

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 15, 2014
4:00 pm

1801 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM
Meeting held in the Facilities Maintenance Building (B)
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Ian Maddieson, Guy Miller, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, Bill Schimberg, M.D., John Thomas

Members Absent: Warren Wild

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Christina Sandoval (COA - Parks and Recreation),

Staff Members Absent: James Lewis (COA – Parks and Recreation)

Visitors Present: Tyson Hummell (COA- ADR-Legal), Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Scott Hale (GABAC), Carrie Barkhurst (COA-Planning), Wilfred Gallegos (COA-DMD, Tom Menicucci (COA- Council Services), Carl Smith,

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of April 15, 2014 Agenda

Motion: Guy Miller moved to the agenda, Gary Kelly seconded. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of March 18, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Gary Kelly moved to approve minutes with the following to change the items tabled to the April meeting not the May meeting. No second needed. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of the February 18, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Gary Kelly moved to approve minutes. No second needed. Motion passes 6-0.

General Announcements: NMDOT meeting on future of Transportation 6:30-8:30 PM at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **John Thomas:** Gave an introduction and handouts on HAWC (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) - The beacon is only activated by pedestrians and activates a red light so a pedestrian can cross mid block. Tom Menicucci from City Council Office:
- **Tom Menicucci:** (Policy Analyst City Council) Council adopted legislation to allow DMD to test a HAWC Beacon on Lester behind the Wal-Mart on Wyoming. Testing did not occur. HAWC(s) are now identified in the MUTCD. Council is evaluating a complete streets policy to provide clear legal guidance on street requirements. Moving toward signalized mid-block crossings. Gary Kelly commented that signals should be audible.
- **Wilfred Gallegos P.E. (Deputy Director DMD)** – HAWC signals were an experimental device in Tucson. HAWC signals has to be taken into the context of the site before deciding if they are appropriate for a specific site. The public needs to be educated on how HAWC(s) are used. Can't specify when mid-block traffic control devices will be used in Albuquerque, but the body of knowledge and legal precedence are being developed so this something that is coming in the future.
- **Carrie Barkhurst (Planner/COA Planning Department)** - Presentation was given on the first three chapters of the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan. The introduction, Planning and Policy Framework and Existing Conditions and Current Issues. Structure of advisory committees and maintenance are some of the topics to be covered in the later sections of the plan. Send comments to Carrie Barkhurst in the planning department.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- **Letter to Director Baca regarding review of trail design plans prior to construction. Motion: Gary moves to modify language as discussed and send to the director. Second by Guy Miller. Motion passes 6-0.**
- **Letter on Midblock Crossings (GARTC). Ian will take photos/videos of Motion: Gary moved that Ian will take photos/videos of midblock crossings in order to compile visual materials for City Council and others to raise awareness. Second by Guy Miller. Motion passes 6-0.**
- **Piedras Marcadas/Golf Course Midblock Crossing (GARTC/Staff):** Christina gave an update that a survey for existing utilities had been ordered.

- **Paseo del Norte Pedestrian Bridge Letter (GARTC):** John sent letters to the Governor and the Congressional Delegation, The Governor was going to pass the letter on to NMDOT. No other responses received.

- **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **GARTC’s bollard policy and next steps – Bollard Sub-Committee**

Gary passed out a report he prepared about ATV's. 25% of the models can fit through bollards. Many ATV's sold are small and can fit through 3 foot bollard spacing. Recommending an opening with a 6 foot turning radius. AMAFCA will address bollards at the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Motion: John Moved to Adopt Bollard Policies as recommendations for all agencies responsible for trails, with the addition of equestrians as trail users and the correction of minor typos. Second by Ian. Motion Passes 6-0

Staff Reports and Project Updates

Christina handed out the staff recommendations for remediation of the Boca Negra Trail Project.

The FY15 Budget is before council and it is proposed to move Park Planning Design and Construction to DMD. This could affect board staffing and meeting location.

Transit would like to hold a meeting with GARTC and GABAC members to get feedback on its bicycle policies.

Public Comment

Carl Smith spoke about the need for better trail maintenance regarding goat heads.

John Barncastle wants gravel removed adjacent to trails.

Adjourn: Ian moved to adjourn at 6:18 pm. Second by Val. All in favor; (motion passes 6-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the April 15, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on May 20, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson

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_____ *Nov 18 2014*
Date

Prepared by: Christina Sandoval

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Date

