

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)**

February 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fé County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was called to order on the above date at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Chair Dave Dannenberg in the Projects, Facilities and Open Space Conference Room, 901 West Alameda St., suite 20C, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Dave Dannenberg, Chair
William Baker
Devin Bent
Patricia Conoway
Almudena Ortíz Cué
Judy Kowalski
John Parker
Zach Taylor

Members Absent

Ernesto Ortega [excused]

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Erin Ortigoza, Community Planner

The Committee recognized Judy Kowalski for her service as Chair of COLTPAC last year and presented her with a letter of appreciation. Ms. Kowalski thanked them for the recognition and said it has been a wonderful opportunity.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Conoway moved to approve the agenda as amended with Map 4 (MPO Bike Map) added to 8 - A. Ms. Kowalski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – January 7, 2015

Chair Dannenberg announced that a summary of the meeting will be shared a few days after each meeting. He asked for changes to the January minutes.

Ms. Conway asked for a question on page 9, fifth paragraph.

Dr. Bent asked to delete that last sentence as it didn't make sense.

Dr. Bent asked also on page 9, third paragraph to strike "Pojoaque."

Dr. Bent asked for a change on page 33 to say, "He pointed out also that not all the County was within MPO jurisdiction" and delete the rest of that sentence. Then last sentence should say "... space between the frontage road and 84-285.

Ms. Kowalski moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2015 as amended. Ms. Conway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Chair Dannenberg announced Bill Baxter's death.

Mr. Baker suggested they seriously think about naming the Botanical Garden after Bill Baxter.

Ms. Kowalski said Bill Baxter was pretty clear about not wanting things named after him. He was very well loved and made a huge contribution to his community. Sarah Wood (Cerrillos Hills Park Manager) suggested a scholarship in his name and he was open to that. He didn't even want a memorial service or obituary.

Mr. Taylor asked if the fund would pay someone to do work.

Ms. Kowalski said it would be for volunteers or a college student. The Friends could figure that out. He was concerned that his work could be carried out. The Friends all loved him very much too so there will be discussions about it.

Mr. Taylor recalled Mr. Baxter was President of COLTPAC for several years.

Dr. Bent suggested they could put something in the Santa Fé County News about his work and how much he helped this Committee.

Ms. Lohmann suggested perhaps COLTPAC could plant a tree and only we would know it was Bill Baxter's Tree.

Ms. Kowalski agreed to coordinate with Sarah Wood about that.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. Identify COLTPAC sponsored community outreach and associated PR activities for the short term (4-5 months) - Outline outreach materials and messages.

Chair Dannenberg said this is a third time to consider this and he threw out a proposal about it.

1) The website needs some work and 2) it is important to do community outreach with publicity that culminates with the July funding cycle to get some funding for next year. There are opportunities to do events. Ms. Kowalski had suggested to him a cactus walk to Arroyo Hondo.

He proposed that COLTPAC could sponsor an event with the Trails Alliance. They are interested in Piedra Trail, Little Tesuque Trail, etc.

He asked that the Committee plan a series of events co-sponsored with another organization and wrap it into an umbrella as a package. And here are all the great messages.

Dr. Bent asked if that would be through a subcommittee. Chair Dannenberg agreed.

Ms. Lohmann had a list of days to organize around and identified some of them like June 6 - National Trails Day and Bike to Work Day, Week and Month.

Mr. Taylor advocated they keep it simple. Some organizations are planning events and we could say co-sponsored by COLTPAC and do 3-4 of them really well.

Mr. Parker liked cosponsoring them - they are the same audience. It would help facilitate the event and it would foster success. There is something to be said for not being too ambitious right out of the gate.

Mr. Taylor asked if there are funds for radio spots, etc.

Ms. Lohmann said it was possible for next fiscal year. The Committee can do press releases and some radio spots are free. She clarified that the budget would be from Open Space because COLTPAC doesn't have a budget for that.

Chair Dannenberg suggested an ad in Pasatiempo.

Ms. Ortíz Cué said she would need to know what they are going to do specifically and what the Committee's task would be. It might involve a lot of work.

Mr. Taylor said it might mean just having our name added or maybe just pay for one of the ads.

Chair Dannenberg felt the organization that would partner with the County would get a benefit by partnering with the County and COLTPAC would get more exposure.

The events would be packaged as Santa Fé County Open Space Events. The PIO would have to come up with something for it.

Ms. Kowalski said the real purpose is to make people aware of the open space property; not the open space program or COLTPAC. The Committee needed to know what events are taking place in open space property.

Chair Dannenberg said it would get publicized on the calendar. He came up with ten possible events where a phone call would get our name out there.

Mr. Parker was a little leery of doing it on our own because it is the County's open space program. There is no dearth of people who would like to partner with the County.

Chair Dannenberg agreed. Partnering with the County is better than with COLTPAC.

Dr. Bent said COLTPAC is an adjunct. For years, this Committee had \$30 million and made recommendations to the BCC and now we have lost all of that funding but it doesn't have to be the end.

Ms. Lohmann pointed out that it is in the resolution to do these kinds of things.

Mr. Taylor agreed that County Open Space Program is the right term to use. Chair Dannenberg agreed.

Ms. Ortigoza asked if a sub-committee would be developed to work on it.

Chair Dannenberg said it depends on the scope.

Mr. Parker thought trail etiquette in general could be a focus. He said They should get on the internet to work out a good set of rules for the trails.

Ms. Kowalski thought the Arroyo Hondo grand opening went very well. The County does a good job of advertising.

Mr. Parker thought they could work on publicity for the completion of the next segment of Rail Trail It would be done sometime in the summer and would be a great

time for some fanfare.

Ms. Kowalski volunteered for the cactus walk at Arroyo Hondo but didn't know what date would be best.

Chair Dannenberg asked if a subcommittee should be formed if COLTPAC is going to organize an event or series of events.

Ms. Kowalski asked for an early June date for the walk.

Ms. Lohmann said June is Great Outdoors Month and June 2 is "Leave the office early Day." June 6 is National Trails Day. June 15 is Nature Photography Day.

Ms. Ortíz Cué said for cosponsors that Site Watch has a bird watching event coming up.

Ms. Kowalski asked about having an equestrian event.

Ms. Conoway said the only events she knew of were the ones where we get together for a ride. She mentioned two horse organizations. One of them (Backcountry Horsemen) cleans up horse trails out in the wilds.

Mr. Baker said the Edgewood horse group is very engaged.

Mr. Parker said Eldorado has stables that keep horses and provides for a day to do artwork and photos of horses. That is popular.

Mr. Baker said the difficulty is that there is no trail coming out of the Edgewood facility. Edgewood is trying to schedule events at the facility and get permission to cross ranch lands.

The Committee brain-stormed about what events could be done, where they might be held, and who should be targeted for the publicity.

Ms. Ortíz Cué asked about doing something invitational on the website and have people submit proposals. Then most of the work is on them and they know what they want and can plug in the details.

Ms. Kowalski wasn't sure how many people go to the website but it would open the door.

Chair Dannenberg thought they might end up with about 10 and determine a couple were not suitable.

Mr. Taylor said this should really go to a sub-committee.

Dr. Bent favored a subcommittee. The publicity could take up the whole two hours at COLTPAC meetings.

Chair Dannenberg said regarding Arroyo Hondo, that all the details would fall on Ms. Kowalski's shoulders but with cosponsored events, more would be on others' shoulders.

Ms. Kowalski felt she could do it but would ask for help if she needed help.

Mr. Parker asked if County people could meet with the sub-committee to shoot for five events this coming season. It might be someone from Planning and the PIO or others. And then they could meet during working hours at the County offices.

Chair Dannenberg said he would contribute to that committee.

Ms. Ortiz Cué asked if that meant another meeting a week.

Ms. Lohmann thought one or two meetings until close to the event. And doing other things between meetings. She didn't know if they have the capacity to do five events.

Ms. Kowalski clarified that it was not asking Ms. Lohmann to do that.

Mr. Taylor agreed but the County does the publicity. Ms. Lohmann agreed.

Chair Dannenberg said Ms. Kowalski will get the cactus event in Arroyo Hondo going. He and Mr. Parker will work with Ms. Lohmann on cosponsored events and marketing as they develop.

B. Matters from the Chair

Chair Dannenberg wanted to get input on future agenda topics. Ms. Lohmann put some past agendas in the packet. He asked if anyone had looked through them.

Ms. Kowalski thought the Committee needed to identify the next thing to happen. Is the inventory done? What is the next step?

Ms. Lohmann reported that the resource inventory was submitted this morning and she got trained to use the mapping tool. Part 2 is next week and it will be very awesome with query abilities.

Chair Dannenberg asked what the topic for next steps in the strategic plan was.

Mr. Baker said the discussion on rating factors couldn't be done until after the public meetings to find out if we are on track or not.

Ms. Kowalski said the data will help us define goals and objectives now.

Ms. Ortíz Cué thought that would be the place to start.

Mr. Taylor remembered talking about property maintenance and management of specific properties.

Ms. Lohmann said the Public Works Design Manual was important. She didn't know if it was adopted or not. She looked at it briefly and it is basically how to build things that the County owns and manages.

Ms. Kowalski noted that was done by consultants.

Ms. Lohmann agreed but it didn't have an open space and trails component. That was left to be completed at another date.

Chair Dannenberg wanted to consider a streamlined acquisition process and maybe it would apply to Glorieta trail properties.

Mr. Taylor thought that just got pushed aside.

Ms. Lohmann said it is in Legal Review so it is on the list. She reported that Glorieta has looked at their privacy and safety guidelines and no longer need two gates there so they will reopen the trailhead parking without signing in. So that no longer is a need for acquisition.

Mr. Taylor said that is publicity to share.

Ms. Lohmann clarified that there is no County property involved there. It is Glorieta and the US Forest Service. The County tried to get an easement for access but Glorieta decided there was no need to keep the gate closed.

Mr. Baker said the Committee ought to take on smaller chunks for study. We need a strategic plan for top priorities.

Chair Dannenberg agreed and continued updates on management plans are also needed.

Mr. Parker didn't see much talk about a part of the strategic plan regarding the whole notion of how public lands can better serve wildlife and ecology. I-40 is like a shooting gallery and animals get run over by semis. The Committee needs to create wildlife corridors. Wildlife cannot exist in a vacuum. So there might be properties we want to purchase for that purpose.

Mr. Baker said Bernalillo County has many corridor underpasses but to his knowledge there are none east of the Bernalillo County line. We could invite the federal government to get involved in that.

Ms. Ortíz Cué said that was identified in the focus groups COLTPAC had.

Ms. Lohmann said for next month, Bernalillo County is open to share their plan with COLTPAC. She said property transfers could also be a topic from the SLDC.

Mr. Baker asked if she could give us examples of the criteria factors and show us what it means for the County. Ms. Lohmann agreed.

Chair Dannenberg said a gap analysis of the property inventory could be another topic.

Mr. Baker said there are many factors and we don't have time to go through all of them but we could determine if the tools would help with it.

7. Matters from County Staff

A. Thornton Ranch MP update.

Ms. Lohmann said we started great with focus groups and discussion with Parametrix. The design work is rolling. She talked with BLM in Taos and determined that Thornton Ranch is within a Special Resource Management Area (SRMA) and an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and that will protect it. BLM owns the mineral rights for Thornton Ranch and nothing will happen to those mineral rights. Those designations were put there through the BLM Management Plan. She had a meeting with the State Land Office. The County owns grazing rights but that is not appropriate because the County is not grazing in that area. We could lease the property for conservation.

Ms. Kowalski said both could be leased.

Ms. Lohmann said they would like to use us as a test case for this new type of lease. Right now we pay \$200 for 350 acres and it would not cost much more than that for the lease.

She reported that the consultants who are working on TDR and development of countywide interest would have two stakeholder meetings at 4:00 tomorrow in the County offices. They would appreciate the Committee's input and COLTPAC is invited as a stakeholder.

Finally, she reported the management plans RFP was advertised on Saturday with a

deadline on March 6.

Chair Dannenberg asked what the Thornton Ranch time line is.

Ms. Lohmann said the first phase is being wrapped up by Parametrix. The second phase is not yet budgeted.

Chair Dannenberg asked what kind of assistance from COLTPAC would be needed.

Ms. Lohmann said she would find out.

Ms. Conoway thought the Thornton Ranch was not going to be open to the public.

Ms. Lohmann said they are leaning to that conclusion after the focus groups but the first phase is really general. The second phase is where the loop trail would be located. Phase 2 will get funded.

Ms. Conoway asked if Petroglyph Hill is within Thornton Ranch.

Ms. Lohmann agreed and said the trail should not go next to Petroglyph Hill.

8. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of SLDC Official Map 5 & Map 4.

Dr. Bent held up both maps and clarified that he was not thinking about doing anything that the MPO already did. But their map stops at Tesuque and the access road already has a bike trail there. He thought maybe we could just draw the extensions of trails. He added that he was not trying to take it on.

He asked if the Committee could make Map 5 available to the 13 committees - (13 communities).

Ms. Lohmann thought that might be outside the scope of the ordinance.

Dr. Bent wasn't sure about that but he could find out. The maps would not go into the ordinance and he thought Robert would be okay with it. They could go into the official map. Those 13 committees have to be present at each of the meetings and 26 public hearings.

Ms. Ortigoza said right now they are looking at updates to the plans. The design is behind the whole process. Some of them say they did plans 10 years ago, etc. At this point we will lean toward delays on plan amendments until this process is completed in September. There will be many opportunities.

Dr. Bent said it has to be broadly defined with things like uses and bonus densities and transfer of development rights.

Ms. Lohmann said what they could do with the official map is to figure out what was left off that might be in the SGMP and the 2000 Open Land and Trails Plan map. She said there are major wildlife areas in the SGMP area that are not on this map.

Dr. Bent said it left off historic places too.

Ms. Lohmann said, "You are not supposed to be able to read these maps. But all of these things are required by law to be on the map. The County has never had official maps before." The map from 2000 is really the one in force until strategic plan is done.

Chair Dannenberg said they would work on extending the official MPO map.

Dr. Bent agreed and it is not too complex now.

Mr. Baker reasoned that if out of these community meetings someone proposes trails, the Committee should deal with it.

Chair Dannenberg agreed but it has to come from the community committee, not COLTPAC. He asked about the timeline for this.

Ms. Lohmann said September is when all community plans are to be updated.

Dr. Bent added that once they approve the community plans, the Committee will know where the trails are. And in six months it comes up again.

Ms. Lohmann agreed. It isn't our only opportunity.

Mr. Baker proposed putting out this map as an interim map. It was done in three months and then wait for another round later.

Chair Dannenberg said the other piece is support from GIS people.

Ms. Lohmann said she could get them to help us.

She brought some big maps for anyone who wanted one.

Mr. Baker agreed to work with Dr. Bent on it. Mr. Parker was interested too.

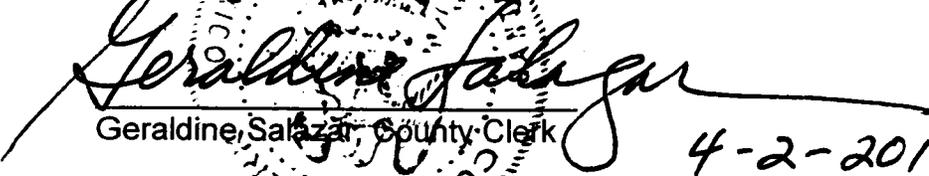
Chair Dannenberg thought the first thing is to understand the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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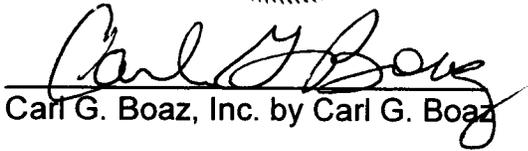

Dave Dannenberg, Chair

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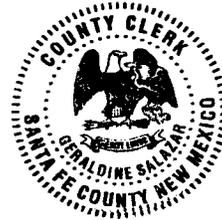

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