

**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, March 6, 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, Chair
Greg Betts
Jan Cohen [District 5]
Sandra Madrid Massengill
Sue Murphy [telephonically]
Jean Pike
Apple Snider [At-Large]
Matt Wagoner [District 4]

Members Absent/Excused

Linda Siegel [excused]

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - February 6, 2019

Member Murphy requested a change on page 4 to change the word "disband" to "evolve."

Member Betts moved, seconded by Member Murphy, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019 as amended. The motion was approved on a unanimous (8-0) voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY STAFF

a. Introduction of New Members

Each person present introduced themselves to each other and gave a brief summary of their background.

b. Proposed Open Space Projects

Ms. Lohmann reviewed the proposed open space projects which were included in the packet. All of them have either ongoing funding or proposed funding. She is working on the 20th anniversary schedule now. Romero Park movie night will be in August. The Master Naturalist Program has a good crew for property monitoring.

Thornton Ranch projects will need a facilitator for tribal communication. We are committed to transparent decision making and strong communications.

The focus at Ortiz Mountains Open Space is on implementing treatments to balance wildlife habitat and fire prevention. Ortiz Mountains Open Space has a high risk for wild fire and is close to where people live. The strategy is how to lower the fire risk without losing the wildlife population. Cut trees will be used for erosion control.

General resource management projects include working with maintenance crew to finalize their schedule for planting and restoration. Long-range trail plans include the NM Central Rail corridor that runs through the center of the state. A conceptual plan will be complete in a couple of months.

Potential capital projects include Los Potrerros irrigation improvements, Santa Fe Rail Trail road crossings, El Camino Real Trail improvements, Signage Plan implementation, Pojoaque Valley Rec Complex, Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment 5, Arroyo Hondo Trail segment 4 and Romero Park construction.

Ms. Lohmann said there will be an annual report on these projects and what has been accomplished between now and December. Mr. Olafson added that they were asked to report to the BCC at the end of March and will share that as it develops.

Responding to questions, Ms. Lohmann said signage will have uniform standard design specifications. Highway signs will follow NMDOT requirements, but the budget is mostly for the capital projects. The first is for Arroyo Hondo Trail.

Ms. Lohmann said the budget for requested projects is \$150,000. These projects are either within the \$150,000, are anticipated to be completed with staff time or are capital projects under a separate budget. We are not guaranteed this amount and the County is in the budget process now. Mr. Olafson discussed the bonding strategies for 2020.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of a Chair

Member Cedeño was elected as Chair.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Member Siegel was elected Vice Chair in absentia, contingent on her acceptance.

Ms. Lohmann clarified that all COLTPAC members can serve two consecutive terms. We normally have Chair elections in January and from now until December will keep on that schedule. No current member has served two terms, so all are eligible to submit requests for reappointment at the appropriate time.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. Review and Discussion of COLTPAC Role under Resolution 2011-4**

Ms. Lohmann included the roles under Resolution 2011-4 in the packet.

Mr. Olafson said since the beginning, the County uses committees for advice and are appointed by the County Commissioners and work with Staff. Through Staff, the recommendations are forwarded to the BCC. There have been times when committee members wanted to serve an advocacy role. That is not the intent of BCC in the committee appointments and is not encouraged. The highest and best use is to be an advisory committee to the Board. There may be advocates working in parallel with the COLTPAC but COLTPAC should not take positions unless the BCC has asked for it. In the past, this committee has been very helpful in providing advice and recommendations for the BCC. And that has helped the staff move the program forward, largely on the strength of this committee and moving new ideas forward.

Member Betts said we had lots of discussion about adopting management plans and general plans and how it should be developed, and it all takes money and staffing, and we talked about how to support the staff in it and the bounds for that. We need to agree on what is in bounds vs. what is out of bounds.

Mr. Olafson said the Staff clarified the role - COLTPAC is not an advocacy group and should not micromanage the budget but help the Staff prioritize the big things.

Chair Cedeño recalled the process for recommending property acquisitions for open space.

Ms. Lohmann said it was originally the top duty, but it has been moved down now.

Member Massengill said the Committee serves at the pleasure of the BCC, hoping

that it does the homework for them.

Mr. Olafson pointed out that all members are volunteers with limited time for this. You are not responsible for your district or for maintenance of resources. There is never that kind of pressure.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Lohmann talked with Chair Cedeño about the facilitated meeting. She suggested April 3 to meet at 4 pm but understood that Member Wagoner and Member Snider have full-time jobs.

Mr. Olafson said it would be an orientation for new members and refresher for continuing members. The proposed agenda includes member introductions, Santa Fe County Open Space overview, Committee structure under Resolution 2011-4, Meeting protocols, Strategic Plan overview and projects, Field Visit Schedule and 20-year celebration. He suggested meeting from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Member Betts thought the agenda looked sterile. He proposed having a team-building exercise and have some fun with it. A facilitator could have such an exercise for team building.

Chair Cedeño said that could be done but we need to learn from each other and share our skills and abilities to learn who we are working with.

Member Pike thought the agenda looked just like all of our regular meetings. She wanted to discuss what is really new.

Chair Cedeño thought the retreat was to finish the envisioning and goal setting for the year. And the new members have clearer eyes for how they want to see it operate. We need a common core way to function in our work.

Member Murphy said she won't be back in town in April but would love to participate.

10. NEXT MEETING -

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, possibly as a retreat.

11. Adjournment.

Upon motion by Member Betts and second by Member Massengill the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Approved by:

Rubén S. Cedeño

Rubén Cedeño, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz

Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.

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