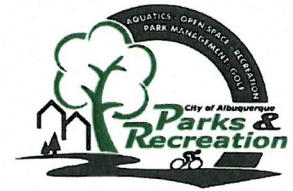


GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2016
3:30 pm

City Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room, Room 7096



Members Present: Valerie Cole, Kathleen Rhoad, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent: Tyler Ashton (excused), Warren Wild

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Gabriel Campos-HR, Jason Coffey-PRD

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Ron Cossey

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. Quorum is present.

Approval of April 19, 2016 Agenda

Kathleen Rhoad moved to accept the agenda, second by Val Cole. Motion passes with a voice vote.

Approval of March 22, 2016 Minutes

Kathleen Rhoad moved to approve the March minutes, second by Val Cole. Motion passes with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- ADA presentation/training (We have contacted John N. McGovern, JD, President, Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC to provide training)
- Scheduling Update: Staff is working to have Mr. McGovern attend the May 17, 2016 meeting.
Staff provides an update regarding Mr. McGovern's training. He has agreed to save May 17, 2016 for an in person training. GARTC would be inviting the individuals from the other committees to attend the GARTC meeting to participate in the training. Gabe Campos mentioned inviting some County staff to attend the training provided by Mr. McGovern. There is a discussion between Mr. Campos and the committee members regarding the

challenges of communicating ADA guidelines to the public and to City staff as well, and the desire for training and the need to communicate this information more widely.

Ian Maddieson moved to welcome Mr. McGovern to the May 17, 2016 GARTC meeting and to extend the invitation to individual members of the GABAC, ADA Board, and County staff, Val Cole seconds. Motion passes with a voice vote.

- Committee Member Recruitment

The committee members discuss the committee recruitment process and ask Ron Cossey about his experience with the trails and which council district he lives in. There is a general conversation regarding outreach and recruitment for the committee, and the idea of signs displayed at trail heads saying there are vacancies and using the neighborhood associations, newsletters to get the word out. There is a general discussion regarding additional challenges, including the schedule of the neighborhood association meetings. There is a question regarding bicyclist representation on GARTC and the committee explains there is only an off-road cycling representative on the committee. Also, the off-road cyclist representative seems to imply a connection to Open Space.

- Proposed Trail Names

The committee needs to get the list of unnamed trails so that names can be provided. There is a question regarding which trails need naming and the Embudo Trail is mentioned due to the Forrest Service Trail and the COA trail, the chair mentions several other trails with more than one name in various segments, or portions that are unnamed. The different jurisdictions in which the trails cross complicate the naming process, and then there is how people refer to trails in general short hand.

- Increase Public Awareness of Trails

There is a general conversation about the desire and need to raise the profile of the trail network. The Trail Writer's guides hosted on the Parks website are discussed as one tool in the effort but it is noted that those guides focus on cyclists only. The chair discusses ideas for writing a guide for Tramway Trail that could maybe be used as a template for additional guides focused on pedestrian users. The GARTC Facebook site is discussed as a tool for communicating trail information and guidance about routes. There is a discussion about how to get the various trail maps and information to be more accessible through the website. There is a discussion on the challenges of getting all the information needed together to give all user groups information specific to their needs about trails including; qualities-what is like, who was it designed for, and what are the ADA conditions. Using GoPro cameras to provide an opportunity to have an experience of what the trail is like is mentioned as great step towards helping people get an experience of a trail without actually being on a trail.

- Lost and Found Boxes at Trailheads

The Chair requested this be on the agenda due to a comment from a member of the public regarding how to deal with things of limited value found on the trails. Could there be location for a box for lost and found items? There is a discussion regarding the challenges and limitation of implementing a lost and found system. Places where users are funneled so that there aren't many places to access the trails because this would work best for the regular users of the trails. Using the Facebook page as a way to say you have lost something using the City's website to list where the lost and found boxes are located is also discussed.

Ian Maddieson motioned to pursue the idea of lost and found boxes, made of transparent materials, second by Kathleen Rhoad. Motion passes with a voice vote. Staff will work to figure out what is possible for the installation of lost and found boxes.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Jason Coffey, Parks and Recreation Department.

- Unser Trail, \$280K to renovate the Unser Trail from St. Josephs north to Dellyne, schedule for the project has not been developed to date but the project should be starting sometime the last week of April.
- The contract for the Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study has been signed by the consultants and returned to the City for signatures so I anticipate the project will be starting in the next few weeks.
- I continue to participate in the Alameda Drain and Trail Mater Plan.
- Parks is going to do a slope stabilization pilot project because we want to explore some low impact and lower cost techniques for stabilizing slopes adjacent to trails. No projects have been picked yet but we are working to get a list of options generated.
- We are going to have a third phase of bollard project to get the remaining locations we are identifying and to have a few on hand for Parks Management and Parks Construction to use as needed or as part for repairs.
- I received the updated contract from NMDOT for the rail crossing upgrade on the North Diversion Channel Trail just south of El Pueblo. I sent the contract and exhibits to legal for review because two parties were added, PNM and American Gypsum. Once legal responds we will enter into another round of changes and review or if they approve will being the routing process for signatures. The contract has to go through NMDOT's approval process too so it could be a couple months before we get moving on building the new crossing.
- Singer Bridge widening and trail notch project is beginning April 11, 2016. The project duration will be 300 days and include a new four lane bridge and a notch in the North Diversion Channel for the trail. There will be some closures of the trail but the project team has stated the desire to keep the closures to a minimum. On site detours will be utilized as much as possible to maintain access for trail users. The project is being led by DMD.
- National Trails Day, June 4, 2016 is going to take place at I-40 and Paseo del Bosque Trail. Parks is working with REI and had to choose a location by April 1, 2016 to be included in the American Hiking Societies listing of nation-wide trails day projects. We are also hoping to partner with Keep ABQ Beautiful and Parks Management to have a fun and successful event. The event will take place from 8am to noon on 6/4/16.
- I-40 West Trail Extension funding agreement is still with the City, and as of 4/6/16, I need to talk to AMAFCA to find out where it is. The agreement might still be at DMD.
- Bike to Work Day (BTWD) is May 19th and 20th, 2016. The May 19 station is for Kirtland Airforce Base and the VA Hospital, and the other 12 stops will happen on Friday, May 20, 2016. There is a new stop at Tingley Beach hosted by the BioPark. The theme of this years' BTWD is "Bring a buddy" so people who arrive at the stops with a buddy will get an extra give away and be entered into a drawing for a private tour for four people of the polar bear exhibit at the BioPark Zoo. The intention this year was to include Rio Rancho and have a metro area wide event but funding restrictions prevented us from spending money in Sandoval County (CMAQ Funds), but the event is being called "Greater Albuquerque Bike to Work Day".

Public Comment:

John Barncastle describes a homeless encampment on the North Diversion Channel Trail, and explains his efforts to have the encampment removed. 311, APD and AFD have all been contacted. Mr. Barncastle elaborates on the timeline of events related to his reporting of the issue and the end result was the encampment was removed by AMAFCA with APD.

Adjourn: Meeting is adjourned at 5:37pm.

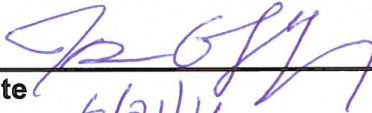
The foregoing GARTC minutes from the April 19, 2016 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on May 17, 2016.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



Date June 21 2016

Prepared by: Jason Coffey



Date 6/21/16