

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes**



July 18, 2017  
3:30 pm

**Meeting Place: Parks and Recreation Administration,  
1801 4<sup>th</sup> St NW**



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

**Members Absent:** Ron Cossey, Ian Maddieson

**Advisory Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Jason Coffey, PRD; Jonathan Strickland, PRD Intern;

**Staff Members Absent:** None

**Visitors Present:** Jackie Bouker

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Quorum is present.

**Approval of July 18, 2017 Agenda**

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

**Approval of June 20, 2017 Minutes**

No quorum at the June 20, 2017 meeting but a summary of the conversation is presented. Valerie Cole moved to approve the meeting summary as presented, Warren Wild seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

**General Announcements:**

Valerie Cole had a question about 12<sup>th</sup> and I-40, and on concerns raised by member of the Near North Valley Neighborhood Association who sometimes walks along on 12<sup>th</sup> St. The jersey barrier separating the travel lane from the sidewalk is opaque and you cannot see if there are people on the sidewalk who are sleeping before you get right up them. Could a bridge barrier or some other type of see-through barrier be used so pedestrians can see if anyone is sleeping on the sidewalk from across the street? Staff will find out if the area under I-40 on 12<sup>th</sup> St is the City's responsibility or NMDOT.

Tyler Ashton provides an update to inform the committee that the state has awarded a contract to plan a Rio Grande Trail to Alta Planning. There is a general conversation about the Rio Grande Trail and if the City is involved. Staff has not been involved but assumes someone from the City is involved.

There is a general conversation about comments staff received from Mr. Vechinski relating to support for Rio Grande Trail and I-25 pedestrian/bicycle crossing.

**Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:**

**Electric Assist Bicycles**

Staff provides background on the ordinance and describes some of the inquiries from the public about the use of e-bikes on the trails. The text of the ordinance is discussed and staff asks the committee to think about the issue and decide if there is a mismatch between the ordinance and what could be acceptable use of certain types of e-bikes on the trails. Is it a problem, should we do something about it, and what the corrected ordinance would include are all questions for the committee to consider? Staff informs the committee that other states and counties have updated their ordinances to allow some types e-bikes and that maybe it is time to review Albuquerque's ordinance in regard to these types of bikes. Jackie Bouker describes past efforts and in the past the committee wanted the ordinance to not allow any motorized vehicles on the trails and that the ordinance reflects what the committee wanted at the time. The tricky nature of enforcement is discussed as well. There is a general conversation about types of e-bikes and what types of riders choose e-bikes.

**Committee Member Recruitment**

The chair informs the committee that Ron Cossey has resigned.

**Connections from on-street to off-street**

Revisit when Ian gets back- staff requests a committee member to reach out to GABAC if that is the direction GARTC chooses

**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 complete, with only a few revisions I requested to the bridge report map still outstanding. I expect to have the 95% signage pilot project plans by the end of July and the plan remains 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 7/14/17.

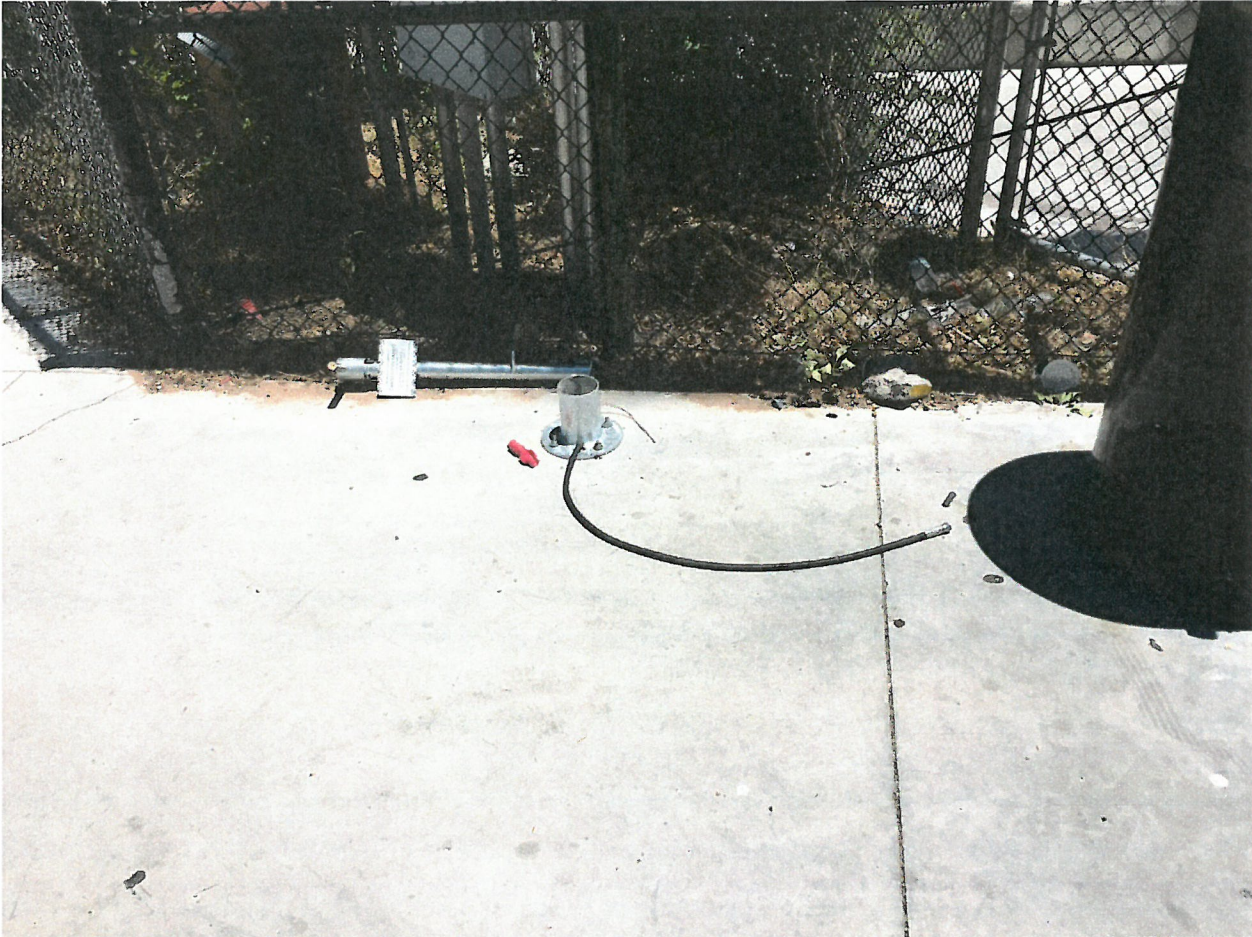
**I-40 West Channel Extension** construction continues. I do not have an update, but I hope to attend a project meeting the week of 7/17 to get an update on the progress.

**Bear Canyon Arroyo Bridge** over I25, the Parks Management crews continue to monitor and patch as needed. I requested the Parks Management construction supervisor to review the bridge surface and develop a plan to address two locations where the surface is heaving. As of 7/13/17 I have seen a few more minor patches laid down by Parks Management, but there has been no change to the overall condition.

**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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. There has been no change since the June GARTC meeting.



**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 the week of 7/17 and hopefully will help inform the extent of the project area.

**North Diversion Channel Bridge** just south of Osuna is waiting for final notice to proceed, but the agreement is signed and it should move forward quickly from here with a design. Once the design and engineers estimate are complete we will determine the best approach for construction.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm.

**The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the July 18, 2017 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on August 15, 2017.**

**Chairperson - Kathleen Rhoad**

Kathleen Rhoad  
Signature

October 17, 2017  
Date

**Prepared by - Jason Coffey**

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Signature

10/24/17  
Date