

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

December 16, 2014
4:00 pm

1801 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, Warren Wild, John Thomas, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent: Guy Miller, Tyler Ashton, Bill Schimberg

Advisory Members Present: Jill Mosher (NMDOT- District 3)

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA, Parks and Recreation), Christina Sandoval (COA, Parks and Recreation), Kent Swanson (COA, Parks and Rec/Open Space Division)

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Michael Riordan (COA – Chief Operating Officer), Julie Luna (MRCOG), Johnny M. Perea (NMDOT- District 3), Carrie Barkhurst (COA, Planning), Gabe Campos (COA, Human Rights Officer)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Approval of December 16, 2014 Agenda:

Motion: Ian moved to approve agenda. Second by Gary. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Approval of November 18, 2014 Minutes:

Motion: Ian moved to approve minutes with no changes needed. Second by Gary. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

General Announcements: James announced that he has accepted a position as Assistant Open Space Superintendent with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Open Space Division and starts that position at the end of December. December 2014 (this meeting) will be James's last GARTC meeting as staff for GARTC. Christina Sandoval will take over as staff liaison for GARTC starting January 2015. James thanked GARTC for their time serving on a public committee.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Michael Riordan P.E. (COA- Chief Operating Officer)** – *Recognition and thank you from GARTC* – Most GARTC members took time to individually thank Mr. Riordan for his positive contributions to GARTC concerns and his responsiveness to issues they brought up to him. Mr. Riordan also thanked GARTC for their contribution to the GARTC committee and volunteering their time and efforts on issues passionate to them regarding public trail infrastructure.
- **Gabe Campos (COA – Human Rights Officer)** – *ADA and access information for multi-use trails and related infrastructure* – Gabe and Gary Kelly both discussed a handout that Gary brought and passed around regarding “Information Access Considerations” – an overview and intended to identify areas that can be addressed by the COA. It is guidance to the COA with respect to trails and City infrastructure that may impact trail development and use. Gary also brought and demonstrated how tactile maps work in relation to a smartphone app his company created for visually impaired individuals.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- ***Tramway Trail Improvements and Issues - (GARTC):*** John Thomas had photo handouts that he passed around to show some improvements made by the County on NMDOT’s Tramway Multi-use Trail. He brought up the issues related to the project and Jill Mosher from NMDOT (oversight engineer) discussed a report she has in draft form and will send out after it is finalized regarding the issues and how some of these may be rectified.
- ***Continue Discussion whether to define “recreational” and how it can be studied - (GARTC):*** **MOTION: Gary made a motion and moved that GARTC create a sub-committee on “Recreation”. Motion second by Val Cole. Motion passes 5-0.**
- ***Update on Midblock Crossing Video Presentation – (GARTC):*** Ian is continuing to work on a presentation.
- ***Annual Report Items for 2014 – (GARTC):*** An annual report is due every year per law for Boards and Commissions. A discussion about the accomplishments GARTC had in 2014 were brought up by various committee members. Ian stated he could draft the annual letter for GARTC review in January 2015. James recommended that each committee member send Ian ideas of what was accomplished since the discussion showed that each member remembered certain items others did not. Some members did not want to send directly to Ian due to the Open Meetings Act and Christina stated she would not mind relaying the information to Ian for the committee. This was agreed upon amongst the committee.
- ***Election of Committee Chair/Vice-Chair for January – (GARTC):*** Ian discussed he cannot, by ordinance law, continue being Chair as he has served two consecutive terms. Ian asked that members think about who they would like to see as chair and vice chair in the calendar year 2015 so the committee can vote in the January meeting.
- ***Piedras Marcadas/ Golf Course Midblock Crossing Update - (Staff):*** James discussed that the project was approved through DRC for final signature review.

James received the estimate for construction from the City's on-call contractor and the project is ready for construction. A pre-construction meeting will take place the first week of January. Construction should begin late January 2015.

• **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **Motion: Gary moved that the bollard sub-committee be abolished since all work has been completed to GARTC's satisfaction. Second by Valerie Cole. All in favor; Motion passes 5-0.**

Staff Reports and Project Updates

James - He is waiting for Franklins (on-call contractor) to send the quote for replacing the boards along the NDC Trail bridges between Osuna and I-25. James mapped and measured each bridge and sent all those maps to Gus at Franklins. The side rail wood will be replaced as well due to how badly they are worn. TIP project in 2017 to study Coors/Paseo del Norte for a pedestrian connection. South Valley trail along Amole Diversion Channel will be rehabilitated due to the deteriorated shape the asphalt and sand embankment eroding dirt onto the trail. Leyland cypress trees (15) planted this week of December at Arroyo del Oso Golf Course to curb water from hitting trail next to Osuna.

Christina mentioned that the County is spearheading a drainage/trail study along the Alameda Drain (2nd St.) from Menaul north to Osuna or further. This will be a collaborative effort between the County, MRGCD, the City of Albuquerque and possibly more agencies. This project will be included in the TIP.

Kent Swanson – Kent spoke regarding the most up to date map of the single track trail system at Golden Open Space that was passed out to members last month. A parking lot that will include horse trailer parking is being designed currently. Ian asked Kent if any Foothills trails near Copper have been re-numbered or re-named. Kent will check with Jim Sattler.

Carrie Barkhurst – Carrie discussed the City Council meeting (LUPZ) that took place the first week of December and that the City Council furthered the discussion to be heard at the next City Council LUPZ meeting in January regarding the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan.


Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: Ian moved to adjourn at 6:11 pm. Second by Warren. All in favor; (motion passes 5-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the December 16, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on January 20, 2015.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



Jan 20th 2015
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis for



Date