

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

November 4, 2015

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
Devin Bent
Patricia Conoway
Judy Kowalski
Ernesto Ortega
John Parker
Zach Taylor

Members Absent

(Two vacancies)

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Robert Griego, Growth Management Planning Manger

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Bent moved to approve the Agenda as published. Member Conoway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Member Taylor was not present for the vote.

Member Taylor arrived at 6:02 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ■ October 14, 2015

Member Bent moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 as presented. Member Conway seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except for Member Kowalski who abstained.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

Mr. Greg Betts was present and said he was just interested in what is going on. He was interested in the Romero Park update in particular.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. Future Agenda Topics

There were no future agenda topics suggested.

B. Other Matters

Member Bent asked if anything was happening with the map.

Ms. Lohmann said no.

Member Bent asked to have the trail along the Pojoaque Pueblo put back on the map. It was on the December 2013 map but had disappeared on the map at the last meeting. The trail going through his neighborhood did not make the map either. The current community plan calls for that trail to be added.

Ms. Lohmann assumed the tool for it was turned off. However, that trail is in the plan and technically already approved.

Mr. Griego said there will be opportunity in the future for more editing.

7 MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Open Space Project update: Rail Trail

Chair Dannenberg noted three properties of the inventory were left at the end of last meeting.

Ms. Lohmann shared a handout on the Rail Trail update that Paul Olafson did. Segments 2, 3, and 4. 2 and 3 were completed in August and they hoped to have a grand opening but decided to postpone it to spring. She read from the handout. Totally, there are 46 miles of trails in the County inventory.

Member Parker noted the expectation of construction in January 2016 and he assumed it would be outside of inclement weather. He asked if the RFP was out on the street.

Ms. Lohmann said the company is chosen and it just needs to be awarded. There is some money from Rails to Trails and some federal regulations apply. She didn't know how much the County is matching. The design will be the same quality and material all the way to Lamy. She believed segments 5 and 6 covered the last section to the south.

B. Open Space Properties Overview: Mt. Chalchihuitl, Los Caminitos and Cañada Ancha Trail

■ Mt. Chalchihuitl

Ms. Lohmann showed the map of Mt. Chalchihuitl, just north of Cerrillos Hills State Park. It is the oldest turquoise mine in the country with significant cultural resources from ancestral times up to now. There is lead and gravel there. It has been suggested to add that to the Galisteo Protection Act. Remediation is needed there and negotiations with private land owners have morphed somewhat. The environmental issues should spur it on. NMED has approved the remediation plan in place for Mt. Chal. Once the properties are acquired, the plan is to be implemented in 6 months.

Member Kowalski stated that it is not part of the State Parks Management Plan. The County will do a management plan just like Thornton Ranch. There are grand plans but they are still negotiating.

■ Los Caminitos

Chair Dannenberg described the area, pointing out Hwy. 592 and the Four Seasons. The loop is Los Caminitos and it intersects with Rio en Medio. There is a trail head with parking and about 8 miles of trails there. The road through is a Forest Service Road and Pacheco Canyon. The trails are not in the best shape. Some go straight down. The 7 to 8 miles of trails are marked with colors.

Ms. Lohmann said the tricky part is that the subdivision residents there act like they own it although it has been deeded (not sold) to the County. So the big task is to figure out how to approach those homeowners.

Member Bent said they say it is county property so they don't have to pay taxes on it but if the County steps on it, they say it is theirs.

In response to Member Ortega, Ms. Lohmann said there may be a homeowners' association that the County can deal with of perhaps approach Rancho Encantado.

Chair Dannenberg said the trails close to the subdivision are fairly well maintained but those farther away are in bad disrepair.

Member Taylor asked about the County's liability.

Ms. Lohmann agreed we do need to make it safe for everybody.

Member Parker said authorized uses is a big issue. If County wants to develop the area for mountain bikes, the homeowners may really balk at that. Mountain bikes and horses don't always mix.

Ms. Lohmann said they are upset with trails for bikes to connect to Windsor.

Member Taylor wondered if the County could ask four Seasons for financial help for using it.

Ms. Lohmann said it is something to consider and the Bishops Lodge folks use some open space also.

Member Ortega suggested a concept plan instead of a management plan to get those entities together for preliminary discussions and engage the Forest Service and ask them for preliminary discussions to look at collectively managing the areas.

Ms. Lohmann said the preliminary discussions need to happen first before a management plan and that is probably not a priority for this year. There is a lot to do before January but a lot of the ground work can be done, especially if we can fund all three.

Ms. Lohmann said she, Mr. Griego and Mr. Olafson could sit down and work on it.

■ **Cañada Ancha.**

Ms. Lohmann said this property was originally purchased to connect Tesuque open space with Dale Ball Trails. The county purchased a roadway to permit that but also bought the open space to do a better job. At this point, there are no plans to develop a trail there.

Mr. Griego noted there are some trails there now and quite a few people out there.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Membership

Ms. Lohmann handed out the updated membership list with term expiration dates for all current members. She asked everyone who intends to remain on COLTPAC to provide a letter of interest to her and an updated resume by December 1. She also asked for a letter from those who don't plan to renew their terms. The BCC needs it to reappoint current members and will probably also advertise for applications for all expiring positions. She explained that it is not an automatic reappointment.

Member Kowalski left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The members discussed their thoughts about continuing or not.

B. Discussion of Continuing Outreach Strategies

C. Discussion of Open Space and Trails Plan Update (Discussed together)

Ms. Lohmann clarified that Member Taylor can still be on the subcommittee for Romero Park even if not reappointed.

Member Taylor said the bond issue would include more than just Romero Park. At the public meetings in the first part of the new year, it would be good to bring up this planning.

Chair Dannenberg said the members need to advocate for this with each Commissioner. As part of the planning update process, the Committee could use outreach strategies to get the word out on the street. That is not lobbying for the bond issue but raising public awareness.

Ms. Lohmann recalled a long time ago the Committee identified five different focus groups and members identified people to include in the focus groups and where members wanted to be placed. So she has the beginning of a giant mailing list from Petroglyph Open Space work. And a giant list for Planning Division. We could do a survey for the plan and decide what questions to ask and how to use the data.

Mr. Griego said there could be about 800 on the list. He added that the County is looking at developing an agriculture plan similar to open space and also one for transportation.

Member Taylor thought it might work to send it out as a newsletter article so groups could include it in their own newsletters.

Member Conway thought the County should produce a PSA. The Committee had a big discussion about it, mostly on possible costs.

Ms. Lohmann referred to the Draft Outline and the work tasks calendar and said the focus groups will start January 1, 2016. She has not yet contacted any of those people suggested for each group.

Member Taylor said COLTPAC needs to look again at the help COLTPAC can provide for what happens after an acquisition and more on a better process for funding property maintenance.

Ms. Lohmann asked the members to hold her feet to the fire on completing the outline.

The Committee continued to have general discussion on maintaining county properties vs. acquiring new properties for the County of Santa Fe.

Member Conway left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Committee discussed how to share the activities of COLTPAC with the public either through a newsletter, and article in the paper or some other way to get the word out to highlight what has happened at some county properties recently and to inform the public about what properties the County owns.

Member Ortega suggested a series of articles called "Open Space" to talk about the open space the County owns and get someone like Stacey Matlock at the New Mexican and Journal North in order to look at having a relationship to get articles published.

9. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 2, 2014

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

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