

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

**July 11, 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 6:00 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

**Members Absent/Excused**

Sandra Madrid Massengill  
Jean Pike  
Linda Siegel

**Staff Members Present**

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner  
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager  
PJ Montañó, OSTP Maintenance Crew

**Others Present**

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 6, 2018**

Ms. Lohman explained an agreement for summary minutes. She explained that the recording of the meeting is available upon request. After discussion, the Committee agreed to have summary minutes.

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Member Murphy moved, seconded by Member Betts, to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018 as presented and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

There were no matters of public concern, but Committee members did relay comments they had heard from others about trail conditions.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Update from OSTP Maintenance Crew (PJ Montaña)**

The OSTP Resource Management has a crew of eight full-time employees trained in riparian, erosion control and are fulfilling work orders from County Staff with over 600 addressed.

The Committee discussed techniques for addressing dog issues including installation of dog bag stands and installing "poop fairy" signs. They also discussed education for the public on potential harm to wildlife and grasses by dogs.

The Committee discussed tying their perspective to their goals and visions to show the reason for the work and the importance of leading by example to inspire other agencies to replicate their work. Outdoor recreation was also discussed and how important it is to the area economy and how a regional/nationally renowned trail system should also be part of the vision.

### **B. Update on OSTP Resource Management (Peggy Darr)**

The accomplishments of the OSTP Maintenance Crew were described, including surveys for identifying emerging issues, monitoring for security as well as maintenance and repairs. The Committee discussed the status of various wildlife species and how to halt the declining populations of certain species of wildlife and the species list they are developing. Re-seeding plans and dry farming techniques were also discussed.

People who have a good experience in nature will care more about nature. The Master Naturalist Program is starting and has highly trained volunteers who can lead environmental outdoor education events.

## **7. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF**

### **A. Update on OSTP Strategic Plan**

Key stakeholder meetings are now being scheduled, and the strategic plan will be enhanced with pictures and formatting and everything is summarized in the executive summary. The draft is on track and they should be able to move forward with the adoption of the plan by October.

Ms. Lohmann has identified people to partner with and plans to meet with them individually.

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## 8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

### A. Meeting Updates

Mr. Dannenberg and Mr. Parker met with Mike Kelly and Colleen Baker about the Thornton Ranch Master Plan and its recreational development. They clearly communicated that the ranch has been a high priority with the Committee for a long time and they want it to be a higher priority.

There are three prerequisites for recreation to begin: 1) A collaboration agreement with the tribal leaders to determine the location of trails. 2) BLM approval of a management plan and NEPA environmental plans, 3) The State leased a corner of Thornton Ranch that is scheduled to be turned back over to the County in 2019.

Other needed task include internal policies and communications with tribal entities. They are looking at what can be contracted and what could be worked into the staff schedule.

The second-year priority list has been started and they are working with BLM on trail planning on the Burnt Corn parcel. Communication with the project team would be beneficial to stay informed of their status.

Member Murphy excused herself from the meeting at this time.

### B. COLTPAC Communication

The Committee discussed the difficulty of setting up individual meetings with the County Commissioners. Ms. Lohmann thought the Commissioners are all supportive of the open spaces, but with things are moving smoothly, they have bigger and more controversial things to contend with. The Committee considered other alternative strategies.

Mr. Parker reported the Forest Service website has no new information and he had called several people listed and was given other numbers. He will continue to follow up.

Ms. Lohmann announced a Forest Service open house on Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Service Office from 1:30- 5 p.m. She thought the lack of new material was because they plan to release the new draft plan in October.

## 9. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 1, 2018

## 10. Adjournment

**Member Parker moved, seconded by Member Betts, to adjourn the meeting.**

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



Approved by:

Rubén S. Cedeño Jr  
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

January 11, 2019

Submitted by:

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