

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE
Summary (No quorum)**



June 20, 2017
3:30 pm



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

Members Present: Ian Maddieson, Valerie Cole, Kathleen Rhoad

Members Absent: Ron Cossey, Tyler Ashton (Excused), Warren Wild

Advisory Members Present: None

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

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. Quorum is not present.

Approval of June 20, 2017 Agenda

No quorum.

Approval of May 16, 2017 Minutes

No quorum.

General Announcements:

Valerie Hermanson explains Bike to work Day counts for each stop. These are preliminary numbers the surveys are still being tallied so the numbers are likely to rise somewhat. But, the preliminary numbers for each cycle stop are; Civic Plaza 159, Erna Ferguson Library 84, Gail Ryba Bridge 62, UNM/NDC/Tucker 124, Journal Center Rail Runner 50, Uptown Transit Center 71, International District/Sandia Labs 45, West Side 24, Bio Park 35, Dolores Huerta Park 28, Montgomery and Tramway Trail 17, Wyoming and South Domingo Baca 39.

Ian Maddieson brings up the bike pump situation and what is the plan for repairing or replacing them? Staff says there is not a plan, but there are two pumps remaining, so we will look for an opportunity to deploy the two we still have. There is a general discussion regarding the pumps and the dynamics of where to install them and how they get used and why they are vandalized.

Staff reports that the National Trails Day event was successful and a document is shared with photos from the event. There is a general discussion regarding next year's event and how to continue to grow the volunteer numbers.

Ian Maddieson brings up the siphon bridge and mentions that the event was postponed again and is now tentatively scheduled for August. There is a general discussion about the flooding and current river levels.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Bike Map Review

The Chair introduces the Bike Map review item and the fact that we are hoping to have this as an ongoing item so GARTC can have some input prior to the 2018 version. One thing we should discuss is our philosophy regarding how the map is displayed and what information is included. (Review the recording for the discussion).

Donated Pump Update

This item was discussed and a photo of the damaged pump at Los Altos is included in the staff report.

Committee Member Recruitment

No new information and staff will coordinate with Carmen Ortiz regarding new members and staff will ask Ron Cossey what his status is.

National Trails Day Project

The photos from the event get reviewed.

Connections from On-Street to Off-Street Facilities

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

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

The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study is progressing. The bridge report and the trail report are substantially complete, with only a few revisions I requested still outstanding. I expect to have the 95% signage pilot project plans by the end of June. The plan is to take the sign project through DRC review with the consultants. I am hoping the entire project is complete by the end of July or beginning of August.

North Diversion Channel Rail Crossing Agreement, I have not heard anything more from Real Property as of 6/14/17.

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 requested the Parks Management construction supervisor review the bridge surface and develop a plan to address two locations where the surface is heaving. As of 6/14/17 I have not heard what solution they are proposing, but if nothing else, the areas just need to be knocked down.

Unser Trail Erosion Control remains 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 was a success. I don't have the final numbers on how many cyclists visited the stops. I was stationed at South Domingo Baca and Wyoming stop and we had about 25 people visit.

National Trails Day was a success. We had about a dozen volunteers and we were able to fill about 50 trash bags with weeds and litter and do some painting of the gazebo at San Pedro. We split up the group and some folks were ferried up to San Pedro to remove weeds and litter and do the painting.

Donating bicycle pumps-So far the pumps are not faring well. The pump at west I-40 was stolen, completely removed; all that was left were two of the bolts. The pump lasted a couple weeks at most. The pump at Los Altos lasted four or five weeks and was reportedly being used frequently (according to Park Management), but it was totally destroyed overnight Saturday, June 10th. See the attached photo of the aftermath. The pump at the Gabaldon Bosque access parking is broken right at the valve head, so that one only lasted four or five weeks before breaking.



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 is waiting for another requisition to approve the funding for the supplemental agreement. People have been on vacation so this has been moving more slowly than I anticipated, but by next week we should have the supplement approved. Then the consultants will design the deck replacement and provide an engineers estimate. Parks will then evaluate whether we should go with our on-call contractor or if we need to go out to bid.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: Meeting ended at 5:20pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the June 20, 2017 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on July 18, 2017.

Chairperson – Kathleen Rhoad

Signature

Date

Prepared by – Jason Coffey

Signature

Date