

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

January 21, 2014  
4:00 pm

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

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

**Members Absent:** William Schimberg, 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), Michael Riordan P.E. (COA- Director- Department of Municipal Development), Jackie Bouker, Melissa Lozoya P.E. (COA- DMD - Engineering), Julie Luna (MRCOG – Transportation Planner), John Barncastle, Scott Hale (GABAC), Astrid Webster, Carrie Barkhurst (COA-Planning), Paul Steffin (Parsons Brinkerhoff), Donnie Duneman (Wilson and Company), Jerry Lovato (AMAFCA), Jeff Willis (AMAFCA).

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of January 21, 2014 Agenda**

**Ian moved to approve agenda with a second by Gary Kelly, (Gary requested a correction to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda passes 4-0. Note John Thomas was not present for vote).**

**Approval of <sup>December 17</sup> ~~November 19~~ 2013 Minutes**

**Motion: Valerie Cole moved to approve the minutes with no amendments needed. Second by Gary Kelly. (Motion passes 4-0; Note that John Thomas was not present for vote).**

**General Announcements:** None

## New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Michael Riordan P.E. and Paul Steffin P.E. – Presentation regarding Parsons Brinkerhoff Bollard Study:** Paul presented the findings of the study conducted by the Engineering Firm Parsons Brinkerhoff.
- **Carrie Barkhurst – Update on Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan:** Carrie discussed the pros and cons of using the Mid Region Council of Government's Priority Project Process (PPP) as a methodology to rank project priority for the update to the Bikeways and Trails Plan.
- **Donnie Duneman P.E. – Boca Negra Dam and Old Atrisco Alignment Shared Use Path:** Donnie discussed the engineering design for the Boca Negra Dam Project which included a change order to add a multi-use trail (shared-use path) next to AMAFCA's stabilized maintenance road. James was able to budget in the trail that has been identified as a proposed multi-use trail in the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan and also in the Long Range Bikeways Map.

## Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- **Create a sub-committee that will help review the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan (GARTC):** There was a discussion to wait until the draft plan is finished and then each member can individually submit comments about the plan to a website.
- **GARTC letter on midblock crossings within the Albuquerque metro area (GARTC):** Motion: Gary moved that the Chair revise the letter and sub-committee will read it, edit it as necessary and Ian will present it to the City Council. Second by Valerie Cole. (Motion Passes, 5-0).
- **Piedras Marcadas/Golf Course Midblock Remediations (GARTC/Staff):** James explained that the Notice to Proceed still needs to be approved by Municipal Development. Once the NTP is finalized construction can begin. John Thomas brought up that GARTC still would like a HAWK type signal at this location. Traffic Engineering would have to approve any type of pedestrian signal for the crossing.

## Staff Reports and Project Updates

**James Lewis (Strategic Planning and Design)** – James announced that Parks and Recreation and the community lost someone instrumental and special; Jay Lee Evans passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Parks and Rec sent a letter of support to Bernalillo County for a trail to extend from the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge to the Rio Bravo multi-use trail. The Tramway pedestrian bridge that was burned in July 2013 is anticipated to be complete by April 2014 at a cost of \$550,000. The repaving of Paseo del Norte Trail between Rio Grande to east of Edith began the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Electronic boards were placed a week prior to construction to give time for commuters to find a detour route. The Mariposa/Riverview Trail from the Piedras Marcadas Trail to La Orilla road will be the next

rehabilitation to take place. Jerry Cline/Paseo de las Montañas area that floods near Louisiana will be improved to provide adequate drainage.

**Public Comment –**

**John Barncastle** – John attended the AMAFCA Board meeting to talk about gravel on the North Pino Trail. He discussed a couple other areas that have gravel near/next to the trail. James is in contact with storm drainage regarding concrete near Moon along the Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail.

**Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **Trail Naming:** Nothing new to report.
- **Annual Report:** Ian drafted an annual report for 2013. He sent it out before the meeting so most members did not have time to review. **Motion: Ian moved to send the report to the Mayor and City Council after review from all the members. John seconds the motion. (Motion passes 5-0).**
- **Bollard:** Review of GARTC's bollard policy and bollards along Osuna (Bear Arroyo Trail). John brought up that he did not think having bollards near the drainage strike plates along the Arroyo del Oso Golf Course is appropriate. He believes City Employees should know not to drive over them. James reiterated that the bollards were engineered into the plan for the trail to protect the infrastructure and strike plates from any kind of vehicles crushing them if driven over and unless a better solution can be found the bollards should not be removed.

**Adjourn: Ian made a Motion to adjourn at 6:18 pm. Second by Gary Kelly. All in favor; (motion passes 5-0)**

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the January 21, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on February 18, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson

  
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Prepared by: James Lewis

  
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