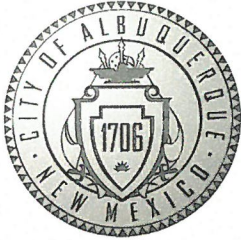
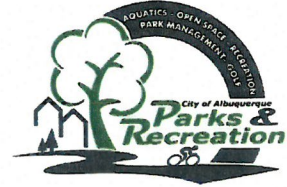


**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**



February 20, 2018
3:30 pm



**Meeting Place: Parks and Recreation Administration,
1801 4th St NW**

Members Present: Kathleen Rhoad, Valerie Cole, Tyler Ashton, Warren Wild

Members Absent: Ian Maddieson

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Jason Coffey, PRD; Christina Sandoval, PRD; Valerie Hermanson, MRCOG

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m. Quorum is present.

Approval of February 20, 2018 Agenda

Kathleen Rhoad moved to approve the agenda, Warren Wild seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Approval of December 19, 2017 Minutes

Kathleen Rhoad moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Warren Wild seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

Valerie Cole updates the committee regarding HR 620 in the US House of Representatives, which passed and proposes to limit the ability of physically challenged people to file complaints about ADA access. The resolution moves to the US Senate and Mrs. Cole informs the committee there was opposition from the public and is bring it to the GARTC member's attention since GARTC has a seat for a physically challenged representative and is one of the few committees positioned to advocate for the physically challenged. The resolution was focused on business but may apply to facilities and there is concern that it will gut the ADA.

Christina Sandoval updates the committee regarding the new Park and Recreation Department Director, Dave Simon, and gives the committee a brief description of Mr. Simon's back ground. Mrs. Sandoval shares that the Department is excited to work with him. Mrs. Sandoval continues to update the committee regarding the appointment of Helen Maestas (768-3322) to oversee Boards and Commissions and as the Assistant Director of Constituent Services. Mrs. Sandoval thinks it would be a nice gesture to reach out and contact her. The new administration seems very

receptive to citizen issues. Also, the trail design on-call contract is on the City Council Agenda and should be approved in the next couple of weeks. So it will great to move forward with the contract.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Trail Counts Update

Staff introduces the Non-Motorized Count Program and explains that the 5 permanent counters installed last October are just part of that effort. The goal is to develop non-motorized counts to complement the motorized traffic count program to increase our bicycle and pedestrian planning throughout the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area. Staff explains the City, Parks and Rec, is supporting the Mid-Region Council of Governments in the creation of the non-motorized count program but that the statistical analysis will be done by the MRCOG and MRCOG will be the clearing house for the data. Valerie Hermanson from MRCOG talks about correlating additional data sets with the trail counters data to develop a system wide trail count report. The project is still in development and it takes a significant amount of staff time to sort the data and then do the statistical analysis so it will be a while until there is a report. Mrs. Hermanson explains that there is an intern working on this project now so progress is being made and Mrs. Hermanson describes the Strava data map she provided as an example of one of the available datasets we will use with the count data. Committee members ask questions about Strava and the other data sources and the methodology for developing the count report. The goal is to release non-motorized count data on a quarterly basis once the program is up and running. Staff talks about the need to be cautious about releasing the data before it is ready due to the need to have a longer duration of counts on the new counters and to insure one data set is leased to avoid contradictory or confusing data.

Bike Map Update

Staff explains that the list of changes and ideas for the Bike Map were sent to the project manager at DMD but there has not been any follow up to date. The DMD project manager has not responded and staff has not inquired. Essentially, there is no update.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Staff Report, Jason Coffey, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation Department
The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study is complete.

Unser Trail Erosion Control, no new information.

Gail Ryba Bridge Approach- The work on the gabions is complete and work has shifted to constructing the wire-tied rip rap mattress on the slope above the gabions. The slope will be hydro-seeded by the Open Space crew in the spring.

North Diversion Channel Bridge- The estimate is in and the cost is \$111k. We are moving forward with a work order for the project and right now the scheduled start date is 3-12-18 and the completion date is 5-4-18. I will work with the Parks PIO to get the word out about the project and show the detour route.

Trail Design On-call- KSA Engineers Inc. was recommended to the Administration and we have received the green light to advance to the next stage of the award process. Once approved by the Administration it needs to go to City Council for EC approval.

Alameda Drain Trail- We had a meeting with Bernalillo County, AMAFCA, MRGCD, and Council Services to discuss the project scope and hear form the County how their project is advancing.

What came out of the meeting is that Parks needs to increase the funding for design. The County paid \$288k for design services on a shorter segment than what the City is responsible for, so we moved some money in the TIP from construction to design. We will add the money back to the construction phase in 2019. The Selection Advisory Committee process required to select a design consultant for the project has been initiated and I hope to have the SAC paper work submitted the week of 2/20/18.

Four Hills Trail-The estimate came back at \$53k but the seal coat product cannot be applied until 24 hour temperatures reach 50 degrees, so we are going to hold off on this project until we get the temps we need.

Ladera Dam Trail-Parks got all the survey information from AMAFCA and met with the on-call contractor to get a cost estimate for the work. The estimate came in higher than I was hoping for so we are going to need to rethink the scope or partner with AMFACA on the cost. Parks Planning and Design staff will discuss our options the week of 2/20/18.

Trail Planner Position-The Trail Planner position closed on 1/31/18 and there are 8 applicants. Once HR has completed reviewing the applicants to determine whether they are eligible then we will get a list of potential candidates we can choose to interview. We will review the qualified candidates and select 3 to 5 to interview and then schedule interviews. Even under best case scenario circumstances we are several months away from having the new planner onboard.

Public Comment:


None

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the February 20, 2018 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on March 20, 2018.

Chairperson – Tyler Ashton

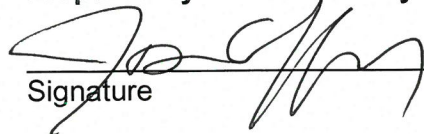


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Prepared by – Jason Coffey



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