

GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES



April 18, 2017
3:30 pm



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

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

Members Absent: Ron Cossey

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Jason Coffey, 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 April 18, 2017 Agenda

Ian Maddieson moved to approve the agenda, second by Valerie Cole. Motion carries with a voice vote.

Approval of March 21, 2017 Minutes

Ian Maddieson moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Valerie Cole. Motion carries with a voice vote.

General Announcements:

Bike to Work Day is May 19th, 2017. Staff shares the bike to work day flier and invites the committee members to attend.

Ian Maddieson shares that Open Space has a trail head and clean up event this Saturday at the Piedra Lisa Trail Head. Also, signs for the 50 Mile Activity Loop are going up and the timeline for the unveiling of the signs and ground breaking for the project are discussed. Staff talks about the ground breaking event that was held in conjunction with the Civic Plaza Fountain ground breaking and explains that Parks and Recreation will be maintaining the signs for the 50 Mile Loop. Because Parks will be maintaining the signs staff will be involved in reviewing the sign placement before the signs installation is finalized. There is a general discussion about the 50 Mile Loop sign installation schedule.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

Bridge Report Update

Staff describes the bridge report and explains how the report is laid out and what the methodology was for the filed data collection. Staff shares the special conditions table where recommendations

are documented regarding what need to be fixed on the bridges. Staff comities to explain the report is a draft and changes have been requested to make the report easier to use, specifically to the map so it is easy to locate the bridges on the map. A briefing will be provided to the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the report and Parks intends to use the findings of the report to help prioritize our repair and maintenance program. There is a bridge in the special conditions that may need to be replaced but we haven't received a final recommendation from the consultants. The chair asks if there is a timeline for the bridge repairs, and staff responds that there is not a schedule for the repairs and describes how Parks would like to have all the information from the report and then work to build a repair program. The overall project is scheduled to wrap up in August 2017. There is a question about how the report came about, was it requested by Risk Management? Staff explains that the project was already in motion when he came onboard and wasn't part of the decision making, but that it makes sense to do an asset management inventory of all the trail network assets.

Donated Bike Pump Location Review

Staff explains how Whole Foods only donated 6 pumps, but the City was hoping for 10 pumps. With 10 potential locations Parks wanted help choosing locations so it was mentioned at the April GABAC meeting that ideas for pumps location would be helpful. But, now that there are only 6 pumps, we don't need help identifying more locations because Parks had six or seven location already selected. So, Staff wanted to talk to GARTC first and then get back to GABAC for ideas for future location. One of the pumps is displayed for the committee members and staff describes how the pumps work and what criteria went into selecting the locations. The potential locations are; Los Altos Skate Park, West I-40, Paseo del Bosque parking lot on Gabaldon, Paseo del Nordeste at San Mateo, and Paseo de la Mesa. Staff describes the pump locations and the selection criteria for the locations in more detail. Staff and committee members discuss potential locations and the merits of the various location ideas. Ian Maddieson does not think the Los Altos location is a good one, not enough bike traffic. Near The AMAFCA office would be better. Tyler Ashton likes Paseo del Norte at the NDC Trail as a location for a pump.

Bosque Siphon Bridge Update

The chair thinks the project was very well done and shares some pictures taken at the new bridge. The grand opening event has been rescheduled for the first week in May. The grand opening of the bridge will coincide with the unveiling of the running friendly designation for the City of Albuquerque. Staff inquires to Ian Maddieson regarding Runner Friendly City status and how long the designation remains in place? The answer is; the designation is valid for 5 years. Once the date of the bridge opening and Runner Friendly Community unveiling is announced, staff will email the committee members with the date.

Bear Canyon Trail at Academy

Ian has requested this item and would like to know if adding a curb cut to access the Bear Arroyo Trail off Academy west of the intersection would be helpful. Tyler Ashton moved that GARTC draft a letter to DMD regarding trail to bike lane access from Academy Blvd to Bear Arroyo Trail and the bike lane drop at Paradise Blvd and La Paz Drive, second by Warren Wild. Motion passes with voice vote. Ian Maddieson and Tyler Ashton will draft the letter.

Committee Member Recruitment

No new information, but Jason will request member pool status from Carmen Ortiz. Ian Maddieson did send an email to Gary Kelly but he felt he was too committed to other projects to come back to GARTC.

National Trails Day Project

The chair suggests that this item be covered in the staff report.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Staff Report, Jason Coffey, Trails Planner, Parks and Recreation Department

The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study continues, the consultants are working on the plans for the pilot project and submitted a draft of the bridge report. Once the report is finalized I would like to review it with the GARTC. Parks and Rec would like pursue the use of pavement markings for the mile marker system with signs on used only as needed.

North Diversion Channel Rail Crossing Agreement, I have not heard anything more from Real Property as of 4/10/17.

The Singer Bridge widening and trail notch project is almost complete. The notch is open and the last work is taking place on the trail just north of Singer. The repaving of Sing Blvd is almost done and the project should wrap up soon. The seeding and mulch of the slopes around the notch will get one more application of hydro mulch and then be complete. The mulch is the greenish material and it is to help protect the seeds which were raked into the ground prior to the application of the mulch.

I-40 West Channel Extension construction continues, the trail portion of the project has begun and I will begin attending the weekly project meetings.

Bear Canyon Arroyo bridge over I25, the Parks Management crews continue to monitor and patch as needed.

Unser Trail Erosion Control is a project to stabilize the slopes on the new trail segment from Unser Blvd NW to Santo Domingo Ct NW. The trail maintenance crew has taken this project on and began work filling in the erosion scars. Some compost has been spread and the crew hopes to finish the compost spreading and get the seeding completed this week or next.

Bike to Work Day is May 19, 2017. I will be participating in the event.

National Trails Day is June 3, 2017 and we are working on identifying a project location. The short list is, West I40 by Hanover Bridge, Paseo del Nordeste between Comanche and San Pedro.

Whole Foods is donating 10 bicycle pumps and I am working to identify locations for the pumps. The pumps are durable metal devices that get bolted down and there are examples in front of City Hall, in front of Esperanza and in front of Jerry Cline Tennis Center. We would like to roll out the new pumps in conjunction with National Trails Day but the timing could be tricky. We still need to get the pumps, nail down the locations and get them installed but the goal is to introduce the new pumps on National Trails Day.

We are still exploring options for reseeding the slope above the west approach to Gail Ryba Bridge. Right now we hope to have a test of the temporary water set-up we will need to utilize if we want anything to take. The extent to which we can reach with water will determine the extent of the seeding; we think there is little likelihood of the seeds taking without supplemental watering. No specific time line on this project but it is an effort to combat erosion with plantings.

Public Comment:

None

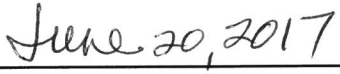
Adjourn: Meeting is adjourned at 5:07pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the April 18, 2017 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on May 16, 2017.

Chairperson - Kathleen Rhoad

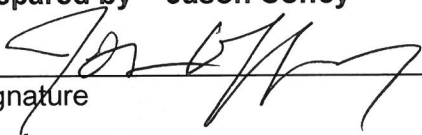


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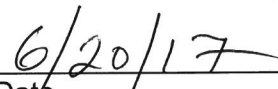


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Prepared by - Jason Coffey



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