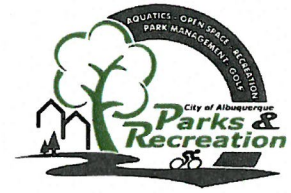


**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2017
3:30 pm

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



Members Present: Kathleen Rhoad, Valerie Cole, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent: Warren Wild, Tyler Ashton

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 3:33 p.m. Quorum is present.

Approval of September 19, 2017 Agenda

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

Approval of August 15, 2017 Minutes

Ian Maddieson moved to approve the minutes as presented, Valerie Cole seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

Valerie Cole presents an article from the Journal showing that horses are not the main contributors to the manure present in the Bosque. "Do Bears.....in the woods" and requests the article be included in the minutes.

Jason Coffey (Staff) announces he was promoted to Senior Planner but will still staff the committee until his replacement is hired and will still be involved even after the new Trails Planner is hired.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Committee Member Recruitment

Nothing new, Kathleen Rhoad will contact Carmen Ortiz regarding status of applicants for GARTC..

Connections from on-street to off-street

No new information, there is a discussion about how to get the letter to the correct staff at DMD and whether to include GABAC.

Bike Map and Pedestrian Resources

The Chair introduces the topic as an on-going item for the committee to discuss and evaluate and distributes a map of ABQ attractions as an example of one type of Map. The committee continues to discuss the state of the current bike map and what changes could be made to improve the information on the map for non-bicycle trail users. Staff attempts to frame the issue as wanting to broaden the reach of the story being told about the trails via the publications the City produces. There is a general conversation about types of maps and features and facilities within and around the City that could be included in a revised map. There is a general acknowledgement that the current bike map addresses only bicyclists yet is the only publication from the City showing the multi-use trail network. Ian Maddieson brings up the issue of whether we want to have content added to the one main bike map or create a separate map for pedestrians'. Jackie Bouker suggested the need to add where equestrian users are allowed to the bike map. Ian Maddieson is looking for the connections between trail systems and networks to be improved. There is a general conversation about the elements of an improved bike map mentioned and how to integrate those additional elements into one map that is still clearly understandable by a wide verity of users. The Chair mentions that staff recommends adding "Trail" to the map title so it reads "Bike and Trail Map", and the committee is supportive of the idea.

Ian Maddieson moved to have the existing ABQ Bike map be renamed the ABQ Bike and Trail Map with more focus on the complete representation of trails and a greater effort to include trail connections. Valerie Cole seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Valerie Cole moved to recommend, due to intense non-motorized recreational use of the Griegos Drain that the crossing with Montano Rd NW would be well served by a HAWK signal. Ian Maddieson seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

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

Staff was on family and medical leave and did not provide a written staff report for the meeting, but does review the staff report from August and provide the updates he is aware of on the projects from the past month. Trail Counters are the biggest update staff is aware of, the counters are being installed starting the end of week (week of 9/18). Staff describes the technology the counters utilize and the locations of the counters and the installation methods. Two of the five counters will be installed this week and the remaining three will be installed next week. There is a general conversation about the positive and negative aspects of the chosen locations. Staff explains the need for short duration counts to complement these permanent locations to generate a more complete picture of trail use. There is also discussion of the role Mid-Region Council of Governments will play in analyzing the data and hopefully continue to grow the non-motorized component of the current vehicle counts done by MRCOG.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the September 19, 2017 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on October 17, 2017.

Chairperson - Kathleen Rhoad

Kathleen Rhoad
Signature

Nov 21, '17
Date

Prepared by - Jason Coffey

Jason Coffey
Signature

12/14/17
Date

