

**MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FÉ COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(COLTPAC)
August 2, 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 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
Jean Pike
Linda Siegel

Members Absent

Jeannie Dodson-Edgars [excused]

Staff Members Present

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

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 5, 2017

One correction was requested under Call to Order.

Member Ortega moved to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017 as amended. Member Siegel 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. Thornton Ranch Open Space Planning Process Overview

Ms. Lohmann said this discussion is the culmination of the Thornton Ranch Open Space process. There are four documents. COLTPAC reviewed the Master Plan in November. The discussion tonight will be focused on the management plans for the property and the cultural site. There is also a new version of the Interpretative Plan but it was changed very little since COLTPAC saw it in March. She shared a few hard copies and will email it to everyone. She showed the Committee the entire cultural resource inventory in two thick notebooks, noting that it was distributed to the participating tribes. She noted the tribal consultation is progressing. Staff took tribal representatives to Thornton Ranch on July 12 and pointed out all the archaeological points on the proposed trail route on the existing ranch road and got feedback from them.

Mr. Olafson said they emphasized this was a full and open request for help from the tribes. These are planning documents on our vision but not set-in-stone construction documents. This is the last set of meetings to be invited to but not the last opportunity to help in the process and we will keep talking with them. The formal letter sent to them says once the last two meetings are done, the County will move forward and bring it to the BCC without having tribal concerns.

The next step is a public review process with final documents to the Committee, then going to the Board. The last tribal review meeting is August 9; the public review period from August 17 to September 17; COLTPAC approval on October 4 and recommendation to BCC at their October meeting. There was no negative feedback on the Interpretative Plan and the Master Plan.

To save paper, Ms. Lohmann will put the plans in a drop box for COLTPAC members. Member Murphy and Member Cedeño asked for paper copies. Member Ortega asked what members should focus on and think about within them. Ms.

Lohmann agreed to provide that when she sends the link. She asked members to bring what is glaring or confusing next time.

Ms. Lohmann went through the Galisteo Basin Open Space Properties Interpretative Plan and highlighted the changes since last November.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg reviewed items for future discussion, including the US Forest Service Plan.

Member Murphy asked to discuss Romero Park which the Committee hasn't heard much about. Ms. Lohmann will bring the Master Plan to a future meeting for discussion. Member Murphy asked if it could be in October or November. Ms. Lohmann agreed.

Member Cedeño asked for more discussion on the role of COLTPAC with BCC. The Committee felt they were not directly involved enough in developing the budget for these projects. Mr. Olafson agreed to have a budget presentation, noting that the allocation was more than requested.

The Committee agreed that Thornton Ranch Open Space would be the top agenda item for September and writing the strawman presentation, if there is time. Chair Dannenberg suggested another special meeting for writing that. Mr. Olafson promised to bring notes from the first special meeting.

Ms. Lohmann agreed to schedule the Strategic Plan presentation at the November meeting but might not have it ready by then.

Member Murphy asked for time to discuss the field trip to the property at Old Las Vegas Highway.

Ms. Lohmann reported contracts were signed for implementation of six projects: a grasslands and grazing management plan for La Cieneguilla, Los Potreros, and San Pedro Open Spaces; a riparian management plan for Los Potreros and La Cieneguilla Open Spaces; and a forest health evaluation plan for all County properties to prioritize fire hazards and develop thinning; designing an irrigation system at Los Potreros; and developing best management practices for all properties. She listed the projects Colleen Baker is involved with.

Chair Dannenberg thought the new staff member could manage some of them. Mr. Olafson agreed, and will be implementing with the maintenance crews. The position will be funded, starting in January.

Ms. Lohmann reviewed the field trip to Old Las Vegas scheduled for August 18, meeting here at 8:30 a.m. to car pool to that site.

Member Parker suggested he and Member Ortega could talk about USFS later. The plan will be out for public review and the Committee could participate then.

Chair Dannenberg said one thing not covered was the map of sending and receiving areas for TDR.

Mr. Olafson said that sending areas could be anywhere in the County. There is no requirement for trail access but that is not excluded from TDR properties.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

There were no other matters from County Staff.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion and recommendation to Board of County Commissioners for approval on Ortiz Mountains Open Space Management Plan

Ms. Lohmann reviewed the comments on the plan. There were some minor details to correct and she replaced the map because some roads were incorrect. She added a section to talk about trail areas and added language on tours and partnering with different groups and language that we want to improve drainage and water catchment. It also adds background information. She hoped the Committee would move it forward as a recommendation to the BCC.

Member Pike pointed out that Ortiz is at the top of many watersheds in Santa Fe County and would keep stressing erosion control and that trails and roads are the main impediments to the water sheds. So, we need to build or maintain roads in ways to drain off the water. Chair Dannenberg noted that was somewhat addressed in Item 2.

Chair Dannenberg commented that the items and the time line are a little fuzzy and he was not sure what the purpose is. This needs to be redone with more concrete detail and cascade into the Master Plan.

Member Pike thought the access analysis was very important. The Environmental Assessment is important and the road access to determine the amount of use.

Chair Dannenberg questioned why training was required to get to a Master Plan.

Ms. Lohmann shared the data in the appendices.

Member Parker wanted to have good signs out there and not worry about people possibly mistreating them. Signage should include reclamation history.

Ms. Lohmann said a Docent Toolkit that outlines the educational information is included in the plan appendices and how the docents tell the story is up to them. The educational materials will be available but trails need to be assessed for safety and tours need to be scheduled. We must figure out maintenance and safe access. The gold mine is going through a planning process. At that point, maybe we will realize a better access route and develop more educational programming. These are the initial management steps and part of a higher priority for access.

The Committee discussed possibly a "Friends of the Mountain" group for scheduling, a decision on whether County Staff must be present for tours, and how to identify alternate access.

Member Ortega asked if the new position would be actually involved in management of open space. Given the management plans and who is getting done, that is important. With the large open space in the project, it would call for some kind of structure with 2-3 persons involved with the oversight.

Mr. Olafson clarified that the resource manager position is to help guide maintenance and volunteers for open spaces throughout the whole county not just for one property.

Mr. Olafson asked if the Committee was ready to make a motion to recommend the Ortiz Mountain Plan to the BCC.

The Committee decided the plan needs more editing before making a recommendation.

Ms. Lohmann said the draft is on the internet. The appendices is a separate document.

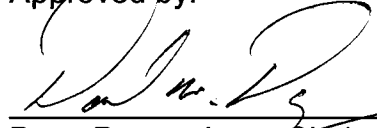
10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

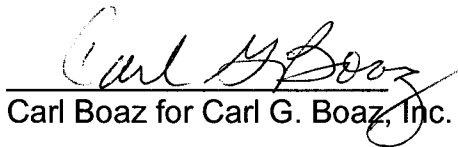
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Dave Dannenberg, Chair

Attest:


Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.



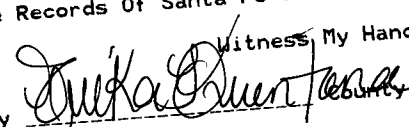
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