

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 16, 2014
4:00 pm

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

Members Present: Bill Schimberg, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, Warren Wild, John Thomas

Members Absent: Ian Maddieson (Chair), Guy Miller, Tyler Ashton

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA, Parks and Recreation – staff liaison for GARTC), Christina Sandoval (COA, Parks and Recreation)

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Dominic Gallegos (NMDOT- District 3 Maintenance), Tim Parker (NMDOT-District 3, District Engineer), Esther Tenenbaum (COA, 311 Division Manager), John Barncastle, Julie Luna (MRCOG), Scott Hale (GABAC), Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Vice-Chairperson sitting in for Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Approval of September 16, 2014 Agenda

Motion: Gary moved to approve agenda. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Approval of August 19, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Gary moved to approve minutes with no changes needed. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

General Announcements: Christina reminded GARTC that the CiQloVia will be happening on Sunday September 21st and to participate and have fun in Albuquerque's 1st ciclovía (roads closed to traffic and open to pedestrians/cyclists).

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Esther Tenenbaum (COA/Division Manager 311 Citizen Contact Center) -** Esther provided information regarding both the call center for 311 and the mobile app. Gary asked about the 311 mobile app (seeclickfix) becoming accessible. He

cannot use it the way it is designed. Esther is working with the app company, seeclickfix, to make the app more accessible for people with disabilities.

- **Tyson Hummel (COA/Legal) – ADA requirements for Access to Information – Alternative Information Requirements for all Public Information –** Tyson explained that he was not adequately informed by GARTC that he was to formally speak. He will be prepared for October's meeting. Gary provided information about the large spectrum of people with vision impairments and blindness and how public information needs to be more accessible. This discussion led into the first bullet under Discussion, Action Items, etc. below.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- ***Discussion on alternative information formats and the BTFP - (GARTC):*** Gary continued to speak about the system wide need for information to be more accessible. Tyson and Christina spoke regarding Gary's comments. Christina brought up that since ADA accessibility is a City wide issue regarding all Departments across a broad number of items and does not just affect the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan (BTFP), but rather all City plans; that the BTFP should move forward through the adoption process. Gary agreed with this statement. A transition plan to make the wide range of items needed to be more accessible to people with disabilities will take time and therefore changes to maps, Plans, and other items can be amended when the City makes the transition to more accessible formats. This should be undertaken by the City's ADA Board that is staffed by Gabe Campos.
- ***FHWA Response to GARTC Letter Regarding the PDN and 25 Interchange Design - (GARTC):*** John Thomas spoke about a response letter from the FHWA regarding the Paseo del Norte/I-25 Interchange project. John said that the FHWA letter did not address GARTC's concerns.
- ***Support Letter to the EPC for the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan per August Motion – (GARTC):*** Nothing had been worked on under this action item. Gary noted that Ian had not got back to him prior to leaving on sabbatical. Gary will contact Tyler and work with him on getting a letter written to support the Plan at EPC at the October public hearing.
- ***Design/Maintenance Issues Along the Piedras Marcadas Trail – (John Thomas/GARTC):*** John started out by stating he is filing a law suit with a state agency. He would not state the agency he plans to file the law suit. He described the Paseo del Norte Trail west of Golf Course and the trail that ties into the Piedras Marcadas trail at Smith's Shopping center. He discussed maintenance issues, bollards, and the swale at the back side of the PM Dam.
- ***Piedras Marcadas/ Golf Course Midblock Crossing:*** James discussed that the project will be going back to DRC for final signature review. Design should be finalized by October 1, 2014 and then Parks will use their on-call contractor to construct the design.

• **Sub-Committee Reports:**

- **Sub-Committee to write a letter of support for the BTFP** – No letter at time of GARTC meeting.
- **Bollard Sub-Committee**- Gary spoke regarding bollard spacing along the Paseo del Bosque Trail within Bernalillo County’s maintenance area. He brought up the meeting and letter between AMAFCA and the Governor’s council on disability/accessibility. Gary would like to see PROWAG widths along trails on AMAFCA property. Parks will work with AMAFCA on possible ways to keep ATV’s out of the drainage facilities while accommodating all the different trail users.

Staff Reports and Project Updates

James talked about the EPC hearing on September 4, 2014 regarding the Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan. The next hearing will be October 9, 2014. James is still researching the best solution for replacing the boards along the NDC Trail with a better material. Bear Canyon Arroyo trail will be reconstructed starting in the beginning of October. The Boca Negra Dam Loop Trail will be worked on where the spillway is located. A red tinted concrete will be used to “straighten” the “s curves” at the emergency spillway. DRC will hear the first segment of the 50 mile activity loop. Leyland Cypress trees will be planted at Arroyo del Oso Golf Course to help lessen the sprinkler over spray onto the Bear Arroyo Trail adjacent to Osuna Rd. Jackie Bouker requested James install the same “equestrian” signs he and Kent put at each end of the Montano Bridge at the Paseo del Norte Bridge.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn: John Thomas moved to adjourn at 6:13 pm. Second by Bill. All in favor; (motion passes 5-0)

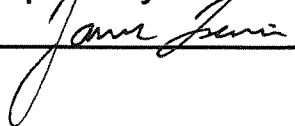
The foregoing GARTC minutes from the September 16, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on November 18, 2014.

Chairperson **Ian Maddieson**



Nov 18 2014
Date

Prepared by: **James Lewis**



11/18/14
Date

