

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 17, 2012

1801 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM
Small Conference Room

Members Present: John Thomas, Ian Maddieson, Gary W. Kelly, Eileen Arellano, William Schimberg

Members Absent: None

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis, Parks and Recreation; GARTC Staff Liaison

Visitors Present: Warren Wild (application submitted for off-road bicyclist member position- awaiting appointment), Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle

Call to Order and Introductions

Staff called the meeting to order at 4:32.

Approval of January Agenda

Unanimously Approved.

Approval of December Minutes –

No minutes due to lack of Committee quorum. Past six months have been study sessions only.

Public Comment –No official public comment.

Announcements

Ian announced that he has continued work on trail user counts and reported that pedestrians are faithful trail users year-round where as he sees less bicycle riders in the winter months than in the summer and warmer months.

Staff Reports

James explained the current projects in design and going to construction:

- The three North Diversion Channel Trail notches are in construction and AMAFCA requires the contractors to be out of the channel by mid May. Comanche and Candelaria will be completed prior to Menaul. Detours will be constructed prior to demolition and construction of the notches.

- The Piedras Marcadas Trail is in the final design phase and the City needs to determine the Right-of-Way status of a City-owned parcel near the subdivision south of Paseo del Norte and west of the shopping center at Golf Course and PdN. There was discussion of the mid-block crossing at Golf Course. Gary stated that if curb cuts and ramps are created or it is an “accessible route” than a crosswalk is necessary. Gary also stated that there are proposed new regulations (not yet ratified) in regards to tactile warning devices. However, Gary stated that tactile warning devices do not adequately warn the person of a crosswalk. Gary talked about the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS); if a project is federally funded it must conform to UFAS.
- La Presa Dam project will require improvements to the traffic signal and pedestrian crossings prior to NMDOT approval. A six foot high chain link fence will be installed to keep people from crossing Unser illegally. At the signal, pedestrian push buttons and countdowns will be installed and curb ramps and the crosswalks will be ADA compliant.

Discussion, Action and Update Items

GARTC Membership: James- Quorum update; this is the first meeting a quorum has been held in half a year or longer. The committee is made up of many newly appointed committee members.

GARTC Procedures and By-laws: James went over the GARTC ordinance (14-13-3-8) and the by-laws on how GARTC is to operate as a committee. James also explained Article 6 of the City’s codes: Public Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Lastly, James explained parliamentary procedures based on Robert’s Rules of Order. Handouts of all the above listed items were given to the GARTC members.

A question came up whether or not the chair can vote. James read and stated that the Chair cannot vote. James will find out and get back to the committee next month. After research was completed by James, it was found that the GARTC ordinance from 1990 states that the Chairperson may only vote in the case of ties but the 2008 ordinance has removed that statement. Therefore, it is believed that the Chairperson may vote on any motion.

Gary Kelly’s wife, Anita has expressed interest in applying for the “west at large” member position. James will confirm with Boards and Commissions that this is allowed.

Voting (motions):

Eileen moved to make a motion to appoint John Thomas as Chair of GARTC. Second by Gary Kelly. All in favor. Motion passes.

Gary moved to make a motion to appoint Ian Maddieson as Vice-Chair of GARTC. Second by Eileen. Vote is 3-2. Motion passes.

Chairman Thomas moved to make a motion that public comment is limited to two minutes. Second by Eileen. Vote is 3-2. Motion passes.

Motion was made by Ian Maddieson that the time and date of GARTC meetings will not change. Second by Bill Schimberg. All in favor. Motion passes. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 4:30 pm. Length of the meetings was not discussed.

John Thomas made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Ian Maddieson. All in favor; motion passes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The foregoing GARTC minutes of January 17, 2012 have been approved as written or with noted comments on February 21, 2012.

Chairperson – John Thomas

Date

Prepared by:

James Lewis