

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

July 16, 2013  
4:00 pm

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

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

**Members Absent:** William Schimberg, Guy Miller, Warren Wild

**Advisory Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** James Lewis, (COA - Parks and Recreation - GARTC Staff), Susannah Abbey (COA, Open Space), Christina Sandoval – Principal Planner (COA - Parks and Recreation).

**Staff Members Absent:** None

**Visitors Present:** Bryan Wolfe (COA-Planning/Engineering), Debbie Bauman (COA-DMD), Mike McEntee (COA-DMD), Hooshang Tavanaiepour P.E. (NMDOT), Derek Meier (Wilson and Co.), Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. noting lack of members to make a quorum at the time. Valerie Cole arrived at 4:25 to create a quorum for the meeting.

**Approval of July 16, 2013 Agenda**

**Motion at 4:38 pm:** John Thomas moved to approve the agenda with a change to the Piedras Marcadas update. Second by Anita Kelly, (Motion passes 5-0).

**Approval of June 18, 2013 Minutes**

**Motion:** Ian Maddieson moved to approve the minutes with no amendments needed. Second by Valerie Cole. (Motion passes 5-0).

**Update Items/Presentations**

**Paseo del Norte/Interstate 25 Pedestrian/Cyclist Components:** Design-Build Project. Per Hooshang, once the contractors are chosen in August construction is proposed to start in early September. Derek Meier from Wilson and Co. described the project in detail and the proposed pedestrian/cycle bridge and routes from the existing end of multi-use trail at Ashley Furniture Store over the freeway through the Journal Center on the west side of the interstate to El Pueblo. This route makes the most sense to move people from the Paseo

del Norte area to the facilities at Journal Center, the Rail Runner station, and other places such as Balloon Fiesta Park. Maps of the current proposal were passed out to GARTC members. Many alternatives were looked into but the current bridge proposal turned out to be the best. An equal or better proposal may be allowed but it must be “equal or better” than the current alignment. This is a 93 million dollar project with 75 million going to construction. The Website is [www.Paseo125.com](http://www.Paseo125.com) for comments and information regarding the project.

**Piedras Marcadas Trail:** Midblock crossing at Golf Course is of concern by GARTC.

**Gary Kelly made a motion to have Traffic Engineering go out to the mid-block crossing at the Piedras Marcadas Trail and Golf Course and come up with a solution or alternative that would help meet ADA at the crossing and come back and present the findings to GARTC. Second by Anita Kelly. Motion passes 5-0, all in favor.**

**Public Comment** –John Barncastle spoke about the Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail and that James Lewis and Juan Carlos Samuel was able to get a curb cut and ramp added at Pennsylvania. He spoke about the gravel next to trails and spoke about the bollard at Mountain and the Paseo del Bosque Trail.

### **Announcements:**

Susannah Abbey gave details about current fire restrictions in Major Public Open Space areas and that all closed areas are now open.

### **Staff Reports**

**Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report** – Susannah spoke about fire restrictions.

**James Lewis- Strategic Planning and Design-** James discussed bollards and areas that will be altered to help with adequate width while keeping out vehicles. James also discussed remedies for the multi-use trail at Jerry Cline Tennis Complex, guard rail recently installed at the Bear Canyon Bridge and Frontage Rd. was already ran into and wrecked, Trails and Bikeways Plan, and Federal TAP funding unsuccessful due to lack of funds available.

### **Discussion, Action Items, and New Business:**

**Follow up Meeting with AMAFCA:** No follow up meeting has been set up

**Interactive Trails Map:** Could not access on computer. Gary and Mike will need to discuss the possibility of making an interactive map ADA accessible.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Trail Names:** James would like to meet with Ian regarding naming of trails

**Bollards:** Sub-committee met with DMD about AASHTO bollard guidelines and Jeanne Wolfenberger (Bernalillo County). John Thomas will attend next AMAFCA Board meeting.

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

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the July 16, 2013 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on August 20, 2013.

Chair: Ian Maddison  
Vice Chairperson - Gary Kelly

*Ian Maddison*

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Date

Prepared by: James Lewis

*James Lewis*

9/17/13  
Date

