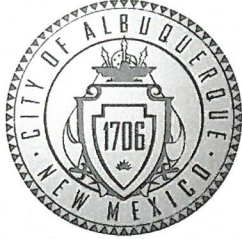
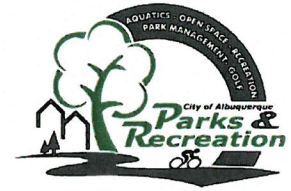


GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL TRAILS COMMITTEE MINUTES



March 21, 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, Roxanne Blatz AECOM

Call to Order and Introductions

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

Approval of March 21, 2017 Agenda

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

Approval of February 21, 2017 Minutes

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

General Announcements:

The chair shares photographs taken at the Bosque Trail new bridge over the Atrisco Siphon.

Ian Maddieson, the NMDOT has been cutting a lot of vegetation along the trail, including some plants and trees that are not invasive. Section I is the main issue and an update regarding the Tramway Trail maintenance plan would be helpful.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

North Diversion Channel Trail Pilot Project

There is a general conversation regarding the 60% plans. Staff introduces the plan set and directs the committee to focus on stop versus yield signs and any other signs that may be missing. This project will inform the standard detail drawings for trail intersections but the pilot project is intended to be built. So, the decisions we make in regards to this plan set will inform trail intersection signage in future projects. There is a general conversation regarding signs and trail user behavior, and discussion on signage for the termini of the trail which could include a basic map of the trail with total mileage. Staff brings up the mile marker component of the project and the issue with what type of signs to use or whether or not pavement markings are the best approach. Staff

reports on the meeting with emergency operations dispatch center and informs the committee that mile marker points geotagged in GIS will speed up first responders' time even if no physical sign is present on the trail. This is important because a work flow for how to maintain all the signs we could be adding has not been determined yet, and there was concern that if signs were not properly maintained then the improvement to first responder response time could not be achieved but it turns out that is not the case. The GIS points work in conjunction with the system used to locate cell phones and the two points speed up response time. There is general conversation about sign mounting height and sign size and placement and some recommendations for sign placement on the plan set. The Indian School and NDC intersection is discussed and staff informs the committee there is funding programmed in 2021 for a notch under Indian School. Coordination with DMD on-street facilities is also discussed and staff expresses the need for more coordination between Parks and DMD on signage.

Committee Member Recruitment

Ian Maddieson shares that we have an applicant for the east side at large, John Thomas' old seat; it is a gentleman who works for the US Forest Service. The chair spoke with Bill Pentler of Open Space he told him about the vacancies, and Bill said he would let people know.

Agenda Sub-Committee Review

There is a general discussion regarding the make-up of the agenda subcommittee. Should it remain as is? Tyler Ashton moved to keep the committee as Ian Maddieson, Kathleen Rhoad, and Tyler Ashton; second by Warren Wild. Motion carries with a voice vote.

National Trail Day Project

National Trails Day in June 3, 2017. Staff describes the event last year and asks the committee for idea on this years' project. Staff explains the desire to have a centrally located site with good access and some degree of visibility so trail users and passers-by can see the work taking place. Staff talks about the partnership with Whole Foods for volunteer sign-up and the donated pumps Parks and Rec hopes to roll out on National Trails Day, but the logistics of the volunteer sign-up have not been worked out yet. Selecting a location for the trails day project is the first step because once we have the location we can generate promotional materials for outreach. The committee members list a number of potential locations for the project and discuss the dynamics of parking at the various locations.

Staff Reports and Project Updates:

Jason Coffey, Trails Planner, Parks and Recreation Department

The Bridge and Trail Evaluation Study, we will review and discuss the 60% plans for the pilot project.

North Diversion Channel Rail Crossing Agreement, I have not heard anything more from Real Property as of 3/17.

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.

I-40 West Channel Extension construction continues, the trail portion of the project will be constructed after a majority of the channel work is complete.

Bear Canyon Arroyo bridge over I25, the Parks Management crews removed some of the worst sections of the surface material and patched with asphalt. These patches are temporary and a long term solution will need to be identified. DMD and Parks are still negotiating regarding who has what responsibilities and who will pay for what. No new information as of 3/17/17.

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. The slopes will be seeded and Parks will work with DMD Parks Construction to get the slopes watered so we can get the seeds to germinate. There is a major slowdown in procurement due to the switch over to an E-Procurement system City wide. The crew has been unable to purchase materials for the project but I am hopeful it will still take place. The only challenge is the rapid approach of spring means the crew will get busy with other trail maintenance tasks so we will have to see how this develops. We have a new team member in the Strategic Planning and Design Division, Jesse Scott, who comes to us from DMD Parks Construction. Jesse is a landscape architect by training and will oversee projects as a Project Coordinator.

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn: Meeting is adjourned at 4:56pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the March 21, 2017 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on April 18, 2017.

Chairperson – Kathleen Rhoad

Kathleen Rhoad
Signature

May 16, 2017
Date

Prepared by: Jason Coffey

Jason Coffey
Signature

6/12/17
Date

