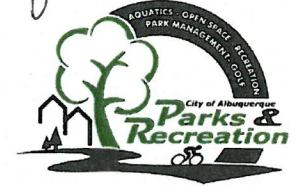


GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017
3:30 pm

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



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J. S. Smith*

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

Members Absent: None

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Jason Coffey, PRD;

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: None

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. Quorum is present.

Approval of August 15, 2017 Agenda

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

Approval of July 18, 2017 Minutes

Tyler Ashton moved to approve the minutes as presented, Warren Wild seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

The chair shares materials from the statewide Rio Grande Trail planning effort. The timeline for the project planning is reviewed based on the materials displayed at the meeting and the fact that Tyler is involved due to Wilson being a sub-contractor on the project. How the project develops remains to be seen, but GARTC would like to have a presentation regarding the project.

The Uniform Crash Report form is reviewed. There is a general conversation regarding the Uniform Crash Report from NMDOT and specifically how the form contributes to spotty reporting of crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

Ian Maddieson informs the committee that the official opening of the Bosque Trail Siphon Bridge took place. There were trail users coming through during the ceremony and the ceremony was lovely.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Committee Member Recruitment

There is no new information, but Ron Cossey has resigned. Ian Maddieson spoke to Jeffery Tweed and he says his application is in progress and he has heard nothing. There is a general conversation regarding outreach efforts and the vacant seats.

Connections from on-street to off-street

The chair confirms that Ian Maddieson sent a letter in May to the Department of Municipal Development and has not heard any reply. Ian Maddieson sent additional copies after being informed the addressee had moved to a different position, but again has not heard any response. The second letter was sent in July. There is a general conversation about the process and the updated Integrated Development Ordinance.

Bike Map and Pedestrian Resources

The chair introduces this as an ongoing issue and staff describes the current staffing challenges at DMD that have made getting changes to the bike map included in each printing. The idea of adding "Trail" to the title of the map is discussed as one of the possible changes to communicate to the public that the map is not just a bike map. Other trails, prescription trails, forest service and other trails that do not fit neatly with the existing bike map or are not shown entirely on any map. There is interest from the committee to have the DMD project manager come to GARTC and discuss the map. The GABAC has requested the map become a bicycle level of service map and that may or may not affect the map's usability for non-bike riders. The committee reviews the online maps to get a sense of what type of trail and pedestrian information is presented. Also discussed is the idea of creating a separate pedestrian guide and some of the advantages and challenges of a standalone pedestrian guide.

Electric Assist Bicycles Ordinance

The chair introduces the electric assist bicycles ordinance and reviews what we have previously discussed. There has not been any change, although, there was another inquiry from a citizen. Staff reviews what has been discussed and presented and the challenge associated with this issue. The questions are; is it a problem, should we do something about it, and what would the correct ordinance be? One reason to keep this on our agenda is that the types of riders who use e-bike tend to be folks who are less confident and may not ride with the e-bike assist. So if we refined our ordinance we might be able to get more people out of cars and the various benefits from reducing vehicle miles traveled, air quality, health, etc.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

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

The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study is nearing completion. The trail signage pilot project had a preliminary DRC review on 8/9 and there were a few comments and changes that need to be made to the plans. Once those changes are complete a signature session will be scheduled with DRC. Once that is complete all that remains to provide Parks staff with training on the GIS, and then the project should be done.

I-40 West Channel Extension construction continues. I do not have an update.

Bear Canyon Arroyo Bridge over I25, the Parks Management crews finalized the asphalt patches they had been working on and there will be a final walk-through the week of 8/14, but no date is set for the final yet. I have been checking up on the progress as the work has proceeded and I think it is on improvement from the previous condition.

Unser Trail Erosion Control, no update

Gail Ryba Bridge Approach- The water test has not happened but we still want this project to move forward, it is unclear what the next steps are and we are discussing internally what our options are to see if we can push this one along.

North Diversion Channel Bridge- I jumped the gun on this one, the agreement is not yet fully executed but is in the final lap of the signature race. Once the executed agreement is on hand we get the all clear, then design work will begin. I don't anticipate it will take more than a week or two to get the design finalized, but there is not a firm timeline for the project at this point.

Mountain Rd NW Bosque Access Closure- The Mountain Rd NW Bosque access trail will be closed starting Monday, August 14, 2017 through August 18, 2017. The MRGCD has vegetation and tree maintenance work they need to complete along the Bosque access at the west end of Mountain Rd NW. Private property is at risk of being damaged by falling tree limbs so for MRGCD it is a bit of a rush job. The trail needs to close due to safety concerns for trail users during the project. The closure was put out via Parks' website and there is a variable message board has been on-site since 8/9. Please see the diagram below for detour route and project location.



Mountain Rd NW Bosque Access Closure:

August 14, 2017 through August 18, 2017

Detour Route:

Gabaldon Dr NW / I-40 Trail



Public Comment:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the August 15, 2017 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on September 19, 2017.

Chairperson - Kathleen Rhoad

Kathleen Rhoad

Signature

Nov 21, 2017

Date

Prepared by - Jason Coffey

Jason Coffey

Signature

12/14/17

Date