

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 21, 2012
4:30 pm

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

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

Members Absent: William (Bill) Schimberg, Eileen Arellano

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis, Parks and Recreation; GARTC Staff Liaison, Susannah Abbey (COA Open Space)

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle

Call to Order and Introductions

Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:40.

Approval of August 21, 2012 Agenda

Ian moved to approve the agenda, with no amendments needed, John Thomas Second, Unanimously Approved 5-0.

Approval of March 20, 2012 Minutes –

Correction made by James prior. Ian moved to approve the minutes as amended. Gary Kelly second; all in favor. Motion passes 5-0. Minutes unanimously approved with prior correction added electronically.

Announcements

James – announced that the bike shop will open around January 1st at the old Esperanza Library.

John Thomas – announced that the NDT undercrossings have been finished. James talked about Comanche signs that are needed due to intact trail on the east side of the channel.

Public Comment –John Barncastle commented about bollards. One is at Tramway and I-40 trail missing. He states that the bollard is in the back of a NMDOT truck and that other government agencies need to coordinate in regards to bollards and what is in who's work truck. Discussed fence issue at Montano within NMDOT ROW. Wants to know how government agencies will coordinate to get the fence fixed. Astonished that the Hahn Arroyo bollards have been replaced. Fence still at North Pino Trail. Someone opened a

portion of the fence and it is open on the trail, according to John. He is also upset about landscaping and gravel near Journal Center area.

Staff Reports

James Lewis- Strategic Planning and Design- explained the current projects in design and going to construction:

Trail projects

1. Candelaria, Comanche, Menaul Notch Undercrossings ribbon cutting took place on July 31st with DMD and the Mayor.
2. Bridge over 25. Construction continues and is in progress.
3. La Presa Dam Trail. Signal work has started and ADA ramps placed. Trail estimated to be constructed mid September.
4. Piedras Marcadas Trail. Pre-Construction meeting took place last week. Permits need to be in place before construction begins. Two-three weeks and construction should start and last about 50 days.
5. Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan update. Working on closing current contract and having a on-call planning firm rework some data and compile it into a cohesive Plan for our review.
6. Osuna Notch Undercrossing is complete. Ribbon Cutting unknown.
7. La Orilla Trail and street widening; no trail construction near Coors yet.
8. Bollard issues. GABAC asked me to speak at their August meeting a few weeks ago. Spoke about bollard pilot project with retractable bollard.

Prescription Trails Booklet 2012 has been finalized and can be found at www.prescriptiontrails.org

Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report -

- Mile markers requested on Paseo de la Mesa Trail from citizens. James will get appropriate transportation paint options to Susannah. Miles and Kilometers were requested. Susannah can find out the spacing people are requiring.

Update Items

GARTC Membership: James- Anita Kelly was appointed to GARTC as well as Warren Wild. Ian's reappointment was possibly on the latest City Council agenda and James will find out. Still looking for equestrian member. GARTC now has seven of eight members. Guy Miller, once appointed will take over for Eileen in the Active Elderly position.

Discussion, Action Items:

Meeting Time: Motion: Anita Kelly moves to make the meeting time 4 P.M. instead of 4:30 P.M. Second by Ian Maddison. Motion carries 5-0, all in favor.

Trail Mile-Marking Along Paseo del Bosque Trail: Any trail markings would need to go through the appropriate agency who maintains that section of trail. Makes more sense to stick with City managed portions first before trying other Government agencies. Such as Bosque Trail from Bridge to Alameda. Again, look into transportation traffic type paints that Portland, Oregon is using on streets/asphalt. Measurement should be with a wheel and not a GPS unit so the markings are accurate. **Motion: Ian moves to support the**

concept of mile marking along the Paseo del Bosque Trail. Gary seconds the motion and motion passes 5-0, all in favor of the concept.

Vegetation Management Along Trails:

Gary spoke about the Mariposa Linear Park and the Unser Trail. Gary and Anita both said that vegetation is growing into the trail and is getting dangerous. Potholes are present on the trail and the trail is deteriorating. James will request Park Management to go out and cut back the vegetation. Anita sent photos to James showing the overgrowth. John Thomas spoke about how he invited Jim Dunn from Park Management and Mark Chavez from Bernalillo County and a NMDOT District 3 Maintenance engineer. James called Mark at the County but did not receive a call back. No agency showed up for the meeting. John Thomas talked about Jim Dunn getting volunteers out on the trails to help in vegetation management.

Internet Voting : James spoke to Amy Bailey, the City Clerk and to Gilbert Montano. Both told James that Internet voting of any kind is not allowed and does not comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Changing the name of GARTC : John expressed that some City Councilors seemed to be confused at the last City Council meeting about the name of GARTC. There was consensus that most trails are recreational in nature. John suggests changing the name. Many points came up about changing the name. John does not want confusion. Ian expressed his concerns about the name change and did not believe that there was any confusion at the City Council meeting. It was noted that many trails in Open Space and the Forest Service and the National Park Service do not allow all users (multi-use) on some trails. Since Open Space, the Forest Service, and the National Park Service do not provide "commuter" type trails, then they must be recreational in nature. Ian expressed he is not in favor of changing the name. James read an important part of the mission of GARTC and Jackie Bouker expressed that equestrians would not be a voting member if these were not recreational trails. Gary believes that these trails are recreational in nature as someone who is physically disabled will not be commuting to work. Ian suggested that if the name should happen to change, he recommended that it be called Greater Albuquerque Trails Committee. John Thomas recommended to "table" the issue at this point. James also mentioned the logistics of changing the name. James talked about how the name change would have to go through City Council and the ordinance would have to be changed. The discussion was tabled.

Ian made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Gary Kelly. All in favor; motion passes 5-0.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The foregoing GARTC minutes of August 21, 2012 have been approved as written or with noted comments on May 15, 2012.

John Thomas
Chairperson – John Thomas

Oct 5, 2012
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis
James Lewis

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