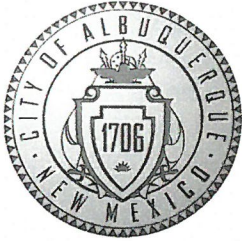
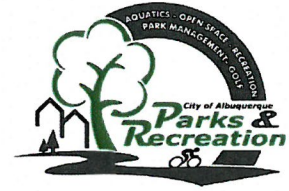


GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 16, 2017
3:30 pm



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



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

Members Absent: Ron Cossey

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Jason Coffey, PRD; Valerie Hermanson, MRCOG

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m. Quorum is present.

Approval of May 16, 2017 Agenda

Ian Maddieson moved to approve the agenda, second by Valerie Cole. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Approval of April 18, 2017 Minutes

Edits to the April minutes were provided by the chair. Valerie Cole moved to approve the minutes as amended, Tyler Ashton seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

- Bike to Work Day is May 19th, 2017. Bike to Work Day is this Friday and staff will be participating at one of the cycle stops.
- National Trails Day is June 3rd, 2017. The event is on Saturday, June 3, 2017 on the Paseo del Nordeste Trail just east of San Mateo next to Erna Ferguson Library. The event starts at 9am.
- Bosque Siphon Bridge grand opening is May 23, 2017 at 10:15am. The committee members are encouraged to attend. There is a general conversation regarding the flooding of the trail just north of the new bridge. Warren Wild recommends anyone in attendance bring bug repellent.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Donated Bike Pump Location Update

The pump locations are discussed and the idea of adding steel braided hose is discussed. (Review recording) Staff informs the committee regarding the pump locations. One of the pumps will be placed at the National Trails Day event site, east of San Mateo on Paseo del Nordeste. We are

going to go with one at Los Altos Skate Park, at the Gabaldon Place Bosque access and we are putting the fourth one on west I-40 near the bike and pedestrian bridge north of I-40. We are open to ideas for other locations because we were given 6 pumps and we are only putting four out for now to see how this test unfolds. But, we are looking at the possibility of expanding this if it turns out to be successful. We decided there was no need to rush it and to be a bit more conservative and put out more pumps based on how it goes. The committee members ask what type of monitoring the pumps will receive. Staff explains that there isn't a formal plan but and we don't have specific measure of success. So it will all be anecdotal, if we see them getting used that will be a good sign, if they don't get vandalized then that will be a good sign. But, if the pumps don't show any wear and tear or vandalism then we may not have them in the right location. Basically, we will evaluate as we go and make adjustments as needed. Staff continues to explain the idea is to install the pump during the trails day event to get some action shots for the media. Committee member brings up the option of replacing the pump's rubber hose with steel braided hose to prevent the hose from being cut as easily. Staff thinks that is a good idea and that maybe what happens if the hoses get cut.

Committee Member Recruitment

There is a brief general conversation about committee member attendance and staff has no new information from Carmen Ortiz on potential nominees.

National Trails Day Project

Staff describes the project location and the activities associated with the event. The location will be the Paseo del Nordeste starting just east of San Mateo next to Erna Ferguson Library. We plan to set up base camp in the auxiliary parking lot north of the arroyo. We will move east from the initial location depending on the number of participants. Hopefully, the weather will be nice and it will be a fun event.

Bear Canyon Trail at Academy

Ian Maddieson distributes a letter drafted to DMD regarding the lack of adequate access from the bike lane to the multi-use trail. Staff mentions Ron Romero as a person to send the letter to, the manager of the Engineering Division. The content of the letter is discussed by the committee members to ensure it contains the wording they want describing the solution. Staff mentions the DMD ADA efforts focused on sidewalks and curb ramps and that this issue affects curb ramps and sidewalks. There is a general conversation regarding involving GABAC in this conversation about access between various facility types. Staff updates the committee on some of the conversations taking place at the GABAC meetings regarding access between on-street and off-street facilities. Committee members discuss adding more language to the letter explaining the need for better planning for connections between facilities and looking at the network as a whole and not just as discrete projects.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Ian Maddieson raises the issue of the new bike map. There was some discussion about providing some input into the new version but we have not heard anything further. Staff explains the process and that the opportunity was not provided for a lengthy review. The next few months' worth of meetings should include bike map discussion.

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

The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study is progressing. I expect the final bridge report and the second draft of the trails report to be submitted the week of May 15. The goal is to have a majority

of the project, other than the GIS training, completed by the end of June. The 90% plans for the sign pilot project should be submitted by the end of May and the sign standard details should be available middle of June.

North Diversion Channel Rail Crossing Agreement, I have not heard anything more from Real Property as of 5/11/17.

Singer Bridge and Notch construction is complete.

I-40 West Channel Extension construction continues. I did attend a project meeting but the paving work for the trail won't take place until July. So, once work on the trail paving begins I will attend the project meeting regularly.

Bear Canyon Arroyo Bridge over I25, the Parks Management crews continue to monitor and patch as needed. I passed along a complaint I heard at GABAC to Parks Management that the heaving surface had created some uncomfortable bumps. The crew will address as needed.

Unser Trail Erosion Control is on hold until the use of the Open Space hydro seeder can be arranged. But compost was spread so once the seeding does take place we hope it will take and grow well.

Bike to Work Day is Friday May 19, 2017.

National Trails Day is June 3, 2017 and we are going to have our project on the Paseo del Nordeste Trail starting just east of San Mateo. The project will consist of weed and litter removal and vegetation trimming as needed.

Donating bicycle pumps-We are working to have 4 of the 6 pumps installed prior to National Trails Day. The four locations are; Los Altos, West I-40, Paseo del Nordeste @ San Mateo, and Paseo del Bosque @ Gabaldon. We plan to unveil the pumps on National Trails Day and the Paseo del Nordeste location is where our trails day project is beginning. We will monitor the pumps and relocate them if needed.

Gail Ryba Bridge Approach erosion control project is moving forward slowly. The Parks Construction crew is going to set up a test of the watering system so we can get an idea of how far the water can reach. The test will be set up at a current park project location to make the logistics more feasible. There is no set timeline but the watering test should happen in the next month or so. Once we know approximately how far the watering reaches we will plan our seeding and planting plan accordingly.

North Diversion Channel Bridge just south of Osuna has a deteriorating deck. The current deck is made from wooden planks and instead of replacing the planks we are accelerating our deck replacement project. Parks is adding a supplemental agreement to the Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study to have AECOM design a new deck and load rate the new materials to ensure the bridge will continue to perform well. We hope to utilize light weight concrete to pour one smooth uniform surface. The agreement is at City Hall for approval and the construction will be done by an on-call contractor using the design from AECOM. I don't know specifically when the work will take place but I hope it is in the next month or two. The construction will result in a trail detour but a relatively simple detour route is available.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: Meeting is adjourned at 4:55pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the May 16, 2017 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on June 20, 2017.

Chairperson - Kathleen Rhoad

Kathleen Rhoad
Signature

July 18, 2017
Date

Prepared by - Jason Coffey

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Signature

7/18/17
Date