

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 15, 2014
4:00 pm

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

Members Present: Ian Maddieson, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, John Thomas, Bill Schimberg, Guy Miller, Warren Wild, Tyler Ashton, P.E.

Members Absent: None

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA - Parks and Recreation; GARTC Staff Liaison)

Staff Members Absent: Christina Sandoval (COA - Parks and Recreation)

Visitors Present: Michael Riordan, P.E. (COA –Director - DMD), Carrie Barkhurst (COA - Planning), Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Julie Luna (MRCOG), Malia Tafoya (COA – Parks and Recreation), Michelle Herrera (COA -Parks and Recreation), John MacKenzie P.E. (COA - DMD), Diane Albert GABAC, Scott Hale –GABAC.

Call to Order and Introductions

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

Approval of July 15, 2014 Agenda

Motion: Ian moved to approve agenda: Second by Gary; Approved, Motion passes 8-0

Approval of June 17, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Ian moved to approve the minutes with no changes: Second by Bill; Approved, Motion passes 8-0

General Announcements: None

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Malia Tafoya and Michelle Herrera (COA – Parks and Recreation)** Malia and Michelle discussed the current Park Management Division volunteer program for multi-use trails. The Park Management program includes parks, trails, and streetscapes. The program for trails is relatively small due to there not being enough staff to recruit, train, and provide tools and supplies for projects. A brochure was passed out that describes the different ways people can get involved. The

program has a lot of potential but more staff is needed and Saturday staff would help the program grow in the future as many volunteers have more time on weekends. The "Adopt-a-Trail" program has the most potential for the City with limited staffing as well as the creation of a "trail watch" program. These types of programs allow people to volunteer on their own time usually on trail sections they frequent most often. By picking up litter, pulling weeds like goat heads, and keeping an eye on the trail, the community can benefit greatly with just a little help by a lot of people.

- **Michael Riordan, P.E. (COA –Director - DMD)** – Michael spoke in regards to the bollard inventory/assessment and active capital projects. He handed out a spreadsheet of projects that are on the DMD capital list. He asked GARTC to give his department feedback on the projects. He has given these same projects to GABAC as well.

The next step in the bollard assessment has been completed. All or most bollards or vehicle barriers have been given GPS coordinates in the field and have therefore been mapped to trails within the City of Albuquerque ROW or along trails that are maintained or owned by the City of Albuquerque. There are over 500 points mapped. Michael handed out a map of these locations. The next step is to assess the locations and come up with a work plan.

- **Carrie Barkhurst (Planner/COA Planning Department)** – The Public Open House meetings were successful. Many comments were given to the planning team and these are being integrated into the draft plan and map. The trails and bikeways have been uploaded to an interactive map on the City website. It is recommended GARTC go online and check out the interactive map. She briefly described each of the chapters in the draft plan and the idea of a larger pedestrian bicycle advisory committee. The design manual (chapter 7) was briefly explained as well. The draft Plan will be introduced to EPC on July 31st. They will have a month to review the Plan and the first EPC public hearing on the Plan will be September 4th. Ian commented that GARTC should bring up something in August to talk about supporting the Plan at EPC.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- **Discussion on the Future GARTC/GABAC Structure** – Each GARTC member gave comments and opinions on the possibility of combining GARTC/GABAC into a larger committee.
- **Update on the 2040 MRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):** Julie Luna spoke about the additions to the 2040 MRCOG MTP and how pedestrians and cyclists can be incorporated. There is a lot of data that MRCOG has and they are excited to include it into the update.
- **Letter on Midblock Crossings:** Ian is still in the process of video documenting midblock crossings.

- **Construction at Tingley Beach near the Paseo del Bosque Trail** – James is looking into two entry points at the Cultural Service Department Bio Park facility that lead onto the Paseo del Bosque Trail. James contacted the Deputy Director of the Department and she is going to get James the construction drawings.
- **Piedras Marcadas/ Golf Course Midblock Crossing:** On-call engineering firm HDR has 30% plans at the time of this meeting. James will send out to GARTC prior to them going to DRC which will be the 90% plans.
- **GARTC Response to USDOT/FHWA letter re: PdN/I-25** – John Thomas noted that GARTC communicated with the Mayor’s Office, the Governor’s Office, the USDOT/FHWA, the NMDOT, etc. John spoke to Senator Udall’s office and GABAC about the letter and will send to GARTC and James.

Sub-Committee Reports: None.

Staff Reports and Project Updates

James stated that Brendan Picker wants to discuss public art along trails at the August meeting. James brought up issues regarding lighting at Gail Ryba Bridge. Vandals have stolen over \$100,000 worth of wiring and lighting infrastructure. Risk will look into this in more detail. Currently repaving the Bear Arroyo Trail between NDC Trail and Jefferson. Paseo del Norte East Trail will be repaved next. Bike pumps (20-30) will be installed in the near future at trailheads and along trails. The Google Trekker Program will be starting in August. James explained the program to GARTC which includes hiking the Trekker unit along certain trails to capture “street view” for Google maps. James likes to refer to this as “trail view” instead of “street view”.

Public Comment: No public comment

Adjourn: Ian moved to adjourn at 6:20 pm. All in favor; (Motion passes 8-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the July 15, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on August 19, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



8/19/2014

Date

Prepared by: James Lewis



8/19/2014

Date

