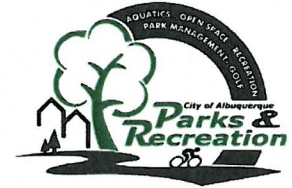


GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2016
3:30 pm

City Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room, Room 7096



Members Present: Valerie Cole, Kathleen Rhoad, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent: Warren Wild, Tyler Ashton (excused)

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Christina Sandoval-PRD, Jason Coffey-PRD, Carrie Barkhurst-Planning

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker, John Barncastle, Nancy Harbert

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. Quorum is present

Approval of February 16, 2016 Agenda

Ian Maddieson, motioned to accept the agenda as presented, second Kathleen Rhoad. Motion is approved by a voice vote.

Approval of January 19, 2016 Minutes

Kathleen Rhoad, moved approval of the minutes, second by Val Cole. Motion passes by a voice vote.

General Announcements:

The Committee members engage a guest in conversation regarding vacancies on the Committee and attending the meeting to get more information on how the Committee operates.

Committee member brings up the ABC-Z project and requests the committee be kept informed. Carrie Barkhurst, Planning Department, provides an over view of the ABC-Z process in relation to trails. The trails are in both the Transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan update and the Parks and Opens Space section. The other phase of the ABC-Z project is a re-working of the zoning code. Go to ABC-zone.com (<http://abc-zone.com/>) on the main page there is a link to Comprehensive Plan and a link to the zoning code update. The new proposed zone designations are explained in relation to Parks and Opens Space.

Committee member asks, can you repeat what NRPO means? NR, non-residential and PO means parks and open space. After the over Comp plan is complete we will look at larger character areas and hopefully review policy within three of those areas pre year as a tool for engaging the neighborhood associations and fine tune for local neighborhood character and concerns.

For more details and the timeline please see the website. The committee comments on the volume of work that has gone into reworking the zoning and comp plan.

Discussion, Action Items, New and On-Going Business:

ADA presentation/training (We have contacted John N. McGovern, JD, President, Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC to provide a training and are still working to get it scheduled) Christina Sandoval, Parks and Recreation, explains that the consultant has a contract with Parks and Recreation. The committee is willing to use the consultant Parks has a relationship with, for ease of procurement. The committee requests information regarding other potential presenters for ADA. Christina explains there are other agency choices but feels like Mr. McGovern is a knowledgeable and neutral expert. The option of having a video presentation with Mr. McGovern is discussed, and the committee members agree because they will all be able to see each other in real time and have a conversation. Val Cole will not be able to attend March 15, 2016 so the committee would like to have presentation at the April 19, 2016 meeting. The committee would like to have an agency representative, the Governor's Commission for Disabilities, in the room with us during the training.

Committee Member Recruitment

GARTC Facebook page has been created. The committee is described; number of seats, focus of committee's work, etc. on the Facebook page. The committee vacancies are discussed and whether or not there are candidates in the que for appointment. Committee members are requested to link the City page for Boards and Committee vacancies to other groups Facebook pages there are involved with. The committee's desire is to work on recruiting more members for the committee. The committee discusses other interested parties and efforts to get people interested in applying for committee appointment.

Proposed Trail Names

Proposed trails still need names for the GIS data transfer over to DMD, it will help reduce errors when trails are added or renovated and extended. Carrie Barkhurst, Planning Department, hands out materials and reviews the challenges with our current methods for naming the trails. The current North Diversion Channel (NDC) trail is an example of the naming confusion, NDC is signed as Paseo del Nordeste for part of the southern alignment and should just be renamed NDC. I-40 Trail is another example, there is big gap between the sections so geographic relationships are important, not confusable with other trails, and logically named in relationship to where they trails are located. The committee has a question regarding approval of trail names, and the trail names are a current internal practice of the agency managing the facility. The consensus of the committee is that Carrie Barkhurst should attempt to name the proposed trail segments.

GARTC Facebook Page Update

See above discussion.

Sub-Committee status review

The status of the current sub committees is reviewed. There was a Bollard sub-committee, trail names sub-committee, and the third is the agenda sub-committee. Two of those committees have lost members or the task is nearing completion and the agenda committee is a useful tool but we need to revisit the sub-committee membership. Ian Maddieson, I motion the bollard review sub-committee be thanked and terminated. I second, Val Cole. Motion passes with a voice vote. Ian Maddieson, I motion to disband the trails sub-committee, second Val Cole, no objection, approved. Ian Maddieson, I motion to reconvene the agenda sub-committee as the Chair and Vice Chair and Kathleen Rhoad. Val Cole seconds, motion passes with a voice vote. Staff will work with the

agenda sub-committee. Remove this item from the agenda; the agenda committee will produce the agendas as their work product.

Staff Reports and Project Updates –

Report from-Jason Coffey, Trails Planner, Parks and Recreation Department.

The committee would like to have the staff report in writing in advance.

North Diversion Channel- Renovation from Indian School Rd NE south toward Tucker. Slight widening of the trail and paving all the way to the top of the channel, some signage and restriping will be included. The project is scheduled to begin 2/15/16. The traffic control and advance warning signs should be in place starting 2/08/16. The trail segment will be closed completely until 2/24/16 and a detour is provided.

The contract for the Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study is being negotiated. The project will inventory all trails and bridges maintained by Parks and Recreation, although not all Open Space Trails and bridges, and provide information for asset management. The purpose of the study is to help inform a prioritized list of projects to address facilities based on their condition and our overall goals. The wooden decked bridges are an example, so is cracking of the trail surface, we need to have engineers review the bridges before we make changes to the decking because most are prefabricated and the decking material is part of the structural elements, so we need to assess new materials carefully. The study will make a recommendation for a new material for the bridge decking and give each trail surface a rating.

Lights on the Gail Ryba Bridge, Parks Management will get a quote for solar lighting fixtures that have no wiring in the base. The direction has been to not replace what was there do to repeated thefts and vandalism, but we will evaluate this solar option to see if it will meet our needs.

Maintenance workshop March 9, 2016 to review weed control maintenance practices for all agencies owning or maintaining non-irrigated ROW or trail facilities. Talking about weed control and specifically using native grasses to out compete goat heads and tumble weeds along trails. Maintenance boundaries will be discussed briefly at the end with the idea being to have a series of follow up meetings to get the maintenance map finalized and agreed upon. The committee will have Kathleen Rhoad be the GARTC representative at the Maintenance Workshop.

I am working with the NMDOT Rail Bureau to upgrade the rail crossing on the NDC, but there is a cumbersome contractual process so I don't know when the work will actually take place. There will not be a realignment of the trail but will bring the trail and rail crossing up to the current standards.

DMD is going to be widening the Singer Bridge and create a notch for the trail to go under the bridge, but there will still be an at-grade crossing at Singer. DMD is going to bid and the project should start in early spring. The project will result in some trail closures or temporary on-site detour during the project.

The Alameda Drain and Trail Master Plan is continuing and we had a well-attended public field meeting. The county has done an excellent job coordinating the master plan and we got some good feedback from the public in attendance.

Carrie Barkhurst, City of Albuquerque Planning Department, The 50 Mile Loop is working on the downtown segment as an on-street facility and working on the section on Paseo and Coors along the Corrales riverside drain to Eagle Ranch to cross Coors. The signage and wayfinding is also underway currently. If there are questions I can get them to the project team. The next thing to report on, on Gibson Rd there is a new commercial development on the corner of Gibson and halfway in between Yale and University. The applicants are seeking an access from the MRCOG.

The bike map is discussed and the committee discusses adding more information regarding trails and trail alignments. The committee requests Gabe Boyle present at the next meeting on the progress of the bike map update. The committee would like to know if ADA access will be added at Gabaldon and Campbell, GARTC would like Open Space to be required to. Kathleen Rhoad, I motion a GARTC recommendation that the second section of the Bosque Trail have correct ADA access for the Campbell Road and Gabaldon Place access points. Furthermore, GARTC is requesting ADA parking be reviewed and ADA parking be added where possible. Second Val Cole, motion passes with a voice vote.

Public Comment-

John Barncastle, explains his progress in getting APD to follow up on the details of his hit and run in September. Bike ABQ wrote a letter on his behalf and he did get some follow up from Councilor Jones' office and APD has said a commander is willing to review my police report with him. There is a movement to get APD to be more responsive to cyclist and automobile collision investigations.

Kathleen Rhoad, I would like to have a backup for the Maintenance workshop, Ian Maddieson will be the backup for the March 9, 2016.

There is a question from a guest regarding the length of GARTC terms.

Adjourn: Move to adjourn at 5:28 pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the February 16, 2016 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on March 22, 2016.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



Date April 19 2016

Prepared by: Jason Coffey



Date 4/19/16