

**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
Projects, Facilities and Open Space Conference Room
901 W. Alameda St. Suite 20C, Santa Fe, NM 87501
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Rubén Cedeño, Co-Chair
Greg Betts
Sandra Madrid Massengill
Sue Murphy [telephonically]
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel
Ernesto Ortega
John Parker

Members Absent/Excused

Dave Dannenberg, Chair, Excused

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager

Others Present

Elizabeth Martin for Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Betts moved, seconded by Member Ortega, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - December 5, 2018

Member Murphy moved, seconded by Member Pike, to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018 as presented. The motion was approved on a (7-0-1) voice vote with Member Betts abstaining.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

a. 2019 Work Plan and Schedule

Ms. Lohmann discussed the 2019 work plan at the last meeting and wanted to talk about what open space has going in 2019. The BCC adopted the strategic plan yesterday and this work plan will feed into that.

Co-Chair Cedeño asked her to make this presentation available to members

The document is a working draft for staff and is going to be continually updated and change often. She offered to highlight the COLTPAC parts. She proposed that COLTPAC meet quarterly for in-depth discussions and reviewed the plan for agendas at the meetings.

B. Staff Updates

- Mt. Chalchihuitl - Staff is testing and negotiating with other property owners. It is a historical site. The acquisition was approved by a previous COLTPAC and money held for this purpose. Remediation would be part of the purchase process.
- Arroyo Hondo Trail Section 4 construction will be bid in January for an April start date and completion by end of the year. A TAP application was submitted through NMDOT.
- Rail Trail Segment 5 construction bids advertise in January to be awarded in March, construction completed by end of the year.
- Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex bid advertised in January to award in March and construction complete in August.
- River Trail repair started December 10th and take 10 weeks. Completion depends on weather.
- Rancho Viejo donation - in discussion with Rancho Viejo for broader land use.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

a, Review of COLTPAC Role and Direction

Comparison document with existing resolution language and proposed language was shown. Ms. Lohmann reviewed the document and asked the Committee to assist

with more specifics on each of the duties.

Member Betts referred to letter E about being advisory and not formulating public policy. If the committee, for example, learns that there are problems booking fields at Romero and it seems there is a need for a field policy to help staff decide who gets priority. The BCC does not have the time or probably not the knowledge to develop a policy. So where does COLTPAC fit in to develop a user policy?

Ms. Lohmann said that was her responsibility to take input and advice from COLTPAC to draft a policy that COLTPAC has input into. But the policies are the BCC responsibility.

For Member Pike, "formulate" stood out and thought it could be changed for clarity.

Member Betts asked if the Committee could initiate a discussion on policy or if it is up to Staff, to say there is a problem and needs Committee input on it.

Member Ortega said the Committee role includes what we bring to staff as issues or concerns that we have seen or that are brought to us to suggest that something has to be done to regulate or whatever is necessary. That is an advisory role.

Ms. Lohmann said members bring it up at a meeting and a subcommittee could be formed to look into how other places have dealt with this problem and then give recommendations at the following meeting. Staff would take that research and formulate or draft the policy for BCC.

Member Parker understood but Section E talks about the Committee formulating policy and did not think the Committee can do that.

Co-Chair Cedeño asked that be in the minutes as a marker for discussion at the next meeting. He asked in Section F around providing public outreach and including media, if the Committee is tasked with development of materials or advising on materials. Ms. Lohmann said it is advising on the materials.

Member Siegel, in item G, asked who provides the annual update. Mr. Olafson said the County Staff does that. Member Siegel concluded there is no mechanism for COLTPAC to make a presentation to the BCC on anything. Ms. Lohmann responded that COLTPAC could make the presentation, but Staff would coordinate that. Member Siegel said COLTPAC has presented to the BCC in the past and did not think that was usurping anything from Staff. Member Ortega proposed "coordination with the Staff in making a presentation."

Co-Chair Cedeño asked about the Chair establishing subcommittees. Ms. Lohmann said if the members bring up an issue at the meeting, the Chair can establish a

subcommittee to look at and research that issue. Co-Chair Cedeño thought there were some subcommittees already set up within COLTPAC. Member Parker said they were. But the committee leadership had sought to avoid having standing subcommittees; they all would be project and task related. Finish the task and they are done. Co-Chair Cedeño asked how subcommittee members were selected. Member Parker recalled it was a consensus after the Chair solicited volunteers at the time. He did not know if it was a matter of course if staff was there.

Co-Chair Cedeño said Staff works as external advisors to COLTPAC and the subcommittees. Ms. Lohmann agreed. In the past she did attend most of those subcommittee meetings to ensure they had what they needed.

Mr. Olafson said COLTPAC is an advisory entity but not advocacy. There are existing advocacy groups and they are very good. COLTPAC is not intended to be advocacy. It is giving the BCC good clean neutral advice based on your community. This committee, over the last few years, has been very successful and helpful by providing a neutral body review and advise so Staff can take that to the BCC. Then we can go and do whatever it is.

Member Parker that is not quite the bright line you make it seem. As part of your advice you may be advocating for certain things. Where we got the most push back is trying to advocate for budget. If the Committee had clarity of what Staff thinks is not okay, it would be helpful but there are a lot of gray areas here.

Co-Chair Cedeño used the example of a park being kept open for children as an acceptable form of advocacy for the committee.

Member Ortega distinguished direct advocacy from indirect. Indirectly, we can encourage Staff to look at certain projects funding, etc., as we are advocating for those areas but not directly to the BCC through our role.

The Committee recalled a former member going directly to his Commissioner to advocate and promote things for his own district and that it was wrong to do so. The Committee is free to debate the issues at the meetings and suggesting funding for projects that are needed.

Mr. Olafson the point of having a committee is to look at an issue cleanly and provide advice – both pros and cons. He agreed that there is a push not to have the committee become a cheerleading section or a lobbying group.

Member Betts didn't hear Member Siegel say anything about cheerleading, but that we have a role in articulating the problem and our recommendation on how to fix the problem. Ms. Lohmann agreed that is advisory.

Mr. Olafson briefly reviewed the history of this program which started with no staff

and there was money for property acquisition and needed the Committee to determine how and what to buy. The annual budget far surpasses a lot of the early programs; is popular with the public and Staff getting a lot done, thanks to the Committee being neutral advisors and needs to keep that advisory role as a strong clear voice.

The Committee continued discussion on their role. They acknowledged the hard part is advising through County Staff and wanted to have a greater interface with the public. The discussion was stopped to consider other matters.

Dave Dannenberg's comments were distributed to members for review, but the discussion was postponed to the next meeting in February.

Co-Chair Cedeño proposed to meet monthly at least for the next two months since Member Parker was leaving and two new members would join the Committee and to discuss and come to conclusions with a core foundation about the Committee's role.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

9. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to consider.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Parker and second by Member Murphy, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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