

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
September 7, 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
Member Cedeño
Jeannie Dodson-Edgars
Sue Murphy

Members Absent

Patricia Conoway [excused]
Ernesto Ortega [excused]
Judy Kowalski

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer
Anna Hansen, Commissioner Elect, District 2
Bill Johnson, former member

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2016

Member Parker requested a change on page 5, where it should say, "Member Parker spoke to the Eldorado HOA had 8 people in attendance."

Chair Dannenberg asked for a change on page 2 at the bottom where it should say, "Mr. Olafson suggested 2-3 members and a couple of staff members instead of the entire Committee."

On page 3, 2nd paragraph about the limitation of the meeting to only HOA members.

Member Betts explained that he was asking whether having the HOA members at the meeting was there as a courtesy or a requirement to have them present.

Ms. Lohmann clarified that it was a courtesy and that the County didn't want to do anything in secret.

Member Parker suggested deleting "just."

Member Cedeño requested a change on page 5 in the 12th paragraph to change "told" to "informed."

Member Betts moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting as amended. Member Dodson-Edgars seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Commissioner Elect Anna Hansen introduced herself to the Committee and told of her public service on the City's Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission for 8 years and her help in overseeing the \$30 million Parks bond. She had already met with Member Murphy and Member Dodson-Edgars and wanted to come meet the whole Committee and get up to speed on what we can do in the County. She is also a member of the Santa Fe River Commission for the City because the river goes through her district and the Mayor was happy to have her stay on it. She looked forward to working with the Committee and said her door is always open.

The Committee welcomed her to the meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Open Space Staff Updates

Ms. Lohmann said she, Chair Dannenberg and Mr. Olafson met with Los Caminitos, had a nice discussion and good tour. Clearly, we will take it slow and foster the relationship; maybe organize volunteers and she would go to their weekly hike. They spent good time there, but it is not enough. A very knowledgeable person took us around. They are happy the County is finally getting involved, especially for maintenance. She pointed out the property that is near Rancho Encantado.

Mr. Olafson said there are already a lot of trails there and some of them are concerned that the County would come in with lots of new trails. Based on County resources and bandwidth to address things, they have done a lot of work of those trails and are maintaining them. The subdivisions traverse those county trail crossings there.

Chair Dannenberg agreed. They were happy that the County is opening its ears. When we hiked, they saw the issues they are dealing with. It is a big property for the small group of volunteers.

Ms. Lohmann said they were also a little hesitant to give us their trail map. We will coordinate with Carol Branch on it. It is close to the National Forest boundary so we should get volunteers from the Forest Service, too.

Member Parker noted a potential parking area in Rio en Medio that could also serve Los Caminitos.

Ms. Lohmann said there are two very large properties there between this property and Rio en Medio.

Mr. Olafson said they also spent time reading COLTPAC minutes so they had a strong sense of our sensitivity to not overwhelm them.

Member Dodson-Edgars said she represents those people.

Ms. Lohmann reported that the three management plans are ready for the BCC on September 27 She will bring them in November because October is for Thornton Ranch which is the fourth management plan. She read the plans for Lamy and Madrid and needs to review Ortiz. The COLTPAC letter is part of the packet. It is hard to navigate those things. She didn't know where it would be on the agenda. There are some community concerns about the property at La Cieneguilla regarding the beavers and water downstream is an issue. The presentation on the 27th is not the big presentation but made so we can move forward with the public process.

Chair Dannenberg said he could be there with a call a half hour before.

Ms. Lohmann said regarding the plans for Thornton Ranch that she sent the preliminary things to tribal leaders and met with Commissioner Holian and it will be ready in October.

Mr. Olafson clarified that right now they are not presenting documents but focusing on the sensitivity of actively used culture resources and the concept of redirecting traffic to the southern end with a 14-mile loop, interpretation on the railroad and the history of the property with a desire to coordinate with tribal entities that use the property for their reasons and to redirect the public away from Petroglyph Hill with docents at the central core. It might be like Ortiz Mountains for couple of guided tours a year and maybe ask tribes to help with interpretation as they would want to.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg said Mr. Olafson already covered the actions from past meetings. He and Member Parker and Ms. Lohmann met with David Griscom, County Economic Development Staff, to trade ideas.

His response was that everything for outdoor recreation is good for Economic Development and the cornerstone of the SDMP. It is important to keep Economic Development informed of our activities. In the meeting, mountain biking was noted as a huge focus for recreation and the statistics Mr. Griscom had were interesting. Among them, the average mountain biker has an average income of \$125,000 and spends \$450 per day when they are here. They sometimes buy parts for their bikes while here.

Member Dodson-Edgars said boots on the ground has reinforced the need for trail etiquette. They swoop down the trail and they need to observe the rules of etiquette. She has gotten run over several times and she bikes everywhere.

Member Parker said the Fat Tire Society is working to get gravity trails in the National Forest so mountain bikers would have their own place to ride. That would take some pressure off Windsor and other trails.

The Committee discussed the issues and problems in shared use of the trails and what various groups are doing to address them. One avenue is to include the need for etiquette in presentations made by members.

The Committee then discussed outreach opportunities coming up. Member Betts has assigned another group of presentations. Member Murphy mentioned an opportunity for a group of equestrians on the second Tuesday in October (October 11) at 6:30 p.m. at the Genevieve Chavez Community Center.

Member reported that he covered the county fair and it went well. Carol Branch was there. They had good discussions on trails and from his perspective. They were part of the County Health Department's trailer who were doing tests and handing out brochures. People went to the foothills trail map although it was health that brought them there. We spoke with quite a few people there.

Chair Dannenberg reviewed the possible topics for future meetings. He suggested an update on Arroyo Hondo Trails and El Camino Real Trail which is about to kick off. The Committee also should talk about COLTPAC's role in the next 9-12 months and what we hope to accomplish. He also mentioned Romero Park.

Member Murphy noted that only Phase 1 of Romero Park is finished and there are more on the drawing boards.

Mr. Olafson said the funding for Phase 2 is from the GRT revenues and part of the overall package for the bond election in November.

Chair Dannenberg said in the next couple of meetings they should decide on priorities. There is also the emergence of all the implementation plans and should have discussions around the expensive costs and possible funding models. It is a different world, going from 20 properties that have been untouched to plans to actively maintain them. The funding models include mill levies, usage fees, sales tax, earmarked funds that pay for ongoing maintenance of open space properties.

The Committee agreed that would be an important topic to consider.

Member Betts asked about a retreat and offered to host one at his house next to the Atalaya Trail.

8. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Open Space and Trails Strategic Management Plan

- i. Review of outline and update on process
- ii. Open Space and Trails Strategic Management Plan project areas and map activity
- iii. Open Space and Trails Strategic Management Plan public input process

Ms. Lohmann reminded the Committee that the last time we talked about the plans, the Committee discussed the six-point vision. It is obvious we all want to preserve the open space. It is what we are here for and in our vision it is already stated. She got comments on the strategic plan and organized it so there is not six goals any more but one goal – Preserve, Protect and Restore and Work on Best Management Practices, Partnerships and Access. So it is one goal and three mechanisms. The Committee focused on making it strategic, useable, not pie in the sky, very practical and direct oriented. And they came up with priority project areas with criteria. She used Staff expertise and took a little more insider knowledge to group things together. In the past we reacted to individual properties as the need arose. We will still focus on properties and continue to maintain them at a certain standard. These project areas will help to identify where to prioritize funds, partnerships, and best practices.

She used 8 criteria and not all of them have all 8 but all have at least 4 criteria. She provided a handout that listed them and the Committee began discussing them.

Ms. Halpin said these goals will take at least ten years. Some might take as much as 20 years but if we identify the projects within the area, we can start queuing them up. The Staff associated the criteria within each of the project areas and counted out how many each area would meet. We haven't prioritized any of them but need eventually to do that.

Member Betts asked about the relationship of this with GUTS and asked if they have had a chance to comment on it.

Ms. Lohman said she hasn't added anything that is not already in the system. We hope to get to priorities in public process. she talked with Tim Rogers about it last week. Our plans inform each other. She explained that the County doesn't have authority over GUTS and is just a participant. On the official map, we have a corridor going all the way down a conceptual corridor. CIP had a trail item to connect Madrid and

Cerrillos.

Member Parker clarified that GUTS is subordinate because is a specific type of trail – not equestrian not multi-use trail – single track trails with natural surface two feet wide.

Member Dodson-Edgars asked how prioritizing will be done and if Staff will decide where the money goes.

Ms. Lohmann said Staff won't make those decisions but will evaluate from feedback provided to them.

Member Dodson-Edgars pointed out that in looking at all of this, some are short-term and some long-term. She asked how short term, medium term and long term investments are incorporated in the criteria.

Ms. Lohmann said they are not incorporated in the criteria. Rather, they are going to update it annually so as not to stagnate a priority, so there will be a different priority each year.

Chair Dannenberg noted that this addresses existing properties for the most part but they may have missed places in the county, based on need and that might be a second piece to address here.

Ms. Halpin said there is a study for build out we are undertaking right now with level of service and projected population. So Staff will know what the gaps are and can use their tool for appropriate acquisition within the limited resources we have. But acquisition is second to development of our current resources.

The Committee discussed how the demographics would inform the priorities for filling gaps.

Ms. Halpin said she and Ms. Lohmann talked about legacy – the amount of money the County invested in that property makes the County accountable to develop because of the money already invested.

Chair Dannenberg asked how they would run the public meetings for evaluating the properties.

Ms. Lohmann said they plan to have a board for every “meatball in the spaghetti of the network” and talk about our partnerships. Although they would call out everything, the board would have just one property one it so it is less cluttered and give the scoring on it. They will see the whole County to clarify it is a county-wide plan. And the public would have a say for what is outside their own community but focus on their space and do a little education. The focus is to be practical. As planners, we tend to write a plan every ten years and put it on a shelf. This plan might not be pretty but it can be used every day. The public can read the plan but this is an opportunity for them to participate. So this is a very different plan from previous plans. We will make it very useful and if she is gone it will be there for someone else to pick up and carry on.

Chair Dannenberg asked how many properties will be covered.

Ms. Lohmann said they will have 8 maps and use an open house style. they haven't figured out how three staff members will cover 8 boards but hope they can have meaningful discussions after introductions and avoid having one or two people dominating a group discussion.

Commissioner Hansen suggested some publicity in the Santa Fe New Mexican.

Ms. Halpin said it would on Friday in both the New Mexican and Journal North and the following week in the Rio Grande Sun and the Independent as well as email blasts in the County.

Chair Dannenberg thought the Committee should make an attempt to cover some of these meetings.

Ms. Halpin asked the Committee members, when Staff describes each area, if they should talk about criteria or about assets.

Member Cedeño said they should talk about assets but they don't have to go into great detail. He asked how Staff are going to capture feedback.

Mr. Olafson said they would use post it notes and then they can write on the display.

Member Parker suggested having a bigger font for summary and if people want to drill down, they can.

Chair Dannenberg agreed that free form input is good. He asked what Staff need from the Committee on the plan.

Ms. Lohmann said they haven't figured that out yet. They plan to have something written by the end of November and calling it the 80% draft. That is two meetings away. We must focus on those things that will move forward to the BCC.

Mr. Olafson thought they could farm out sessions as needed for the Committee's feedback. It might be an easy way to get their feedback.

Chair Dannenberg agreed that would work well.

Ms. Lohmann agreed to give homework assignments and appreciate all feedback. Staff has a debrief tomorrow to move it forward. We'd like to have something to talk about with the public – that we have a draft. And a little bit more detail than we are sharing now. We have a lot to do in a short period of time.

Mr. Olafson complimented Ms. Halpin and Ms. Lohmann for all of their work. This is hours and days and weeks of work.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved by:

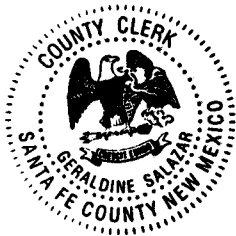
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