GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

March 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, Ian Maddieson

Members Absent:  None

Advisory Members Present:  None

Staff Members Present:  Helen Maestas, Mayor’s Office; Jason Coffey, PRD; Diane Souder, NPS; Chanteil Walter, NPS

Staff Members Absent:  None

Visitors Present:  Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions
Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m. Quorum is present. Members and meeting attendees introduce themselves.

Approval of February 20, 2018 Agenda
Kathleen Rhoad moved to approve the agenda, Valerie Cole 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:
Staff announces that the office is undergoing a furniture upgrade so please excuse the mess as we rearrange.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:
GARTC Webpage Review
Staff introduces the idea of reviewing the GARTC webpage and the potential of updating the information on the page. Staff navigates to the page so the committee members and guests can see the content. The committee reviews the webpage content and discusses the role of the committee. The idea of including more images on the page is discussed as well as how to describe the committee’s work more succinctly and include links to maps and other resources. Making the schedule and location of the meetings more visible on the webpage is discussed. The role of the committee and what work the committee would like to focus on is also discussed, including becoming more involved in project programming and design review. The Chair shares the BTAC
model used in Santa Fe, where all trail projects are reviewed by the committee that includes and city councilor on the committee. There is a general conversation about what the process for updating might be and what could be changed. Helen Maestas asks whether or not agendas and minutes are available on the webpage and Staff reviews the agendas and minutes on the webpage. Committee members are to email their ideas for the webpage to the Chair prior to the April meeting.

Dedicating I-40 Trail
Kathleen Rhoad moved to support dedication of the I-40 Trail from 7th St NW to the Paseo del Bosque Trail to Bill Kramer, and further moves to not have the dedicated trail be referred to as a bike trail. Valerie Cole seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Petroglyph National Monument
Diane Souder gives a brief history of the monument and an update on the current status of the visitor use management plan. The VUP is mostly a trail plan in so much as it determines where access points are and where the trails throughout the park should be. Chanteil Walter is introduced as the monument staff person taking over Diane Sounder’s role due to Diane’s retirement. Chanteil Walter updates the committee on the details of the plan and where in the process the plan is. The VUMP is developed by local monument staff but also staff at the regional and national level with the National Park Service.

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- No new information, 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- Work on the project began 3/19/18 and the detour is in place. I provided the detour route to GABAC and it is up on the Park’s webpage and has been pushed out to social media. I included the detour route in your packets so please let everyone know to follow the detour. The project meetings are every Thursday at 10am and as the project progresses there will be more information regarding the duration of the project.

Trail Design On-call- KSA Engineers Inc. was approved by City Council and we have met with them to begin developing the contact scope and the fees per task.

Alameda Drain Trail- The Selection Advisory Committee had the pre-submittal meeting on Monday (3/19) and proposals are due by April 12th for the design contract for the Alameda Drain Trail. The Cooperative Funding Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation is being routed in parallel to the selection of the consultant so that we have the funding available around the same time we have a consultant selected so they can get right to work.

Four Hills Trail- No change, 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. To date, we have not had the follow up conversation with AMAFCA, but the plan is still to figure out how to reduce the cost.

Trail Planner Position-Interviews were conducted for the Trails Planner position on 3/15 and there is a candidate we are going to recommend for hiring. I need to get the paperwork completed and hope to accomplish that this week. Even if things go smoothly it will be a couple months before the new person starts.

Public Comment:
None

Adjourn:
Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

The foregoing GARTC meeting summary from the March 20, 2018 GARTC meeting have been reviewed as written or with noted comments on April 17, 2018.

Chairperson – Tyler Ashton

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Signature                                      Date

Prepared by – Jason Coffey

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