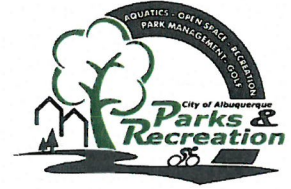


**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes**



July 17, 2018
3:30 pm



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

Members Present: Likhaya Dayile, Kathleen Rhoad, Valerie Cole, Travis Davis, Warren Wild,

Members Absent: Ian Maddieson, Tyler Ashton

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Wade Patterson (Staff), PRD

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. A quorum was present. Committee members and meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of July 17, 2018 Agenda

Valerie Cole moved to approve the agenda, Warren Wild seconded. All in favor.

Approval of June 19, 2018 Report

It was noted that Valerie Hermanson with MRCOG is not a committee member as listed. With that change, Warren Wild moved to approve the report* Travis Davis seconded. All in favor. *A quorum was not present at the 6/19/18 meeting and no action items were approved.

General Announcements:

There were no general announcements

New Business/Presentations:

General: Travis Davis asked a question about the term "physically challenged" to describe one of the committee seats and whether that term could be changed to something more in keeping with current terminology. Wade Patterson will look at the bylaws and the original language related to the formation of the committee to see what actions, if any, the board would need to take to modify this language.

GARTC Web Page Update: Committee members were brought up to speed with the previous month's discussion. The committee previously discussed revamping the primary language included on the landing page for GARTC (essentially modifying and making more concise the language currently housed there). Committee members were asked to come to the August GARTC meeting with proposed changes to the existing language for discussion. More substantial changes to other

aspects of the committee's page will have to be undertaken in concert with the new administration's revamp of the entire City website. Philip Clelland with Parks and Recreation will be the point person for the committee in this process.

Trail Program Projects: Wade Patterson, Trails Planner, provided a project update as follows:

- **The North Diversion Channel Trail Bridge Deck upgrade (btw I-25 and Osuna)-** Parks and Recreation is focusing decking upgrades on the next two bridges south of Osuna on the North Diversion Channel Trail. The design on-call contract (with KSA Engineering) is in the final phase of approval and once in place, the engineers will conduct a detailed structural evaluation all 6 remaining bridges on the NDC between Osuna and I-25 and develop specific designs for the deck replacement on the two bridges south toward Singer. There is no time estimate on completion of this work at present, but as we know more you all will be updated.
- **Four Hills Trail-** In June, Parks and Recreation identified some additional crack repair work we wanted completed on this project. This work has been completed and the project closed.
- **Ladera Dam Trail-**Construction on this project has been completed. This was a total reconstruction of the trail adjacent to the golf course. This work has been completed and the project closed.
- **Alameda Drain Trail-** The contract with the consultant for the Design phase (Parametrix) is being finalized and we are currently in fee negotiations. Design must complete by June 15, 2019 to move on to the Construction phase so we are on a tight timeline. The trail will run from I-40/Rio Grande to Montañito and connect with Bernalillo County's portion north of Montañito which is currently under construction.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Committee Member Recruitment: Prior to Jason Coffey's departure, he inquired with the City (Helen Maestas) about the status of Jeffrey Tweed who had submitted materials to be considered for a vacant seat on the GARTC committee. Wade Patterson confirmed that he had not heard anything back from Helen on this matter. He will follow up before the next meeting and report on the status. Some members noted that their terms have expired and that to continue serving, will need to reapply. As some were not certain of their current status, Wade will investigate and provide guidance on each member's status at the next meeting.

Connections from On-street to Off-street Facilities: Wade Patterson asked for some clarity on this topic to better understand what the committee was looking at. There followed a discussion about transitions from off-street trails to on-street facilities like sidewalks, cross-walks and bike lanes. Currently, some of these transitions are confusing, incomplete or not in compliance with accessibility requirements. Travis also mentioned attending a national ADA conference in Pittsburgh where he learned a lot of information about how cities can improve accessibility for all users. He has also met with Claude Morelli and Tyson Hummell, ADA Coordinator for the City of Albuquerque to discuss connectivity/accessibility issues. The conversation also extended to accessibility guidance for trails specifically, a topic that was also a focus of the conference. Travis Davis will try to find information/presentation materials from the conference to share with the committee.

Bike Map and Pedestrian Resources: Wade Patterson had asked for an overview from the committee about this topic. There was a general discussion around trails facilities being for a range of users and not only bikes. The committee has entertained the idea for some time that another map could be developed that identifies resources for other trail users (including identifying “accessible” trails, the criteria for which does not exist nationally but which the committee could work to define internally).

Other Discussion: The committee wanted to know more about the current status of the 50-mile Loop project. Wade Patterson will speak with Linda Rumpf (City Planner in charge of this project) and bring a current report for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Kathleen shared a national media story on pedestrian and bicycle deaths. A general discussion on this issue, how Albuquerque ranks, and current activities at the local and state level being implemented to try and reduce fatalities.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

The Trails Projects report was presented by Wade Patterson earlier in the meeting .See above for details. There were no other staff reports presented.

Public Comment:

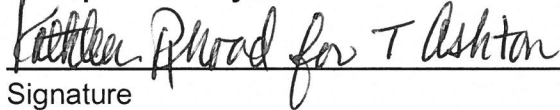
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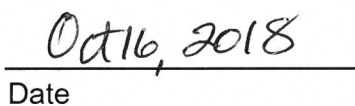
Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the July 17, 2018 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on August 21, 2018.

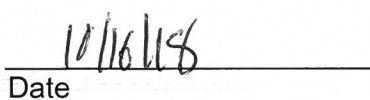
Chairperson – Tyler Ashton


Signature


Date

Prepared by – Wade Patterson


Signature


Date

