

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
July 5, 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
Rubén Cedeño
Jeannie Dodson-Edgars
Sue Murphy
Ernesto Ortega
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel [arriving later]

Members Absent

John Parker, Vice Chair (excused)
Greg Betts (excused)

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer
Jessica Lawrence

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 3, 2017

Member Pike asked for a change on page two, consideration of the March minutes where it should say Carl Hansen, with the Madrid Fire Department instead of Member Pike.

Member Murphy moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2017 as amended. Member Ortega seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation and Discussion on Potential Property Acquisition, Old Las Vegas Hwy, parcel #910008953 and 910008954

Ms. Lohmann introduced Jessica Lawrence to present information for this potential acquisition. Mr. Olafson handed out the application and Ms. Lohmann explained the procedure. This is just a presentation and information at this meeting.

Mr. Olafson noted the last one he did was 12 years ago. The flow chart shows the procedure. We are at initial presentation and will then schedule a site visit and then an action to approve, deny or approve with conditions as a recommendation to the BCC or table to a future date for other information.

Ms. Lawrence went through her handout. The application is on behalf of Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership. The property consists of two adjacent vacant parcels between I-25 and Old Las Vegas Hwy as shown on page 7. The request is made because they thought it could be valuable to leave as open space since the areas around it are more residential.

Linda Siegel arrived at 6:10.

Ms. Lawrence described the area and the features of the property. No archaeological survey has been done but she acknowledged that are probably artifacts there as it is not far from two early pueblos and it has an arroyo passing through it.

Ms. Lohmann said there is no plan for the property now. The next step would be to visit the site and if the Committee has interest in acquisition, an analysis would be done for the next meeting.

Member Pike asked for a Google map next time so the Committee could see its relationship to its area and possible trail connections.

Mr. Olafson asked Ms. Lawrence if there was a timeline and she said "as soon as possible."

Ms. Lohmann suggested doing site visit in August and aim for a 90-day review process. She reminded the Committee of the August 18 Cerrillos Hills site visit. She agreed to coordinate with Ms. Lawrence on the site trip.

Ms. Lawrence thanked the Committee and departed.

The Committee briefly discussed TDR implications, tax exemptions for County-owned land, public access, and having an executive session if needed.

B. Presentation and Discussion on Ortiz Mountains Open Space Management Plan

Ms. Lohmann handed out the Management Plan for Ortiz Mountains Open Space which is needed to figure out uses for it; get an inventory of plants and animals, and identify priorities and plans. The property is very big and access is a challenge. This step kicks off the public comment period. All stakeholders will have a chance to submit comments for consideration of a recommendation by COLTPAC to BCC at the August 2 meeting. By the time the Commissioners have seen it, we should have all public comments and issues incorporated. She briefly reviewed the vision statement. She mentioned the docent training protocol, education material needed, and the forest health evaluation that is underway. This property calls for a higher level Master Plan that also includes evaluating access options and a cultural resources survey. There is an older survey done in the early 1990's at closing of the mine and mitigation of hazard reduction.

The Committee discussed how members could have a more active role in the acquisition process instead of rubber stamping what the Staff does. Members should be informed of the budget for each project and have an active role in the implementation.

Ms. Lohmann said Staff did ask some consultants to estimate the cost and they were reluctant. Most are in terms of man-hours. After sitting on the properties for so long, Staff didn't know what needs to be done on them. That is what this focus is. The Committee role is to tell Staff if they are on the right track or not and validating their work they are doing.

Chair Dannenberg said the members are advocates for open space and cheerleaders with the BCC.

Ms. Lohmann asked the members to examine the document during the month to provide feedback on it and propose changes.

C. Discussion of COLTPAC Schedule and Committee Priorities

Chair Dannenberg reminded the members of the document he sent out a few months ago on priorities. Among them is a snapshot of Thornton Ranch and anything we need to do to lubricate it.

Member Murphy pointed out that Romero Park was to be presented two months ago and has not been done.

Mr. Olafson gave a quick update on Romero Park. Phase 1 is completed and Phase 2 has \$2.6 million from GRT and listed the tasks in phase 2. He agreed to send that report out to everyone.

Ms. Lohmann reviewed the COLTPAC schedule: July - Ortiz and property acquisition; August - Ortiz back; Thornton Ranch OS Management Plans; September - work session - discussion of Thornton Ranch - bring back MP and interpretation plan; October - recommendation for Thornton Ranch and begin talk on Open Space Strategic Plan.

Member Ortega asked if there is any hang up on the tribal consultation.

Ms. Lohmann said that scheduling individual tribal meetings has been the biggest obstacle thus far. We have done a few meetings and a larger meetings are coming up with a July 12 workshop and site visit with tribal staff and leaders invited. In August - a wrap up and answer issues and questions; a public meeting in September and final recommendations in October to COLTPAC. The consultations have been very positive but hard to schedule. The most recent was with Cochiti and very positive. We will continue to coordinate and develop policies with them.

She continued with the schedule: In October, November and December will be work on the Strategic Management Plan for Thornton Ranch.

Mr. Olafson said for budget, there is a small chunk for finishing the planning and then the construction money.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg thanked Ms. Lohmann for organizing the field trips which were very educational. Scott Kaseman went with us to tour the Greenway property and briefly described that.

Ms. Lohmann announced the July 14 field trip to Rio en Medio and Los Portreros. She said they would meet at Casa Solana at 8:30 and car pool.

Chair Dannenberg said at the next meeting, Member Parker and Member Ortega will present the National Park Revision for anything the County needs to do.

Member Cedeño asked what COLTPAC's role with BCC would be. We did have a special meeting on that and said we would roll that in for our relationships with people. Mr. Olafson agreed and they were to put it in the strategic plan.

Chair Dannenberg recalled there were parts to roll into it and part of that was about the resolutions.

Member Pike wanted to address climate change and water in the Committee's work toward the future.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

There were no other matters from County Staff.

9. ACTION ITEMS

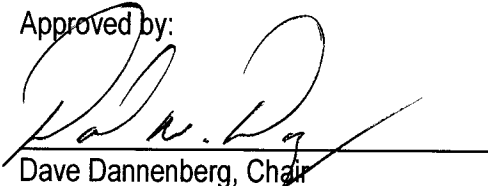
There were no action items.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

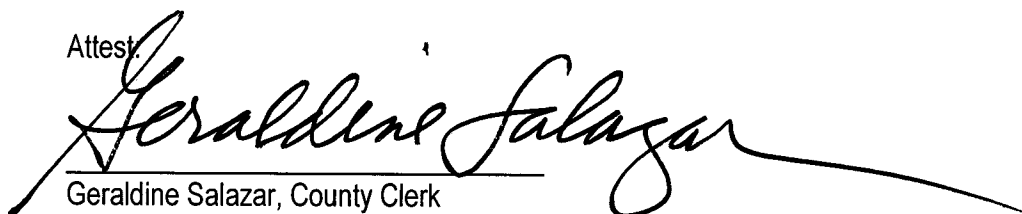
11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Siegel and second by Member Dodson-Edgars, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

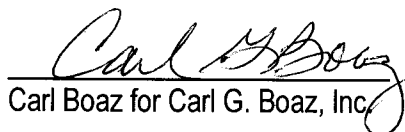
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Dave Dannenberg, Chair

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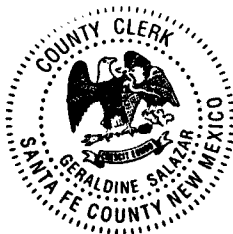

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

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