# MINUTES OF THE SANTA FÉ COUNTY COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC) November 2, 2016

#### 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 Patricia Conoway Jeannie Dodson-Edgars Sue Murphy Ernesto Ortega

### Members Absent

Judy Kowalski [excused]

#### **Staff Members Present**

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

#### **Others Present**

Cynthia Naja, Santo Domingo Quentin Candelaria, Santo Domingo Faith Okuma, Surroundings Carl Boaz, Stenographer

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Dannenberg requested to move Matters from County Staff right after Public Concerns.

Member Conoway moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Parker seconded the

Santa Fe County COLTPAC

November 2, 2016

Page 1

motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 7, 2016

Member Betts moved to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016 as presented. Member Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### - October 5, 2016

Chair Dannenberg requested on page 3 to add to the second bullet, "and no new leases."

Ms. Lohmann requested adding, "and new land use agreements."

Member Murphy requested a change on page 2 at the bottom where it should say, "NPS had its centennial and the trail head is Dead Dog."

Member Parker moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2016 as amended. Member Conoway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### 5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Ms. Cynthia Naha and Mr. Quentin Candelaria from Santa Domingo Pueblo addressed their concerns with the Petroglyph Hill Management Plan. Formal tribal consultation must be government to government with tribal officials.

Mr. Candelaria explained that they are experts on the sacred sites at Thornton Ranch and must be allowed to give the final say in the plan with the tribal council and to express their concerns as a tribal people. For this project, the consultation steps have not been properly taken.

Member Conoway asked for specific concerns to help the Committee understand it better.

Ms. Naha said she had some things written down but only saw the document two weeks ago and suspected the leadership didn't get it at all. Their concerns include trails too close to Petroglyph Hill and their ultimate goal is to protect what is left.

Ms. Lohmann said she sent a formal letter to each of them early in October with directions to download the Thornton Ranch Master Plan. She also mailed hard copies of the Galisteo Basin Interpretive Plan to 63 tribal contacts for review and comment.

Colleen Baker tried to get permission to present the plan at the All Tribal Council meeting.

Ms. Naha urged them to work collaboratively on this for effective and management of the property with an approved MOA to make sure all voices are heard. Leadership would be willing to meet on a time frame that works for all. She agreed to take information back to her leaders to work that out.

Member Ortega thanked them for sharing their concerns. It is obvious that a true and honest consultation has not taken place and he was very reluctant to recommend approval of this plan. This is beyond the purview of the Committee and he asked that County Government should engage in that process with the APGC.

Chair Dannenberg agreed.

Ms. Naha and Mr. Candelaria excused themselves from the rest of the meeting.

#### 8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

#### A. Open Space Staff Updates

Ms. Lohmann shared the Thornton Ranch Draft Master Plan and assured the Committee they will continue to discuss it with tribal partners. She believed it can still move forward on this time line. They can have the tribal review and move it from there with trail development as a whole package.

Chair Dannenberg didn't think the Committee could reach a consensus in the next hour and asked if the Committee could agree to a mid-month study session on the consultation and how the resource management plan interacts with the Master Plan.

Member Dodson-Edgars pointed out that the tribes want co management of this whole project and that won't happen in a month.

Ms. Lohmann said co-management is mentioned in the management plan for the Petroglyph Hill and that will take longer because we need to work it out.

After further discussion, the Committee agreed to meet for the study session and to read the communication from Ms. Naha in preparation.

Chair Dannenberg suggested a recommendation could say there are, for example, 5 issues outstanding so we cannot recommend the plan yet. It is possible to recommend the Master Plan in December but it requires an extra meeting.

The Committee decided to meet November 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Olafson excused himself from the meeting.

Santa Fe County

November 2, 2016

Page 3

#### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## A. Presentation on Open Space Management Plans for Lamy Open Space and Park, Madrid Open Space and Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve

Ms. Faith Okuma presented these three plans, using a power point presentation. She identified the prehistoric sub-surface valuable resources in the Lamy Open Space and said the plans need to go through SHPO. Signage is lacking and it needs consistent active monitoring. Human activity, including dog walking, is detrimental. It is part of critical wildlife habitat corridor going from the Arctic Circle through South America. Preservation of cultural resources is paramount. The plan includes a visitor center and Lamy residents are supportive of an interpretation center, probably in Lamy.

Ms. Okuma said the County does not have the funds to undertake large-scale projects. This site doesn't need a visitor center. Without a visitor center, the highest cost is for fencing. Trails are pedestrian only and dogs won't be allowed on this preserve. She pointed out the area with picnic tables and a possible projects sequence.

Ms. Okuma described the Madrid Open Space which is the bottom of the water shed and an active flood plain. Flood events is the big concern and not a whole lot can be done there. The northern part is called the wilderness and is a most beautiful remarkable site for the outcrops. The County will have to work with the community owners to establish some engineering to deal with flood issue which is costly.

The Ortíz Mountains Education Preserve management plan included a docent interpretive kit and an analysis of access.

Off-site issues are the big problem and getting people to the site is very difficult. The road condition is bad. She provided an analysis of alternate access. There are archeological resources there and the mine openings are not all taken care of. There might be endangered species on site. It needs a more detailed study. Some areas need to be avoided but we don't know where they are.

Ms. Lohmann said it has both created trails and game trails. The wildland fire crew has been out there but limited improvements since 2007. Ortiz will be a large scale project. It was deeded to the Botanical Garden specifically for educational purposes and now the County is obligated to continue that educational programming.

#### B. Strategic Management Plan Update

This was not considered, due to the lateness of the hour.

#### 7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### A. Continue Focus Discussion

Santa Fe County COLTPAC

November 2, 2016

This was not considered, due to the lateness of the hour.

#### 9. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10. NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2016

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Submitted by:

COUNTY OF SANTA FE

COLTPAC MINUTES

My Hand And Seal Of Office

I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 13TH Day Of January, 2017 at 11:23:37 AM and Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1814824 The Records Of Santa Fe County

Santa Fe County **COLTPAC** 

November 2, 2016

Page 5