

MINUTES OF THE  
SANTA FÉ COUNTY  
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(COLTPAC)  
August 3, 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  
Jeannie Dodson-Edgars  
Judy Kowalski  
Sue Murphy, New Member

**Members Absent**

Patricia Conoway [excused]  
Ernesto Ortega [excused]

**Staff Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

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3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Cedeño asked for a discussion on protocols for meeting with constituents. It was placed under Matters from the Committee

Member Parker moved to approve the Agenda. Member Cedeño seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 6, 2016

Member Betts requested a change on page 2, #6 to clarify that Member Parker was doing contacts with the Fat Tire Society and Member Betts was doing outreach to the Capital Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Botanical Gardens.

**Member Betts moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2016 as amended. Member Kowalski 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 COUNTY STAFF

### A. Open Space Staff Updates

Ms. Lohmann announced that Mr. Montañó has taken over management of the maintenance crew. He has been with the County for 15 years. His department should be fully staffed in a couple of weeks and be able to get projects done. She went with him out to Los Potreros and worked out an awesome plan.

Chair Dannenberg recalled that Mr. Lease talked to the Committee about getting some capital equipment for trail maintenance and wondered if that happened.

Mr. Montañó said they got a small bobcat and a new dump truck to haul the bobcat out and attachments for the trails. For work that is too large for County Staff, he will help decide on contracts. His Staff all work out of Santa Fe, making it more difficult because of the area to cover. It takes time to get out to Chimayó and get things done.

Mr. Olafson said Mr. Montañó is coordinating with Carol Branch and Colleen Baker so he is building a solid team with institutional knowledge.

Mr. Montañó said he is pushing for people to get out there on the trails but they don't expect volunteers to do heavy stuff or dangerous things. Open Space has been handed off a lot of responsibility and staffing has been a problem.

Member Parker said the monsoons are coming so the Rail Trail will need some work.

Mr. Montañó said he would address that very soon. He thanked the Committee for their welcome and excused himself from the meeting.

Ms. Lohmann went next to Los Caminitos. She and Mr. Olafson met with the HOA there and trying to get some others who know the area to join them for another meeting.

Mr. Olafson suggested 2-3 members and a couple of staff members instead of the entire Committee.

Member Dodson-Edgars suggested the member from that area and the Chair. That would be Member Dodson-Edgars. Ms. Lohman suggested Member Parker also.

Member Betts asked if the limitation was to respect the HOA members present.

Mr. Olafson said the property has been dedicated for 30 years but dormant. This is to start the dialog so it is helpful to start small and let it grow from there. The HOA would not always be the tour guide but helpful to start the introduction with that and to get a sense of their feelings of connection with it as part of their community and their openness to the County presence.

Ms. Lohmann hoped to schedule a September visit.

Ms. Lohmann went next to Thornton Ranch. The plans have slowed down a bit. Staff are setting up site visits with Commissioners in September with an official presentation to the BCC in September and then begin the public process. The first presentation is information about the plan process and their work there. The COLTPAC presentation to the BCC will be on October 5; public reviews in October and November and the final recommendation in November or December.

Chair Dannenberg asked about the tribal consultations.

Ms. Lohmann said they took longer than expected. From those sessions, Staff decided to go a little slower to show respect to our tribal partners for this place.

Five plans are coming forward at the same time: Thornton Ranch Master Plan, Galisteo Basin Interpretation Plan, Petroglyph Hill Protection Plan, the Cultural Resources Survey and Thornton Ranch Management Plan.

Chair Dannenberg noted the Committee has not had a refresh on where the Master Plan is for about a year.

Ms. Lohmann said part of that is because we have not put things on paper yet. We talked with Member Ortega about it but not written the plan yet. That will be done later in August. We don't want to tell people what we are going to do until we have the site visits with Commissioners. They have had several key stakeholder meetings and also the tribal process which brought to light several aspects which they are trying to balance. This property is absolutely sacred and maybe more than we had thought.

Chair Dannenberg said it sounds like COLTPAC will just be rubber stamping it down the way.

Ms. Lohmann said Staff can't take it out to the public until the Commissioners know about it. We've been treading lightly. It is just the process we have to follow. And anything coming to COLTPAC is public.

Member Cedeño asked if the Committee will be privy with the briefing to the BCC.

Ms. Lohmann agreed.

The Committee briefly discussed how to be updated in an executive session closed to the public.

Mr. Olafson pointed out that the Commissioners are not full-time employees and have a huge agenda every two weeks.

The Committee discussed how to present their work to the Commission periodically.

Mr. Olafson said the strategic plan would be heard at a regular meeting. They could build in the annual update then. It is not the time for a special meeting.

Member Dodson-Edgars suggested that the more that the Committee represents a revenue stream rather than an expense, the more the BCC would listen. If COLTPAC is generating money for the County, it is more important in their eyes. She wondered if the concierges at hotels know about the County trail system.

Ms. Lohmann said she talks with David Griscom a lot. It would be fine to ask if he is interested in promotion. He is a biker.

Chair Dannenberg agreed to email him.

Mr. Olafson provided a handout on budgeting and went through it, comparing the allocations with last year's budget. He mentioned that Planning has \$50,000 this year and had \$180,000 last year. There is \$100,000 for restoration of the Santa Fe River at La Cieneguilla and for wildlife management. and \$75,000 for open space management. to implement the three management plans presented to COLTPAC. He also listed the Romero Park and its Grand Opening on August 20 from 10-1. The old Santa Fe Trails bike lane is being added.

Mr. Olafson handed out the approvals from July 26 for bond projects and GRT projects. The total is \$4.6 million for bonds and \$4.8 million for GRT. He explained that GRT no longer has percentage allocations for open space.

The Committee discussed dedicated GRT.

Chair Dannenberg saw trailheads on the list and asked for details.

Mr. Olafson said they have been planned forever and were pulled off and now they are a standalone project. They are small. He briefly went through the list, distinguishing the bond projects from GRT. From the feedback by the Committee, he agreed if he presented it for public consumption he would need to tweak it. He then shared a very large paged handout that listed all projects proposed through Public Works and through Planning and Growth Management. The total for everything is \$250 million; roads, parks, Fire, sheriff, etc. Parks alone will need \$7 million and open space \$4 million so maybe we do need a revenue stream.

## **7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Member Kowalski said in her Outreach function, she asked the 4-H for a presentation and they suggested at the County Fair. She thought it would be good to be there.

Member Parker saw a big display at Santa Fe Community College. It was the unveiling of signage for the Atalaya Trail and Ms. Branch did it. He thought the 4-H would be a great group to get in front of.

Ms. Lohmann said unfortunately, the fair is this Friday.

Member Kowalski volunteered to be there.

Mr. Olafson said they have some brochures for an information table.

Member Parker suggested a laptop running a loop on the presentation and, if nothing else, plant a seed for next year.

Chair Dannenberg noted that the Outreach Committee has had great feedback in the presentations.

Member Betts agreed. The response has been lots of questions and they enjoyed the brochure. There were lots of good comments about the interactive trail map. He had follow up phone calls from the president they were very appreciative.

Member Parker spoke to the Eldorado HOA and had 8 people in attendance.

Chair Dannenberg said the conservation organization had the same positive response.

Member Murphy asked if the Las Campanas group is on that list.

Member Betts said they are not yet. We wanted to do service clubs and work down the list for specialized groups.

Member Cedeño said at the San Pedro Open Space meeting he met the president of the San Pedro Neighborhood Association who informed him of their annual picnic in September and invited him to go. So I thought about he would take brochures. They expect about 50 people. He planned to listen more than talk and then report back.

Mr. Olafson said the only protocol is that members are not to make commitments for the County or even the Committee. You should go as a citizen and not a Committee representative.

Member Cedeño said it is a thin line when they are inviting you but agreed on no commitment.

Member Parker suggested he be conversant with the San Pedro Plan which anticipates this to be an entry for recreational opportunity in the mountains. It is a draft management plan.

Ms. Lohmann said he should go to their picnic and listen to their ideas and concerns and communicate them back to here.

Member Cedeño agreed.

Ms. Lohmann said his predecessor, Bill Baker, was from San Pedro.

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Review and Recommendations on Management Plan for Los Potreros Open Space**
- B. **Review and Recommendations on Management Plan for San Pedro Open Space**
- C. **Review and Recommendations on Management Plan for La Cieneguilla Open Space**

Ms. Lohmann shared copies of the three management plans which have been reformatted to make them more useable. for everyone. She asked for feedback.

Member Betts agreed it is a very readable document with good background information. He was concerned about the discrepancies in the La Cieneguilla plan. "No cultural resources are known to exist on this property." But on page 4 and 7, there are references to cultural resources. So it says there are none and then says they are protected. That creates confusion. In this one, there were seven references to it.

Ms. Lohmann explained that the principles are for all properties so they are consistent. The survey was done and they didn't find anything.

Member Betts said there are petroglyphs on the adjoining BLM land. He tried to read them as "Joe Citizen" and there is no glossary for terms.

Chair Dannenberg asked about the process, moving forward.

Ms. Lohmann said she is preparing to take them to BCC on September 13. She pointed out that the formatting is significantly different from last month.

Member Parker was generally satisfied. They are overly ambitious and he hoped it is not pie in the sky. It seemed to need a caveat up front.

Member Betts said it presents a clear description of the need. To a funding source, it is showing something that is multi-faceted and would help get a grant.

**Member Betts moved to submit these three plans to the BCC with COLTPAC's blessing. Member Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Ms. Lohmann showed the letter they drafted and wordsmithed last time. The letter would communicate this action to Commissioner Chávez as Chair of BCC.

Mr. Olafson said it is not to be adopted as a regulatory document but the BCC is familiar with the implementation process. The Commissioners know we have had these community meetings also.

Member Betts noted that stewardship and volunteers are important but there are no pictures showing work parties. There is an opportunity for future plans to create the vision when people are engaged in the pictures. That would also help the Outreach Committee.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Open Space and Trails Strategic Management Plan

Ms. Lohmann said the Staff has been doing lots of stuff. As a consequence, this plan has taken a back seat. She got an intern to work and he helped develop an inventory of open space properties and GPS'd everything – all the signs, all the trails, all the trash dumped there. So she and Elizabeth will take all that he collected and do an analysis in the next couple of months.

He also did conservation monitoring for the Nature Conservancy and designed a format for it. It is a table that correlates with GPS data and he did it for all open spaces in 8 weeks. He just graduated from a planning school in Arizona with a Master's Degree. The whole point was to get property profiles to include in the open space plan. So we will have property profiles internally and externally with two different types of reporting for all open space properties. She said Staff hasn't been writing the plan but has been working on it. The County paid him for his work but not very well.

Chair Dannenberg said we had a six-point action plan and Staff didn't get feedback on it.

Ms. Lohmann said Member Ortega and Member Murphy gave us feedback. She offered to send it out again for more feedback.

10. Next Meeting: September 7, 2016

11. Adjournment

Member Dodson-Edgars moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Murphy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

*[Signature]*  
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:

*[Signature]*  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk  
12-8-2016

Submitted by:

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