

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

May 20, 2014  
4:00 pm

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

**Members Present:** Ian Maddieson, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, John Thomas, Warren Wild

**Members Absent:** Guy Miller, Bill Schimberg

**Advisory Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Christina Sandoval (COA - Parks and Recreation), Barbara Baca (COA- Parks and Recreation), Carrie Barkhurst (Planning)

**Staff Members Absent:**

**Visitors Present:** Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Susan Kelly, Diane Scena, Julie Luna (MRCOG), Chris Sylvan (Council Services), Scott Hale (GABAC), Sarah Cobb (Senator Udall's office)

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Approval of May 20, 2014 Agenda**

**Motion: Approved Motion passes 5-0.**

**Approval of April 15, 2014 Minutes**

**Motion: Gary Kelly moved to approve minutes with the following to changes: Warren Wild was in attendance and change the spelling from HAWC to HAWK. No second needed. Motion passes 5-0.**

**General Announcements:** Julie Luna from MRCOG requested members to be on the technical committee for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. John Thomas, Gary Kelly, Ian Maddisen all volunteered to help with the plan.

## New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Carrie Barkhurst (Planner/COA Planning Department)** – Next steps to the plan are getting out a new map for review and open house meetings to present the plan to the public. Susan Kelly presented recommendations on advisory board make up and responsibilities to include making one regional committee or keeping the two existing committees. Improved city communication with the public and advisory groups regarding individual project review and the status of the overall system. Maintenance practices and protocols were also discussed, particularly in how to limit goat heads adjacent to the trails

John Thomas as a volunteer feels that trails vegetation should be trimmed beyond three feet. He believes this would improve site distance and improve safety.

Gary Kelly expressed concern about minority interests being lost if the advisory boards were combined.

Map materials in the plan need to be made accessible.

Val Cole worries that the aspects of the equestrian community input would get lost if the groups were combined.

Barbara Baca asked the group to think of an advisory board make up that would represent one system for the City. "What would that governance look like?"

## Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- Letter to Director Baca regarding review of trail design plans prior to construction. **Motion: Gary Kelly moved to not send a letter to Director Baca as the information was delivered at the meeting. Val Cole second. Motion passes 5-0.**
- Beyond Bronze Rating. Albuquerque has a bronze rating by the League of American Bicyclist, Minneapolis has a silver rating, and Portland has a platinum rating. The status of the bikeways was discussed. No action was taken.
- **Letter on Midblock Crossings:** Ian is still in the process of video documenting midblock crossings.
- **Response to USDOT/FHWA Letter:** FHWA sent a letter stating the design for Paseo is appropriate and followed the process of community input. Gary, Val and John will work on editing a response to USDOT/FHWA.
- **Boca Negra Trail:** GARTC will provide comments to staff at the June meeting.

- **Piedras Marcadas/ Golf Course Midblock Crossing:** Update to be given at the June Meeting.
- **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - **GARTC's bollard policy and next steps – Bollard Sub-Committee**  
 Gary and John will address bollards at the May 22, 2014 AMAFCA meeting and present the GARTC bollard policy. The policy was adopted by GARTC **Motion to approve by Gary, second by John. Motion carries 5-0**

**Staff Reports and Project Updates**

Christina stated the FY15 Budget was approved by council Construction is moving to DMD and median maintenance is going to Solid Waste.

Trails day is June 6<sup>th</sup> Open Space and the urban trails will both have volunteer projects.

**Public Comment**

John Barncastle: bridge at Morris on the Paseo de Nordeste Trail was fixed within a week. retractable bollard on Paseo del Norte Trail was down, easy to pull into place. Bear Canyon Trail between Moon and Eubank, front loader is using the trail and damaging the trail.

**Adjourn: Ian moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Second by Gary. All in favor; (motion passes 5-0)**

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the May 20, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on June 17, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson

*Ian Maddieson*

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Date

Prepared by: Christina Sandoval

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11/18/14  
Date