

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
October 4, 2017**

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
John Parker, Vice Chair
Greg Betts
Rubén Cedeño
Sue Murphy
Ernesto Ortega
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel

Members Absent

[one vacancy]

Staff Members Present

Maria E. Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager
Colleen Baker, Open Space and Trails Planner

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Dannenberg requested moving 7A, Thornton Ranch right after 5, Matters of Public Concern.

Member Murphy moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 18, 2017

B. September 6, 2017

Consideration of the meeting minutes was postponed to the November meeting.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and recommendation of Thornton Ranch Open Space Planning

Ms. Lohmann referred to the spreadsheets in the packet on comments for what was done. She welcomed comments or concerns. After seeing comments received, Staff decided not to change the prohibition of dogs' language and it may become the rule for other county preservation properties such as Lamy, Ortiz, Thornton, Los Porteros, El Rancho, El Peñasco Blanco. If COLTPAC still feels strongly about allowing dogs, we can put in a recommendation to allow them as an option. Santa Fe County recognizes dogs are a part of our culture and considered a plan for managing dogs. Thornton Ranch is a preserve within the open space program and will ultimately determine how dogs are treated.

Member Betts said it is best to start with no dogs and then consider relaxing it. The Committee voiced no opposition to that prohibition.

Ms. Lohmann passed around, as a take away from last month, a master projects list in Appendix A with more direction in it with high, medium and low priorities and will adjust the work plan and further define it. It is mostly (98%) done and incorporates all from the Management Plan, the Master Plan, the Petroglyph Hills Plan.

Member Murphy thought it would have been easier to have all high priorities together and then mediums and then lows. Ms. Lohmann said she could do that.

In response to concerns about trail widths, Ms. Baker said the Rail Trail is 8' wide and didn't think the proposed Regional Trail would even get that wide but that is the lowest standard of the AASHTO Standards. Establishing a baseline for the property is a high priority and why an on-site person is recommended moving forward.

Member Pike didn't see much language for cooperation with other entities such as the City. Ms. Lohmann said most of it relates to tribal collaboration, but also BLM, SLO, and Galisteo Basin group.

Member Murphy moved to recommend the Master Plan, the Thornton Ranch Open Space Plan, the Galisteo Basin Archaeology Site Protection Plan, and the Galisteo Basin Interpretive Plan to the

Board of County Commissioners. Member Siegel seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Olafson congratulated Ms. Baker and Ms. Lohmann for bringing this to fruition and thanked COLTPAC for their patience in getting it done. A letter to the BCC will be sent for their meeting on October 31 and Chair Dannenberg and Member Parker will make a short statement in support of the plan. He read the letter and Member Ortega suggested concluding with compliments to the staff and all who helped with it.

El Camino Real Update: Ms. Baker said the construction bid is out right now and bids due by October 12 and expect to let the contract on October 23. Construction is to be done by May. The groundbreaking is on October 26. The trail is almost 16 miles with 9½ miles of single track on natural surface. Only 1/8 mile is at the Chile Line, right before Diablo Canyon.

The County has funding for the first segment of the Arroyo Hondo Trail which will go out to bid next summer. Also, notice for the Mt. Chalchihuitl voluntary remediation plan public comment will go out in the next few days. The remediation will take about 3 months, closing the remaining shaft and moving a lot of dirt.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as needed)

- A. Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H) (8) NMSA 1978, and pertaining to Rancho Viejo Area 5 and 6**

Chair Dannenberg moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) (8) for discussion of possible real estate acquisition pertaining to Rancho Viejo Area 5 and 6. The motion was seconded by Member Parker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

The Committee went into executive session at 6:41. The Commission returned to open session at 7:31 upon motion by Member Murphy, second by Member Siegel and unanimous voice vote.

Chair Dannenberg stated that during the executive session, no actions were taken and the only matter discussed was possible real estate acquisition pertaining to Rancho Viejo Area 5 and 6.

7. ACTION ITEMS (continued)

- A. Discussion and recommendation of Thornton Ranch Open Space Planning**

This item was considered earlier in the meeting.

- B. Discussion and Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) and pertaining to Rancho Viejo Area 5 and 6.**

Mr. Olafson read the five conditions of the acquisition

- 1) Santa Fe County may or may not choose to develop recreational facilities on the property such as trails or parks or allow for public access.
- 2) Santa Fe County may choose to use all or a portion of the property for county facilities intended for public use and benefit.
- 3) Santa Fe County may choose to sell, lease or otherwise transfer ownership of all or a portion of the property in which case, any revenue or other proceeds from the sale, lease or transfer will flow into the SFC open space trails and parks program for its benefit.
- 4) Preservation of archeological or cultural resources that may be discovered on the property is paramount. Any portions of the property on which significant discovery is made will be held by the county as Open Space, and will not be sold, leased or transferred.
- 5) Complete due diligence, particularly focused on environmental and archeological conditions shall be completed prior to final negotiation and acquisition of the property.

Member Betts moved to approve the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding acquisition of Rancho Viejo Area 5 and 6 as amended with the five conditions. Member Siegel seconded the motion which passed by unanimous (7-0-1) vote except for Member Cedeño, who abstained.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of the COLTPAC focus and Priorities Presentation

Chair Dannenberg handed out power point printout of the draft presentation and explained it with a narrative. He said it is positive and thought everyone's suggestions were incorporated. Member Pike recalled Member Ortega's point of preservation and regeneration. Member Cedeño suggested putting a script on what to emphasize for the slides and to use all members as presenters with the script and where to emphasize. Member Parker said it would be awesome with some of the great photos the County has.

9. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Member Pike reported flooding in Madrid last week that almost washed out the culvert. Member Murphy recalled that last year there was erosion behind the small open space property. Member Siegel pointed out that road is a private road. Mr. Olafson thought Public Works might be able to fix it since it is on our land.

Member Murphy asked that Romero Park be updated in December.

Chair Dannenberg went through the topics list that included a TDR update, La Bajada Ranch near La

Cieneguilla (leased for 5 years for agriculture) and Mt. Chal. Ms. Lohmann agreed to Romero Park in December. Mt. Chal is moving very quick so either December or January and Budget in November. There were no other topics suggested.

Member Pike invited members to a presentation on Oct 14 - 2-4 at Form and Function Gallery of pedestrian projects along Guadalupe and she will present a sustainability plan.

10. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

Mr. Olafson is working on writing up the history of the program as part of the Strategic Plan.

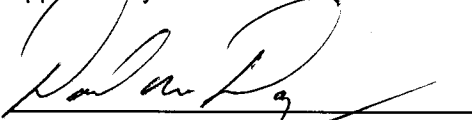
11. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

12. ADJOURNMENT

Member Siegel moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Cedeño seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved by:


Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:


Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.



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