

GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes



April 17, 2018
3:30 pm



Meeting Place: Parks and Recreation Administration,
1801 4th St NW

Members Present: Kathleen Rhoad, Valerie Cole, Tyler Ashton, Warren Wild, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent: None

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Dave Simon, PRD Director; Christina Sandoval, PRD; Philip Clelland, PRD; Jason Coffey (Staff), PRD

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: None

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. Quorum is present. Committee members and meeting attendees introduce themselves.

Approval of April 17, 2018 Agenda

Valerie Cole moved to approve the agenda, Kathleen Rhoad seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Approval of March 20, 2017 Minutes

Kathleen Rhoad moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Valerie Cole seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

Valerie Cole would like to know the status of the letter sent to Department of Municipal Development regarding the request for a HAWK signal at Montano and the Griegos Lateral.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

GARTC Website Update

Philip Clelland introduces himself and explains the current status of the website and plans to revamp the City website. The Mayor would like to have the City's website revamped so we need to keep that in mind. The current platform is limited but there are options and Mr Clelland is happy to take the committee members ideas. He goes on to say that his understanding is the committee would like to add images and links to other resources and that is definitely possible. Kathleen Rhoad described some of the ideas she has for the web page, including links to additional trails resources. Valerie Cole mentions the Equestrian Advisory Commission would like specific information on parking options for people with horse trailers, and also mentions ABQ the Plan as a

resource to get nice photos of trails for the webpage. Tyler Ashton suggests using the GARTC acronym after the first instance in which the full title is spelled out. Adding photos to the site is reiterated, and specifically photos highlighting the multi-use nature of the trail network. ABQ the Plan is mentioned as a resource for great photographs and Director Simon says Dekker Parrish Sabatini have all the photos for the ABQ the Plan website, and adds that adding videos would be a nice feature to highlight. Staff mentions including a meeting schedule, with location information in tabular form would be a nice addition to the website.

National Trails Day

Staff introduces National Trails Day is Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 9am to 11am, and mentions the tribute event for Bill Kraemer. The event will provide an opportunity to pull weeds and remove litter. Staff will work with Parks Management, Volunteer and Park Use Coordinator to get volunteers. Ian Maddieson mentions using the Open Space web page to steer Trails Day over flow volunteer towards our urban trail stewardship project.

Trail Project Program

Staff distributes a spreadsheet shown the current and upcoming trail project and introduces the topic of programming and the desire to include the committee in programming efforts. There is a general conversation about available funding and bond funding. There is a general conversation about potential projects and Ian Maddieson mentions the Bear Tributary to Academy Hills Park, the park has a nice trail loop but the arroyo leading to it does not. The Embudito Arroyo east of Eubank is an opportunity as well. The Tijeras arroyo to the east is also an available corridor, but none are included in the trail plan. Tyler Ashton mentions the need for more grade separated crossings of Coors Blvd. There is a general conversation about finding the balance between operations & maintenance and capital projects. The goal is to show the needs for both O&M and capital and help tell the story of the trails network in a positive light while highlighting how much better the network could be with more funding.

Committee Member Recruitment

Christina Sandoval informs the committee that two new members were approved at the City Council meeting on 4/16/18. Likhaya Daylie was appointed to the Runners and Joggers seat and Travis Davis was appointed to the Physically Challenged seat. Staff will work with the new members so they can attend the next meeting. A question was asked about committee member applicant Geoffrey Tweed whose application has been subject to seemingly complete inaction although it predates the new members' applications by a year or more.

Connections to on and off street facilities

Staff mentions the letter sent to DMD regarding the issue and lack of response and there is a general conversation about where these connections are lacking and how to better coordinate projects. Director Simon shares the idea to include connections between facilities in the project review process utilized by the City.

Kathleen Rhoad asks Director Simon if he is willing to share his vision for the trails network and talk about his background. Director Simon goes on to describe his background in general and as it specifically relates to trails and shares his vision for the Department and highlights the priorities of Mayor Keller's administration.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Staff Report, Jason Coffey, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation Department

Gail Ryba Bridge Approach- Work on this project is nearing completion. The next step is to hydro seed the slope and that work will be performed by the Open Space Division. Open Space's crews are all working on Bosque restoration and vegetation control projects until April 15 so no work on the hydro seeding will take place until after 4/15. Some materials are needed for the seeding and Parks Construction is working on procurement of those materials. I don't have specific timeline for the completion of the entire project but we getting closer. Once the work is done the slope will receive supplemental irrigation for a temporary irrigation system that was installed long the top of the slope, this will enhance the likelihood of good results from the seeding.

North Diversion Channel Bridge- The concrete was poured on 4/5 and 7 day break can back above 3000 psi so in terms of strength the deck is in good shape. The concrete work came out a bit rough and the contractor is working to smooth out the surface and may need to use a bit of mortar in a couple spots and the engineer is evaluating the submittal for the product they have suggested using. If the mortar does not achieve the desired results we may have them do an epoxy overlay on the deck as the final finish. The project team met on site 4/13 to get our game plan in order and I am hoping we can have bridge open in about a week, but we will have to see how the final finish work looks before we schedule the opening.

Alameda Drain Trail- April 12, 2018 was the deadline for consultants to have their design proposals submitted and the final scoring meeting is set for May 1, 2018. The funding agreement is still making its way through the signature routing process and I am optimistic the consultant selection process and the funding agreement process will come together in a reasonable time frame to allow us to start design work on the project as soon as we can.

Four Hills Trail- This project is scheduled to begin May 7, 2018 and be finished by May 25, 2018. It will consist of a crack fill and seal coat with new striping and removal of the old style bollards.

Ladera Dam Trail-Parks received additional cost estimates for this project and we now have one estimate at \$248k and one for \$278k that includes some base course to shoulder up the dam and help prevent the edges from eroding away. We need to make a decision on this project soon and I favor the base course option. Councilor Sanchez's office is involved as well so we will provide them with what we are willing to pay for and if they have additional funding for mulch or some other landscaping materials then we will add that. Otherwise, Parks is just willing to pay for the trail, so there is a bit more coordination needed but we are getting closer.

Trail Planner Position-The candidate accepted our conditional offer so I need to work with HR staff on the next steps, but no time line yet for when they might actually start work.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the April 17, 2018 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on May 15, 2018.

Chairperson – Tyler Ashton

Signature Date

Prepared by – Jason Coffey

Signature Date