

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

Thursday, November 1, 2018

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 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chair John Parker 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

John Parker, Vice Chair
Greg Betts
Sandra Madrid Massengill, [telephonically]
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel

Members Absent/Excused

Dave Dannenberg, Chair [excused]
Sue Murphy [excused]
Rubén Cedeño [excused]
Ernesto Ortega [excused]

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Siegel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Betts seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were none.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

6. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Overview of Open Space, Trails and Parks Strategic Management Plan and schedule

Ms. Lohmann announced the public review of the draft plan started today and will continue for 30 days, and she would review parts of it with a power point presentation. Then she would share a proposed schedule for moving it forward to discuss.

The Plan is organized in four chapters: History and Planning; Strategy; Work Plan; and Plan Elements.

She noted that the Vision and Mission has already been reviewed by COLTPAC and read it again.

She went to items in the Strategy Chapter first, pointing out that it is somewhat rearranged for presentation. She read the principles shown on page 48. She noted one goal for SGMP for Open Space - to acquire, preserve and maintain a significant amount of land to support a network of public and private open spaces, trails, and parks throughout the County. Out of that goal, several directives were identified which she read. From those, the strategies were derived for the Plan. She read the directives for the Committee.

She referred to pages 50, 51 for the 8 fundamental or core elements which were required to accomplish the goals of the Plan. Then she went through each of the four Chapters. Page 25 showed the County's regional trail corridors and described how they could connect. She pointed out the uniqueness of the Ortiz Mountains area.

Member Betts asked on page 27, if the box for the Ortiz Mountain was not the exact location of it.

Ms. Lohmann said that is the exact shape and its location.

Vice-Chair Parker asked where the Golden open space was located on this map.

Ms. Lohmann Golden open space was not on this map, but it is fairly close, in another county. It will take a bit of work to make the vision of a regional trail hub happen to make those connections.

Member Betts pointed out that the two beige colors on the graphics are hard to distinguish from each other.

Ms. Lohmann agreed to improve that. There is time to change that.

Member Pike asked why Petroglyph Hill was not included here.

Ms. Lohmann explained that it is included in Thornton Ranch. She said each of the parks or preserves were classified according to access. Class 2 was restricted, and Class 3 was more restricted for access.

Member Pike asked why Ortiz was Class 2.

Ms. Lohmann said it is because it is more restricted than Thornton Ranch. She explained that these classifications can change as the plans are implemented. There is also a difference between preserve classifications and conservation area classifications. So there is a difference between Class 1 preserves and Class 1 conservation areas. Class 3 is no public access at all.

Ms. Lohmann said Chapter 1 described the importance and role of COLTPAC in the Plan. At present, COLTPAC is very important with these plans.

Ms. Lohmann reviewed Chapter 2 - Strategy and its four sections. She read the thirteen objectives for planning and program development, resource development, stewardship, and resource management.

Member Betts felt some of the headings, for people not involved in open space, were not that intuitive. He asked which of these categories would speak to protection of resource management.

Ms. Lohmann said there are a couple and they are overlapping. The first was to enhance OSTP presence in Objective Three. Also - Look for opportunities to work with other agencies who can help us with law enforcement. There are stewardship opportunities for the public, and resource management.

Vice-Chair Parker suggested putting law enforcement a bit higher and wordsmithing it a bit. It is not jumping out as much as it once did. It kind of gets lost in the list.

Member Betts said he didn't have a recommendation but suggested making it clearer for the public.

Ms. Lohmann said it has been challenging in terms of organizing this and how specific to get.

Member Betts asked if some of the maintenance people had input in this, regarding terms.

Ms. Lohmann said they have not provided that specific input.

Vice-Chair Parker thought law enforcement was a resource management thing in Objective 3.

Member Betts suggested having a bridge right before the issues, under project development and implementation. He thought a short paragraph with examples would help.

Mr. Olafson reminded the Committee that this document is really not a general public piece.

Ms. Lohmann asked if the graphic at the end of Chapter 1, page 38 - 40 not give you what you need.

Member Betts said they need to be connected more.

Vice-Chair Parker maybe to a certain degree, coordination with law enforcement is needed.

Ms. Lohmann explained that law enforcement was here because they need to figure out how to develop the law enforcement program. It will move into the resource management section once the program is up and running.

Ms. Lohmann went on the Chapter 3 - the Work Plan, which will be updated every year to reflect what has been accomplished and presented action steps that relate to the objectives. The list shows things that are ongoing now and things that need to happen soon. The Year Two part is less specific but one and two are for program development and later years for advocacy, etc.

Vice-Chair Parker suggested a three-phase structure.

Ms. Lohmann said the work plan was broken into four tables to make it easier to understand. The Plan looks out for twenty years but breaks out the activities by fiscal years.

Member Siegel asked if the County goes out 10 years in long range planning.

Mr. Olafson agreed. The State only requires ten years, but the County Code specifies 20 years.

Ms. Lohmann used the Arroyo Hondo Trail as an example for the long-range planning. It would become a concrete paved trail. The blue color in the legend represented money needed to acquire an easement prior to going after a construction grant.

She concluded her review and asked the members to review the document and provide comments in feedback for her. The Plan is be accessed on the website. She will also email it to all our stakeholders to review. November 28th is the Public Review meeting. December 5th is the COLTPAC meeting for action. Then it goes to the Board of County Commissioners on January 11, 2019.

Vice-Chair Parker felt this is a pretty refined mature plan. There will be some input from COLTPAC, but he thought everyone is pretty much in agreement with the Plan. He complimented Staff on all of this work. The document is very appropriate and well presented. A simplified power point will show people what we are looking for. Perhaps the Tribe will want to comment also.

Member Siegel asked how many people usually come to a public meeting.

Ms. Lohmann said there is a dedicated group that has participated along the way. Probably 10 people.

Mr. Olafson said they are sending a copy to each of our partners for feedback.

Member Betts asked if this kind of plans usually goes to the County libraries.

Mr. Olafson said no, but there is no reason why we couldn't do that.

Member Pike said in the future there will be more of an effort to reach out.

Member Betts asked, if someone went to the first page of the County webpage, if they could easily get to this plan.

Ms. Lohmann said the County just lost our website person today, but we will do our best to get it on the website with as few clicks as possible.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Olafson said that next month we will bring this and ask for a recommendation from the Committee. In February there are two terms that expire, and they are termed out - John Parker and Ernesto Ortega. He encouraged everyone to think about strong people to serve on the Committee. The roles that COLTPAC members play are very important to us.

Vice-Chair Parker thought a "user group" that is focused on natural resources would be helpful as these plans are implemented and trails are built.

Mr. Olafson said years ago Staff talked about Friends of Open Spaces as a 501c3 for fundraising that could be nimbler than the County could be.

Vice-Chair Parker commented that there are things out there already. It is necessary to focus. We recognize the need to focus and not get off on tangents, and to be mindful of our charter and mission.

8. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

9. ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the agenda and with no further business coming before the COLTPAC, on motion by Member Siegel and second by Member Pike, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar
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COUNTY CLERK

Approved by:

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Dave Dannenberg, Chair

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