

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 21, 2013

4:00 pm

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

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

Members Absent: William Schimberg

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis, (COA - Parks and Recreation - GARTC Staff), Susannah Abbey (COA, Open Space), Director of Parks and Recreation Barbara Baca

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Susan Kelly (contractor for Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan), Diane Scena (Sub-contractor for Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan), Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Clifford Youngberg

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:10.

Approval of May 21, 2013 Agenda

Motion: John Thomas moved to approve the agenda as amended to move a few items around at different times to allow guests and consultants to present prior to other items, **Second by Anita Kelly, (Motion passes 7-0).**

Approval of April 16, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Ian Maddieson moved to approve the minutes with no amendments needed. **Second by Anita Kelly; all in favor. (Motion passes 7-0)..**

Announcements (Came up at 5:30 pm)

James announced that National Trails Day is June 1st, 2013 and Susannah spoke in more detail about it. James encouraged that all GARTC members participate in National Trails Day. James announced that a construction moratorium will take affect around September of 2013 for the interchange project at interstate 25 and Paseo del Norte. James will be in contact with the engineers to come and speak at the June GARTC meeting.

Staff Reports

Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report – Susannah spoke about fire restrictions. At the time of this meeting, fire restrictions are at stage II, which means in Open Space no fires are allowed at all. She also spoke about prescription trails and adding the signs very soon to Los Poblanos Fields Open Space Farm.

James Lewis- Strategic Planning and Design- The Don Fernando Trail is now complete. The bridge over the 25 interstate is just about finished. James will be attending the construction punch list for the bridge Friday. Bollards and signs and guardrail still need to be replaced and reworked. Bear Canyon Phase I is now finished except for the punch list items. James is looking into getting an estimate to repave the Paseo del Bosque Trail from Rio Grande blvd. to the Western terminus of the 2nd st. bridge. There is limited time and funding for this project.

Public Comment – John Barncastle discussed the Pennsylvania crossing and adding curb cuts. James and Juan Carlos are speaking about putting in curb cuts and ramps at the Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail and Pennsylvania. John spoke about areas where gravel is next to trails and have the possibility of being hazardous. Clifford created a power point presentation that James printed out and passed to the group. Clifford has proposed a couple new trails and new connections which could possibly be put into the updated Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan and Map. GARTC seemed to welcome Clifford's ideas at the meeting.

Update Items

Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan: Barbara Baca introduced and provided information on the current status of the Plan and what Parks and Recreation is looking to achieve in the Plan. Susan Kelly gave a presentation of where her and Diane are at in the process of creating recommendations on how Parks and Recreation should and could move forward with the Plan. Susan asked that all GARTC members look over the last updated draft of the Plan from November 2011 material on the CDs that she handed out and provide broad based comments back to Susan. Susan had all GARTC members go around the table and explain what they would like to see in the Plan and how to update it to be a reasonable Plan for all stakeholders and users.

The hope is to get the Plan finalized by December 2013 and try to get the Plan adopted by EPC and City Council by June 2014.

Note: Guy Miller left at 4:53.

Follow up Meeting with AMAFCA: No follow up meeting has been set up. Gary stated that Jerry Lovato did not respond to an email he sent to Jerry in order to set up another meeting regarding ADA and bollard spacing on AMAFCA owned property.

Discussion, Action Items:

Trail Names: Ian wants to work with a sub-committee and Parks and trails staff to go over how to get trails named appropriately. Note: one member left during this discussion and before the motion.

Motion: Ian moved to create a trails name sub-committee including Ian, Warren, and a third person not yet found. (Motion passes 5-0, all in favor).

Trails in Need of Renovation Staff/GARTC: James talked about two trails that were on the sheet James passed out a couple months ago and how one has been constructed and is final while James is looking into getting the Paseo del Norte Trail estimate. James asked GARTC to provide him with 5 top priorities in need of renovation before the June meeting.

Bollard Sub-Committee Report (GARTC):

John asked GABAC and DMD to hire a sub consultant to look over the bollard issue and never relayed the information to James.

Adjourn: Gary Kelly made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Valerie Cole. All in favor; motion passes 5-0 at 6:15 pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the May 21, 2013 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on June 18, 2013.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



16th July 2013

Date

Prepared by: James Lewis



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