

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 19, 2014
4:00 pm

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

Members Present: Ian Maddieson, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, Warren Wild, Tyler Ashton,

Members Absent: John Thomas, Guy Miller, Bill Schimberg

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA, Parks and Recreation – staff liaison for GARTC)

Staff Members Absent: Christina Sandoval (COA, Parks and Recreation)

Visitors Present: Carrie Barkhurst (COA, Planning), Danny Zamarripa (Wilson and Company), Savina Garcia (Wilson and Company), Linda Rumpf (COA, Planning), John Barncastle, Julie Luna (MRCOG), Brendan Picker (COA, Public Art), Scott Hale (GABAC),

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of August 19, 2014 Agenda

Motion: Ian moved to approve agenda. Motion passes 5-0.

Approval of July 15, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Ian moved to approve minutes with no changes needed. Motion passes 5-0.

General Announcements: Ian announced and provided a handout regarding the possibility to designate Albuquerque as a “Runner Friendly City” which would be similar to how the “Bicycle Friendly City” designation works.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Savina Garcia P.E. (Project Manager Wilson and Company) and Linda Rumpf (COA –Planning)** – Savina and Linda provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the design of the first segment of the 50 Mile Activity Loop and stood for questions. Gary asked that auditory type mechanisms be installed at the traffic signals.

- **Brendan Picker (COA, Public Art)** – Brendan discussed opportunities for public art to be placed along the multi-use trails. He stated that a public poll showed that the number one area people chose for public art were along trail corridors. He asked that GARTC think about areas that would be best suited for public art and whether we go with many smaller projects or a couple more expensive projects that would equal the allocated \$100,000.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- *Discussion on the future GARTC/GABAC Structure:* Tyler and Warren spoke in regards to their position on a different committee structure. **Motion: Ian moved that GARTC remains a distinct committee as members are concerned some classes of trail users will lose their visibility or voice with a merged committee. However, regular joint meetings with GABAC and GARTC are recommended to increase efficiency when common issues arise. GARTC would still meet regularly. Val Cole second. Motion passes 5-0.**
- *Update on the 2040 MRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan.* (Julie Luna – Planner with MRCOG) - Julie handed out ped/bike crash data. The crash must involve a motor vehicle, \$500 of damage, and personal injury. This means a lot of accidents do not get reported into any database. Julie provided some information from the handout regarding crashes. The data is on MRCOG's website as well. The data and up to date information regarding the planning process for the 2040 MTP is on MRCOG's website.
- *Letter on Midblock Crossings:* Ian is still in the process of video documenting midblock crossings and GARTC deferred any action on this topic at this time.
- *Construction at Tingley Beach near the Paseo del Bosque Trail:* Gary discussed that the connections have been finished and the transition from the new paths to the Paseo del Bosque Trail is smooth and well-constructed.
- *Piedras Marcadas/ Golf Course Midblock Crossing:* James sent GARTC the 90% plan set out a week prior to the GARTC meeting and explained in writing each page for Gary. Everything on the plans looks good except for the truncated domes on facing the sidewalks. Those will be removed. Tyler explained there is a flooding issue. James will bring this up to HDR as well as traffic control for any detours needed during construction.
- *Discussion of a Support Letter to the EPC for the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan:* Carrie will send James the staff report on August 28th. Unpaved trails need to be addressed more in the Plan. **Motion: Does GARTC support writing a letter in support of the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan? A motion that passes means that GARTC is in support of writing a letter. Second by Warren Wild. Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- o Sub-Committee to write a letter of support for the BWTFP – Motion: Ian made a motion that a subcommittee be created to write the letter of support to the EPC for the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan. Gary, Tyler, and Ian volunteered to be on the subcommittee and draft a letter to the EPC. Second by Valerie Cole. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Staff Reports and Project Updates

James brought up two announcements. One is that the Richard Rivas Memorial Bike Ride for 2014 is Saturday the 23rd of August. The second announcement is to save the date for Albuquerque’s first Ciqlovia where Mountain Rd. will be closed to vehicular traffic on September 21 from 10-3 which allows for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy the road without the worry of motor vehicles. There will be shopping, food, live music, and other activities. Repaving Paseo del Norte Trail between Barstow and Eubank is finished with exception to the access from the western side of Barstow connecting to Carmel. The Bear Arroyo Trail from Jefferson to the North Diversion Channel Trail with the spur off to Osuna is finished except that we will need to add a curb to a section where there is runoff drainage damaging the trail. James met with a structural engineer to determine the best solution for replacing the boards along the NDC Trail with a better material. James is looking into creating a public trail along the Duranes ditch between the I-40 east trail south to Mountain Rd.

Public Comment

John Barncastle: City van parked on side of trail and had left a gate open. A gate (either DMD or PNM) has been left open over three months near Louisiana and Jerry Cline (Paseo de las Mantanas Trail). Another gate (either NMDOT or neighborhood association) at end of Jerry Cline Park has been run into and needs to be fixed. John was upset that a maintenance truck was blocking the Paseo de las Mantanas Trail while the workers were patching cracks. James spoke to Park Management about using orange cones and other warning devices. Ian noted that he was jogging while park management was mowing and they were courteous to him and stopped all work to let him go by them.

Adjourn: Ian moved to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Second by Gary. All in favor; (motion passes 5-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the August 19, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on September 16, 2014.

Vice Chairperson – Gary W. Kelly

11/18/14
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis

11/18/14
Date

