

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 18, 2012  
4:00 pm

1801 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Albuquerque, NM  
Large Conference Room

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

**Members Absent:** William (Bill) Schimberg

**Advisory Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** James Lewis, Parks and Recreation; GARTC Staff Liaison,

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

**Visitors Present:** Valerie Cole (NM Horse Council), John Barncastle, Linda Rumpf (Mayor's Office), Savina Garcia and Tyler Ashton (Wilson and Company)

**Call to Order and Introductions**

John Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:05.

**Approval of September 18, 2012 Agenda**

John Thomas moved to approve the agenda, with no amendments needed, Eileen Arellano Second, Unanimously Approved 5-0. Note: Warren Wild was not present for this motion.

**Approval of August 21, 2012 Minutes –**

John Thomas moved to approve the minutes with no amendments needed. Anita Kelly second; all in favor. Motion passes 5-0. Minutes unanimously approved.

**Announcements**

James – announced that there will be a tour with the Mayor on bicycle Saturday the 22nd. Linda provided more information. Media event, but not a “public event”. Tour ended up being canceled.

**Public Comment** – John Barncastle commented about 311 app for I-Phone. Discussed bollards and that he is persistent. Discussed fence issue at North Pino Trail. He is also upset about landscaping and gravel near Journal Center area. Man was on South Pino Trail where weeds were left on the trail and the man got a flat tire and crashed. Case is at Risk Management. Brought up the new gates at Montano and PdB Trail.

**Presentation:** 50 Mile Loop Trail by Wilson and Company/Mayor's Office – Provided a handout and discussed all the major factors and points of the proposed 50 Mile Loop Master Plan as part of the Mayor's "ABQ- The Plan". They showed maps of different possible routes and alignments. Savina asked GARTC to provide comments and recommendations. Ian has been appointed by GARTC as the liaison for the Loop and a good point of contact. Project schedule and Milestones include: Assessment of existing infrastructure, route analysis and concept design, and implementation plan. Gary recommended that audible signals be installed at crossings along the 50 Mile Loop Trail where pedestrians would have to cross a street or streets. He also stated the main reasoning when it comes to audible signals is background noise rather than amount of traffic. If background noise is louder than the audible sound at street crossings than a person who is blind now has two disabilities. Trail rules, etiquette, and education was discussed.

## **Staff Reports**

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

Trail projects

1. Working on getting signs posted north of Comanche
2. Bridge over 25. Construction continues and is in progress. Will go out soon to take photos.
3. La Presa Dam Trail. Signal work has started and ADA ramps placed. Trail estimated to be constructed no later than three weeks from now.
4. Piedras Marcadas Trail. Meeting tomorrow to go over project start. Two ADA parking spots possibly at Piedras Marcadas Park.
5. Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan update. Working on closing current contract and having an on-call planning firm rework some data and compile it into a cohesive Plan for our review.
6. La Orilla Trail and street widening; no trail construction near Coors yet.
7. Meeting with Park Management to go over who maintains what (or at least start the process). Supposed to get two keys from them for the new locks on the bollards.
8. Bid for Bear Canyon Phase 1 came in today at 1.4 million.

**Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report - None**

## **Update Items**

**GARTC Membership:** Linda Rumpf – spoke to Giselle Alvarez at the Mayor's Office to find out the rules for someone who wants to serve on the Committee even if they have been a member in the past. The conclusion -If someone who has served in the past waits a full term cycle (three years) prior to applying for a position on GARTC again, they are allowed to serve on the Committee. Therefore, Valerie Cole, who has served on GARTC in the past will apply for the equestrian position.

## **Discussion, Action Items:**

**GARTC on the Parks Website:** Ensure agendas are on the web prior to meetings. Members would not like to have their contact information on the web. James' contact information will be on the City website rather than any of the members. James can pass

on any information for members if needed. Members can send James other ideas for the website.

**Underpasses/AMAFCA:** John Thomas spoke about the undercrossings along the North Diversion Channel and how nicely they were built. He recommends writing a letter to AMAFCA's board commending Jerry Lovato and Kurt Waegner for a helping create a wonderful trail system on their property. **Motion: Ian moves that John Thomas drafts a commending letter to AMAFCA's board, DMD, and Parks for building underpasses along the North Diversion Channel. Anita Kelly seconds the motion and motion passes 5-1.**

**Bollards/ADA Issues:** Bollards being vandalized and they are too close together. Gary spoke about having to need a key to use the trails because of the closeness of the bollards and that all areas are different and not uniform. Some type of standard is needed. Hopefully once the retractable bollard is installed, and found to work, the City and other agencies can utilize more practical bollards throughout the region.

**Trails Map:** Not all trails in the foothills, Tramway, and Forest Service are shown on the "bike" map according to Ian M., which is true. Ian would like to see the City AGIS create an interactive map of "multi-use trails" within the whole region including Open Space, Forest Service, National Park Service trails, State Trails, and trails not recognized on the "bike map". **John Thomas moves to make a motion to table the discussion until more people can be involved such as City GIS and Jim Arrowsmith. Second by Gary Kelly, motion passes 6-0, all in favor.**

**Adjourn:** John Thomas made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Gary Kelly. All in favor; motion passes 6-0 at 6:45 pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes of September 18, 2012 have been approved as written or with noted comments on November 20, 2012.

John Thomas  
Chairperson - John Thomas

November 26, 2012  
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis  
James Lewis

11-27-12  
Date

