

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

February 18, 2014
4:00 pm

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

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

Members Absent: Guy Miller

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA - Parks and Recreation),

Staff Members Absent: Susannah Abbey (COA, Open Space)

Visitors Present: Tyson Hummell (COA- ADR-Legal), Jackie Bouker, Julie Luna (MRCOG – Transportation Planner), John Barncastle, Scott Hale (GABAC), Carrie Barkhurst (COA-Planning), Danny Hernandez (AMAFCA), Roger Paul (Bernalillo County Public Works), Jerry Lovato (AMAFCA), Jeff Willis (AMAFCA).

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of February 18, 2014 Agenda

Motion: Gary Kelly moved to approve agenda with a second by Bill Schimberg.

Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of January 21, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Ian moved to approve the minutes with no amendments needed. Second by Gary Kelly. Motion passes 6-0.

General Announcements: Ian stated it would be nice to have the Bear Tributary Arroyo section paved to connect to Academy Hills Park.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Jerry Lovato, P.E. (AMAFCA Executive Engineer) – Presentation regarding AMAFCA Access Policy:** Jerry discussed access regarding AMAFCA facilities.

AMAFCA supports recreation on their facilities as long as the trail, path, or recreational component is licensed to the City or other agency in charge of maintenance and does not interfere with the primary operation of the dam or drainage facility. AMAFCA typically uses three foot spacing between bollards or barriers to keep out motorized vehicles such as jeeps and ATVs. AMAFCA found that this three foot spacing has proven effective for keeping such motorized vehicles out of their facilities. AMAFCA will allow for wider spacing if it can be proven no motorized vehicles can enter their property. The idea of using more chicanes came up but they are expensive and equestrian users have trouble getting horses through them. It will be difficult to find a solution that will accommodate all the different types and sizes of non-motorized cycles and other users while at the same time not allow motorized vehicles onto the multi-use trail system.

- **Roger Paul (Bernalillo County Public Works Department) – Trail Safety and Bollards:** Bernalillo County is in the process of updated standards and specifications. They use the City of Albuquerque standards currently. Gary Kelly brought up that he submitted a Title II ADA request for access through the South Diversion Channel Trail because his trike cannot get through the width. Roger will get back to Gary in regards to this request.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- **Boca Negra Shared Use Path – Safety Considerations (GARTC):** Gary expressed concerns about trail safety along the new Boca Negra Path. He believes people will go too fast and could be injured. James went out to the new trail section of Old Atrisco and took smart level readings. More than half of the trail is 5% or less in grade. The top 1/3 of the trail ranges from 5% to 13% max grade for the last couple hundred feet. James will contact Kurt Wagener with AMAFCA to have truncated domes installed at the area west side of the Unser Blvd. at the underpass where there is a drop off into the low flow channel. Also in this area are two stop signs and stop bars on the pavement, and a left turn arrow sign (if coming south down from the dam to the underpass). John Thomas also provided concerns that the old Atrisco section of trail is steep, narrow, and dirt or gravel could cause safety problems if on the trail.
- **GARTC letter on midblock crossings within the Albuquerque metro area (GARTC):** Ian presented the letter in summary to City Council. He submitted the letter to all Councilors and to the Mayor.
- **Piedras Marcadas/Golf Course Midblock Remediations (GARTC/Staff):** James explained that the project is still under design by HDR. Construction will begin once design is complete and is approved by the Design Review Committee.
- **GARTC Letter to Mayor and City Council for Boca Negra and Piedras Marcadas Trails (GARTC):** Motion: Gary moved that GARTC feels the Boca Negra Trail should be made as safe as possible and work with engineers to mitigate hazards on the trail. Second by Ian. Motion passes 6-0.

- **Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail along Osuna – Bollards, Drainage Strike Plates, Safety (GARTC): Motion: Gary moved that he feels the bollards protecting the strike plates constitute a safety hazard on this trail and steps should be taken by the City too to mitigate the hazard. Second by John Thomas. Motion passes 4-2.**

- **Sub-Committee Reports:**

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

GARTC is near completion of this document. It was brought up that GARTC cannot make policy and that this document will not be titled as a “policy” but rather a “bollard advisory paper”.

Staff Reports and Project Updates

James Lewis (Strategic Planning and Design) – The repaving of Paseo del Norte Trail between Rio Grande to east of Edith began the 20th of January and signage and striping should be completed by weeks end. Electronic boards will be placed a week prior to construction for the renovations to the Mariposa/Riverview Trail. Jerry Cline/Paseo de las Montañas area that floods near Louisiana is complete. Parks and Recreation is looking to replace the boards along the bridges at the North Diversion Channel Trail (between Osuna and I-25) with concrete.

Public Comment –

Scott Hale – Brought up that the expansion joints along North Diversion Channel Trail bridges should be flexible. He spoke about entry/exit points at trails and how to address access and how it is an extremely complex issue.

John Barncastle – John spoke about gravel on the North Pino Trail and that James and Carol Dumont are trying to get ahold of the property owner. The gravel and the trail are on private property.

Adjourn: Ian made a Motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm. Second by Gary Kelly. All in favor; (motion passes 6-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the February 18, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on March 18, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson

Nov 18th 2014

 Date

Prepared by: James Lewis

11/18/14

 Date

