ed Moreno, District 5
Bill Johnson
Carl Boaz, Stenographer

Member Murphy and Commissioner Moreno introduced themselves to the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Dannenberg suggested swapping items 8 and 9.

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Ms. Lohmann asked to change the Action item to a Discussion Item. (7 into 8).

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4, 2016

Chair Dannenberg asked for a change on page 4 at the top where the Outreach Committee members should be Betts, Kowalski and Parker.

Member Kowalski asked for a change on page 3 at the bottom where it should be the property.

Member Betts moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2016 as amended. Member Ortega seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg reviewed action items from previous meetings.

Chair Dannenberg said the two presentations went well and Ms. Lohmann and Mr. Olafson helped with them for him and Member Betts.

Member Parker made some contacts, including Capital City Lions, Rotary del Sure, Santa Fé Botanical Gardens and Fat Tire Society. Fat Tire wanted to work with their schedule.

Member Kowalski contacted the Nature Conservancy and Chair Dannenberg contacted the Santa Fé Conservation Trust.

Member Betts has a couple of presentations coming up.

Chair Dannenberg said among action items, Mr. Olafson and Ms. Lohmann were to discuss with County management on Los Caminitos.

Ms. Lohmann said there was no meeting but lots of research.

Chair Dannenberg was going to coordinate a walk -round at Los Caminitos. He suggested 9:30 a.m. in mid-August. Member Kowalski and Chair Dannenberg preferred a weekend date. The Committee agreed

on August 13 or sometime in September for an alternate. Chair Dannenberg will circulate details and set 9:00 a.m.

9. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Open Space Staff Updates

Ms. Lohmann found the plats and restrictions governing the property at Los Caminitos. It was deeded to County in the 1980's. No structures can be built except within 300 feet of Aspen Trail. She went out that afternoon. It is difficult to access from the subdivision because it has a locked gate.

Chair Dannenberg said there is access from Rancho Encantado.

Ms. Lohmann will try that. The interns are working to create an inventory of open spaces. It is dedicated to permanent use of the County and its residents. That is key for COLTPAC to move forward. We will now need to talk with management and approach the HOA.

Mr. Olafson added that there should be some circumspection to avoid driving an issue and to figure out the lay of the land. Ms. Lohmann agreed. There are huge no trespassing signs so public use needs to be done very sensitively. The community there, since 1984, has felt it was their property and the County has had no interaction with the HOA at all.

Member Parker said parking is ad hoc along the road, just like Rio en Medio. He agreed we don't want to unnecessarily ruffle feathers but it is the County's for recreation.

Ms. Lohmann said the County can build parking within 300' of Aspen Ridge.

The Committee agreed to let the homeowners know of the County's intentions. Ms. Lohmann agreed to meet with HOA to lay the groundwork.

Ms. Lohmann went next to the Arroyo Hondo Bridge discussion. Mr. Bill Johnson submitted the request form. It will cost \$92,000 to span the wetlands with footings and spans. It is a bigger deal. Mr. Olafson described the signage that should be erected to help pedestrians with access and cautions until the bridge is built. The wetlands are protected by the rules from anything that affects the water flow or wild life. The County has a proposal from an interpretive planner for a panel to talk about the wetlands. The bridge is on the five-year capital improvements list.

Mr. Olafson will continue to work on it. Terry Lease has changed job functions and has been replaced by Pete Montaño who is very familiar with these things. The short-term answer is the sign and the cost of the sign is out of his budget.

Ms. Lohmann went next to the GUTS resolution. She and Mr. Olafson drafted it and Commissioner Holian approved it. Commissioner Stefanics cosponsored with her for the BCC meeting on July 26th.

Member Murphy asked about getting a copy.

Mr. Olafson agreed to put it out before July 26. It is a public document.

Member Parker expressed some dissatisfaction with the way it went through. COLTPAC could have had most influence on it. It was a predecisional draft we looked at. Our ability would be enhanced by earlier involvement with it.

Member Kowalski said County management wants to control what is released from COLTPAC so she is dissatisfied too.

Mr. Olafson understood that frustration with the way the County works.

The Committee briefly discussed the relationship of COLTPAC with the BCC and the need to get documents in a reasonable time.

Chair Dannenberg asked if the Committee wanted to let Commissioner Holian know that COLTPAC would like some input into it.

Mr. Olafson offered to ask them to consider sharing it first with COLTPAC and bring it back in September. Chair Dannenberg asked him to propose that to Commissioner Holian.

Ms. Lohmann agreed to postpone looking at the budget summary and bring it next time.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Recommendations on Management Plans for Los Potreros Open Space, San Pedro Open Space and La Cieneguilla Open Space

Ms. Lohmann brought a few of the printed management plans and comments summaries that were incorporated into the plans. She will be making it a little more user friendly. It is a little clunky right now and needs a few more things to streamline it. The essence has not changed at all but she needed to make it clearer. She wanted to go to BCC in September for adoption. She had hoped for a recommendation at this meeting but would get it in August. She and Mr. Olafson drafted a letter for the Committee at the next meeting and when approved, submit it to the BCC as part of their packet.

The Committee briefly discussed the process and the structure involved, the trail standards and best management practices.

Ms. Lohmann said each would have individual resolutions for each plan. With implementation, the plans would have more flexibility and more teeth by actually adapting the plan by considering all the options. She was taking time to make it more useful and will bring it back in August.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Strategic Management Plan Vision and Strategies Section Discussion

Ms. Lohmann explained this is basically an update of the 2014 plan and the discussion last month or earlier was eloquently brought together by Member Cedeño to connect our six goals to our vision that was drafted in June 2014 and the goals that she and Elizabeth developed out of the SGMP. The document was in the packet. The goals were dissected from the SGMP and the Open Trails Plan.

Ms. Lohmann read the goals. Member Betts asked why preservation and conservation are not in the 2014 statement. Ms. Lohmann said that was before her time.

The Committee discussed the preservation and conservation principles with access and protection. They agreed that preservation should be explicit and not just implied. Mr. Olafson proposed to put it in the preamble.

Member Cedeño said it needs to be in the goals and objectives also.

In the discussion on goals, Member Kowalski said in Access, it should say "appropriate access to enhance the appreciation of opportunities. Ms. Lohmann wrote, "Provide appropriate public access to Santa Fé County open space and trails to enhance the appreciation of opportunities.

Chair Dannenberg noted that the only property for agriculture is Los Potreros. Ms. Lohmann agreed. Los Potreros was purchased as agriculture open space. Agriculture was large in the SGMP. Member Conoway assumed it was a nod to the history of New Mexico as an agriculture state. The Committee made several suggestions for rewording the agriculture portion.

Member Kowalski suggested for implementation to focus more on measuring progress for achieving these goals. Ms. Lohmann likes that a lot.

Member Ortega said on implementation, there are two goals. Ms. Lohmann said funding was first its own goal and she stuck it into implementation. She agreed to use other language than budget cycle.

Ms. Lohmann went next to Management and asked for any changes.

Member Betts thought "foster partnership" might be better under community involvement and stewardship.

Mr. Olafson suggested to rephrase that as private/public.

Member Ortega suggested "complements" instead of "encourages."

The Committee discussed how to include non-profits. Member Conway suggested, as the program grows, foster and encourage non-profits or interested parties to be partners to help with fund raising and maintenance.

Member Parker asked if the strategies would be filled in later. Ms. Lohmann agreed. The language will be tweaked and refined. But these are the main points so she asked the Committee to figure out what is missing and cover all the bases.

Member Cedeño asked about the legal standing for calling this a policy. Ms. Lohmann explained that this is policy in the SGMP but is very broad. None are exactly the same now. Member Kowalski thought they seemed more like objectives. Member Conway thought they are tactics that follow the strategies. Member Ortega did the wordsmithing thinking more as a standard than a policy. Ms. Lohmann liked standard of operation better than policy.

Member Parker preferred to use the terminology of sustainable growth although they don't address these categories. Mr. Olafson said it could be an appendix that these words come from SGMP.

Ms. Lohmann said it would be the most helpful., since the members have the Word document, to use track changes to help her figure out what the best way to say it, to add what is missing, and to eliminate what is redundant. She asked for the responses by July 20.

Ms. Lohmann announced a few schedule changes for upcoming meetings. The Thornton Ranch presentation is in August and more talk about management plans so there is still a lot to do. In her last talk with Colleen, the master plan would be in August and the final in September.

Chair Dannenberg asked if the Committee should make time for the budget next time and whether the GO Bond should come up. Mr. Olafson agreed. They have to select the bond questions before September.

Member Ortega asked to be excused for the August 3rd meeting as he would be out of state.

Mr. Olafson said everyone at the County really appreciates your time and energy. The work that COLTPAC does is strongly supported. Ms. Lohmann said the discussion tonight was exactly what she needed. We will have a very good document.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2016

11. Adjournment

Member Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



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