

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

January 15, 2013  
4:00 pm

1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Albuquerque, NM  
Large Conference Room

**Members Present:** John Thomas, Ian Maddieson, Gary W. Kelly (late), Anita Kelly (Late), Warren Wild, Valerie Cole, Guy Miller

**Members Absent:** William Schimberg

**Advisory Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** James Lewis, Parks and Recreation; GARTC Staff Liaison, Susannah Abbey (COA, Open Space)

**Staff Members Absent:** None

**Visitors Present:** John Barncastle, Jackie Bouker, Brett Frauenglass

**Call to Order and Introductions**

John Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:05.

**Approval of January 15, 2013 Agenda**

John Thomas moved to approve the agenda, Second by Ian Maddieson, Unanimously Approved 5-0 (note three members absent at time of vote).

**Approval of December 18, 2012 Minutes –**

John Thomas moved to approve the minutes with amendments needed. Add Jackie to “visitors” section. Second by Valerie Cole; all in favor. Motion passes 5-0 (note three members absent at time of vote). Minutes unanimously approved per amendments needed.

**Announcements**

John Thomas attended GABAC meeting and discussed bollard spacing with GABAC. Joint GABAC and GARTC subcommittee was discussed according to John for the update to the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan.

Chuck Malagodi from Parks and Recreation discussed the community bicycle shop and that it is still being constructed but will be open as soon as possible. The committee discussed that James should change the format of the font for the names of the committee members. James is fine with doing so and will be done and shown on the next agenda.

Valerie Cole announced that the National Professional Trail Builders Conference will be held in Albuquerque February 10<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment** – John Barncastle discussed fence issue at South Pino Trail. John discussed landscaping and gravel near Journal Center area (what he calls the Zepol Complex) that was installed by the developers of the adjacent properties with underlying ownership being AMAFCA. Update: owners of “Zepol Complex” have trimmed back the landscaping vegetation to at least three feet. It has been determined by AMAFCA that the gravel will stay as they do not see it as a hazard to users. Parks and Recreation staff cut and filled asphalt in the cracks on this trail and patched other areas nearby while cutting back the vegetation north of the gravel area.

### **Staff Reports**

**Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report** – Putting up signage in the *bosque* around the Central Atrisco area. Way finding signage is a possibility in coordination with the Public Arts Program of the City along the Paseo del Bosque Trail. Anyone seeing unauthorized “trail work” is recommended to call 242-cops or Open Space dispatch.

**James Lewis- Strategic Planning and Design-** Explained that Parks and Rec is in the middle of presenting Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposals to MRCOG and will be asking for several hundred thousand dollars per year for both rehabilitation of trails and new construction of trails from 2014-2019. Trail signs – James and Open Space will be putting up “equestrian” signs along Montano and Paseo del Norte bridges in February. Montano signs have been installed.

Note: Gary and Anita Kelly are now present at meeting

### **Update Items**

**GARTC Membership:** The committee is fully staffed.

### **Discussion, Action Items:**

**Brett Frauenglass (Risk Management):** Brett discussed his role as Safety Design Officer with the City and what his job entails. He spoke about bollards and how they are replaced as quickly as possible but many times they are removed and/or stolen and then people hit the collar and get injured. James and Brett met a week ago and discussed that bollards that are not “needed” will be removed and the collars will be cut and grinded down and filled with concrete. A prototype PVC bollard has been created by Parks and about 10 have been installed; this is to hopefully keep people from stealing the steel bollards and getting money for them from recycling places.

### **GARTC – Election of Chair and Vice Chair for annual year of 2013:**

**Motion:** John moves to elect Ian Maddieson as Chair of GARTC for 2013: **Second by Anita Kelly: Motion approved 7-0.**

**Motion:** John Thomas moves to elect Gary Kelly as Vice Chair of GARTC for 2013. **Second by Guy Miller. Motion approved 7-0.**

**Motion: Valerie Cole moved that both Ian and Gary be nominated by acclamation. Second by Anita Kelly. Motion approved 7-0.**

**GARTC/Gary Kelly - Report on Piedras Marcadas Trail:** John and Gary met with Jerry Lovato from AMAFCA and reported that it had a good outcome and that Mr. Lovato would send a letter to James Lewis. Gary would like James to get chicane diagram from Kelly Shaw that was designed at Guadalupe Trail and send to Jerry Lovato at AMAFCA. James will attempt to get the design from Kelly. James will look into the feasibility of getting the two outer (four total) stationary bollards removed in the Golf Course blvd. median cut.

**GARTC/Staff – GARTC’s Role for new Trail Design:** GARTC would like to be advised of future actions when multi-use trails are being planned and designed so they can provide input as an advisory committee per Committee Ordinance. **Motion: Draft a letter to the appropriate authorities referenced in the GARTC Ordinance reminding them that GARTC should be consulted on current and future greater Albuquerque trail projects. Second by Warren Wild, all in favor 7-0. Put on agenda for next month.**

**Ian Maddieson/Staff – Draft Letter Regarding Trail Map:** Ian is interested in knowing who to address the letter to. GARTC may be able to work with IT at City Hall (Mike Rock) to get an interactive trails map in the works for the City website. Ian brought up that accuracy is crucial. GARTC is looking at the possibility of incorporating trails from City and County Open Space, NPS, USFS, other City and County lands, and any other trails within the greater Albuquerque area. **Note:** Guy Miller had to leave early; not present for any more votes.

**Motion: Valerie moved GARTC empower the new chair to modify the letter per GARTC’s suggestions and send the letter to James. Second by Warren Wild. All in favor 6-0.**

**Motion: John Thomas moved that James changes the format of the “Meeting Agenda” to be easier to read and have the members review it at the next meeting for final approval. Second by Anita Kelly. All in favor 6-0.**

Valerie Cole would like to have a list of all the GARTC members for the next meeting.

**Adjourn: John Thomas made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Warren Wild. All in favor; motion passes 6-0 at 6:11 pm.**

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the January 15, 2013 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on February 19, 2013.

Chairperson – John Thomas

  
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March 19, 2013  
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis

  
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3/19/13  
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