

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting notes (No Quorum)**

February 17, 2015
4:00 pm

3rd Floor Conference Room, Room 304
Old City Hall (Fifth and Marquette NW, Albuquerque, NM)

Members Present: John Thomas, Valerie Cole, Tyler Ashton, Warren Wild

Members Absent: Guy Miller, (Gary Kelly, resigned)

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Christina Sandoval (COA - Parks and Recreation), Carol Dumont (COA – Parks and Recreation), Carrie Barkhurst (Planning)

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker, Julie Luna (MRCOG), Jill Mosher (NMDOT), Susan Kelly, Mike Meisinger (APD), Amanda Wild (APD), Chris Wetterlund (APD), Anthony Martinez (APD Open Space)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson John Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of January 20, 2015 Agenda

Motion: No Quorum

Approval of December 16, 2014 Minutes

Motion: No Quorum

General Announcements: Gary Kelly has resigned from GARTC. Guy Miller may resign. Chairperson Thomas will contact him.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations (None scheduled for this month)

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- Carrie Barkhurst (Planner/COA Planning Department) – The Bikeways and Trails Plan was heard at the second LUPZ meeting w/recommendation to forward to City Council. The Plan will be heard at City Council on date to be announced.
- Trail Safety issues – Representatives from APD and APD Open Space presented history of APD and APD Open Space patrolling of trails and importance of personal responsibility, reporting to Police unusual behavior or individuals that appear “out of place “ by contacting 242COPS or 911. 911 can capture location from cell phone call. More calls will result in more bike officers assigned to that area. Additional suggestions included marking trails with distance or location markings so trail users could report their locations, possible lighting improvements, emergency boxes along

trails or use of security or surveillance cameras in the area. Additionally, increasing bike patrols can be effective. Also have groups ask for presentations about personal attitudes and strategies, increasing awareness and changing public behavior.

- Tyler Ashton discussed new intersection developments that have impacted trail uses at Ventana Ranch Park traffic light, and Irving and Universe, as well as drainage and paving issues on McMahon and on PDN.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Defer reports to next meeting due to no quorum present. Quorum is always 5 in committee of 8 regardless of number of participants according to P & R and City Clerk.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

- Christina Sandoval reported that the Golf Course mast arms have been delayed as the parts did not come in as expected.
- Jill Mosher and Scott Hale will be meeting to discuss multi-use trail design. Headline trail will be completed in June. PDN by 2017.

Public Comment

- Julie Luna inquired about how to close gap at El Pueblo and railroad tracks. Susan Kelly does not think the tracks are used anymore and, if so, could this alignment be at trail?
- Discussion about new trail at Jefferson/I-25, Channel Road/North Diversion Channel Trail bridges, future improvements.

Adjourn: Adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

Chairperson – John Thomas

John M Thomas
Date Mar 17, 2015

Prepared by: Christina Sandoval

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