# MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY COUNTY OPEN LANDS TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC) Santa Fe County Administration Complex 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501 Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Via Webex

#### 1. Call to Order

A quarterly meeting of the Santa Fe County Open Lands, Trails, and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was called to order on the above date at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Chair Rubén Cedeño.

#### 2. Roll Call

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

#### Members Present

Rubén Cedeño, Chair Linda Siegle, Vice-Chair Jan Cohen Steven Forde Jean Pike Christopher Mann Sandra Madrid Massengill Apple Snider Genna Waldvogel

#### Members Absent/Excused

#### **Staff Members Present**

Adeline Murthy, Open Space and Trails Planner Robert Griego, Planning Manager

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Mann moved, seconded by Member Forde, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

# A. November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting

Member Mann moved, seconded by Member Forde, to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Meeting Schedule for 2023

Ms. Murthy reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2023 on: February 1, May 3, August 2, and November 1. There were no objections to the schedule.

### 6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Ms. Helen Wernicke was present and had asked to have time for public concern at this meeting, but her audio was not understandable. [Her comments were given later in this meeting.]

#### 7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Member Cohen reported on the Wildlife Center in northern Santa Fe County that is providing refuge for injured animals, and she proposed cooperating with them.

Chair Cedeño asked Member Cohen to bring it to the next meeting and have it listed on the agenda.

Member Pike raised concerns about a 600-acre solar array near Cerrillos Hills and Ortiz Mountains for possible effects on habitats. She asked that the Committee and County Open Space Staff investigate it to determine what might need to be done if anything. She noted the solar array application was submitted last Friday.

Member Pike said the height, at the very least, should be addressed.

Chair Cedeño suggested a special meeting to consider it.

Mr. Griego described the process involved for consideration of the solar array.

#### 8. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY STAFF

# A. Open Space Trails and Parks 2022 Annual Report

Ms. Murthy said there were two topics: the work plan and the annual report. Both would be shared on Board Docs. She scrolled through the report and identified the sections of the report that were included and encouraged the members to review the report on their own.

#### Return to Matters of Public Concern

Ms. Wernicke had now established clear audio connections and Chair Cedeño welcomed her to the meeting. Her issue was about the South Meadows Open Space's secret negotiations and the sale to Homewise and the need to prevent it from being finalized. Her request was to send additional information about it to each Committee member.

Ms. Murthy encouraged her to send the information to her for distribution to the COLTPAC members.

#### B. COLTPAC 2023 Annual Work Plan

Ms. Murthy handed out the printed Work Plan to all who were physically present at the meeting and briefly shared it on the screen with summary review of the highlighted priority plans with the members. She agreed to send it to each member and asked for approval by the Committee.

Member Pike requested time for the members to discuss the items in the proposed work plan and consider each of them to form a recommendation to the BCC.

Chair Cedeño agreed and proposed a special meeting for further consideration of the work plan.

Ms. Murthy said a letter of support would be more appropriate and not a motion for a recommendation from the Committee to the BCC.

#### 9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on Terms and Conditions for Acquisition of San Pedro Expansion Project in accordance with Resolution 2009-206. Property is located at 1604 and 1662 NM-14 87047, near Golden and the San Pedro Community District in Santa Fe County.

Ms. Murthy shared the document she developed, based on the input from COLTPAC members, and shared it on screen. She explained it was also

accessible in Board Docs. It began with a letter to the BCC, which she read aloud. It contained the list of recommendations with the signature of Chair and Vice-Chair of COLTPAC.

Member Cohen asked if the documents she had provided would be attached to the letter.

Chair Cedeño asked that the addendum be considered in a separate motion.

Member Cohen moved, seconded by Member Siegle, to attach to the letter (to the BCC) the value statement of the property, the archaeological research done on the San Pedro Expansion property and as an exhibit, the drawing of the arrowhead found on the property titled "Exhibit A." The motion passed by following (6-3) roll call vote with Members Cohen, Forde, Siegle, Mann, Waldvogel and Cedeño, and Members Massengill, Snider and Pike voting against.

# B. Establishment of Subcommittee in Accordance with Resolution 2011-4 for Review of Acquisition Process

The Committee discussed the appointment of a subcommittee to deal with this issue.

Ms. Murthy read the section providing for creating "a voluntary subcommittee to address specific concerns for open space, and trails, and parks." This one is to review the criteria for the acquisition process.

Members Mann, Forde, and Waldvogel volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. They will focus on proposed changes to the application to make it more useful.

# C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2023

Chair Cedeño recommended the incoming Chair at the first meeting, have a review of the responsibilities and charge for the COLTPAC.

Ms. Murthy managed the election process, starting with asking for nominations for Chair.

Chris Mann was nominated with no other nominations made. Member Mann accepted the nomination. By unanimous voice vote, Member Mann was elected to serve as Chair for 2023.

Ms. Murthy then asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Member Apple Snider was nominated but respectfully declined. Member Jan Cohen was nominated but also needed to decline.

Member Steve Forde was nominated and accepted. By unanimous voice vote, he was elected as Vice Chair for 2023.

The recommendations for a review of roles and responsibilities were accepted by the new Chair and Vice Chair, who will meet with Ms. Murthy to help with the transition. A special meeting was contemplated.

Members Cohen and Snider voiced their appreciation for that special introductory meeting when they became members.

The members thanked Mr. Boaz for his work with COLTPAC over the past few years.

#### 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Member Forde and second by Member Massengill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved by:

Christopher Mann, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl G. Boaz, Inc.

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