

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

September 2, 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
William Baker
Devin Bent
Patricia Conoway
Almudena Ortíz Cué
Judy Kowalski
Ernesto Ortega
Zach Taylor

Members Absent

John Parker [excused]

Staff Members Present

Maria Lohmann, Open Space and Trails Planner
Robert Griego,
Paul Olafson

Others Present

Carl Boaz, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Lohmann requested to move 7 b ahead of 7 a so Mr. Griego can be excused.

Dr. Bent moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Kowalski seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Dannenberg handed out a worksheet for future agenda topics and pointed out that the plan for October is to talk about Trail Days which should be over by the next meeting. He also suggested discussion on the whole resource inventory for that meeting. It would include GIS tools and map facilities.

The Committee agreed to discuss future topics under Matters from the Committee.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 5, 2015

Mr. Taylor asked for a change on page 2 of the summary minutes where Commissioner Anaya should be Commissioner Chávez.

Ms. Kowalski asked for a change on page 3 under Housekeeping where it should say “improve,” not “approve.” On page 2 (of the full minutes), it should say “There are actually cultural resources underground there” instead of “There is actually stuff underground there.”

On page 4 (full minutes), 4th paragraph should Los not Las.

On page 11 it should say “Land and Water Conservation Fund.”

On page 12, 4th paragraph, it should say, “She said it would help to have ...”

Mr. Taylor asked for a change on page 8, “East Mountain Trail” should be “East Mountain Regional Trail Council.”

On page 10, the meeting was with Commissioner Chávez, not Commissioner Anaya.

Chair Dannenberg asked for a change on page 2 of the summary minutes under 7 a where it should say Commissioner Chávez.

Ms. Lohmann asked for a deletion on page 10 where she said, “As a project we would support” and another on page 13 Mr. Johnson’s statement about open space properties.

Chair Dannenberg asked for a change on page 3 of the full minutes in the first paragraph where it should say he has taken on the task of writing management plans for three county properties.

Ms. Conoway moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2015 as amended. Dr. Bent seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

This item was deferred until later in the meeting.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

This item was deferred until later in the meeting.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Discussion of Open Space and Trails Strategic Plan Outline and Process

Ms. Lohmann said the Staff put together a new and shorter outline and process for updating the plan done in 2000. It needs to be updated every two years. The SGMP calls for strategic and action plans in each element so her handout has the outline. It will include the public participation processes and address conservation needs and then look at the profile and do an open space inventory limited to the information included. It discusses needs and general issues and a section on program operations and partnerships with other groups. There will be an action plan - a 5-year implementation plan and be updated every two years with the priorities identified.

The process has a meeting with stakeholders first and then focus groups with geographical representation and a county-wide survey for the information gathering phase; then internal processing and plan development and community input meetings. Then a draft will be sent out and then approval and adoption. The survey goes to all residents in the county - probably as an on-line survey.

Mr. Baker asked to see milestones along the way instead of just an arrow going out to the end.

The Committee discussed the meeting format and schedule.

In response to Mr. Taylor, Ms. Lohmann agreed that this will tend to go through COLTPAC first.

The Committee discussed the different role of COLTPAC in 2000.

Dr. Bent recalled the BCC requested a complete inventory of all County properties a few years ago. Mr. Olafson confirmed it was completed and is a good resource tool.

Mr. Griego said they are using it to identify measurable levels of service and comparing those with other communities.

Mr. Olafson said it can be used by the Committee as a benchmark over the next five years.

Mr. Griego said resource analysis was done but the management plans being developed will identify what the needs are.

The Committee discussed the schedule to keep the momentum going. Some felt two year review/amendments were too frequent.

They thanked Mr. Griego for his input and Mr. Griego departed.

Mr. Ortega cautioned not to make the plan too detailed, especially with background information. Chair Dannenberg and Ms. Conway agreed.

Chair Dannenberg asked Ms. Lohmann if she wanted feedback on the focus groups.

Ms. Lohmann said she first was going to spend time in October and November to decide who should be involved and have enough representation. With 20-30 people, it might be challenging to get them all involved but there are good ways to facilitate groups that large.

Mr. Olafson introduced himself and shared his background including a focus on capital planning and community planning and his work to make sure our plans can be implemented.

Mr. Olafson shared some of what they envisioned.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

There were no matters of public concern.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Dannenberg asked about subcommittee updates.

Dr. Bent said the mapping subcommittee made their recommendations already.

Ms. Lohmann said the GIS planner is looking for trails they missed and decide whether they should be put in the map. The official update happens in October.

Chair Dannenberg recalled concerning Romero Park that Mr. Taylor was going to meet with Commissioner Chávez.

Mr. Taylor hasn't gotten a response yet but will keep at it and meet with the Deputy County Manager and Commissioner Chávez and seek some sort of buy-in to revisit Romero Park design and to re-phase it and budget part of it. It is a well-defined community process but the next phase is estimated at \$12 million and there is no allocation for that. So he wanted to propose dividing it into more manageable and realistic sizes. That should be done as the next step.

Mr. Olafson said it is appropriate to ask for that type of meeting but have it as introductory to ask the Commissioner to direct staff to do it. It had heavy community input so strategically it would be good to get the direction to move and get the key players together. The first step is to get the overall direction.

Ms. Lohmann agreed to look at the Master Plan for detail on the top priorities.

Ms. Kowalski announced that State Archives is having a ceremony next month regarding Bill Baxter's work with a little video on mining in Santa Fé County on Saturday. She agreed to send email out on it.

Chair Dannenberg went back to reviewing the agenda and asked about other future topics.

Ms. Conway said Carol Johnson said she was on a committee trying to get \$80,000 for wilderness efforts and she told Ms. Johnson that she could get on the COLTPAC agenda.

Ms. Lohmann explained that the Forest Service is suggesting additions to what is called "wilderness." It allows horses and hikers but not bicyclists. Several bicycle groups are not happy with it and some present bike trails might be eliminated. There are several different wilderness expansions suggested. One is in the Pecos. It is a pretty significant expansion.

Chair Dannenberg thought Carol could present it under Public Comment since COLTPAC doesn't have any jurisdiction there.

Ms. Lohmann suggested COLTPAC could send a letter to the Forest Service.

Mr. Ortega didn't think that would have any impact. The best approach would be to attend their public meeting since they are required to seek public input. The County will be notified so the Committee could depend on County staff to consider our involvement.

Chair Dannenberg said Ms. Johnson could speak since it is a public meeting but it is unlikely this will have an impact on Santa Fé County.

Ms. Lohmann agreed. It won't impact the open space program but could impact economic development and other things.

Chair Dannenberg wondered if Santa Fe could lose the Silver BFC Designation if this happens.

Dr. Bent asked for more information about the Bicycle Friendly Community award and Ms. Lohmann briefly explained it.

A. Management Plan Priorities

Ms. Lohmann presented information on the Madrid area for the next management plan priority. She put together a brief presentation on the three for this year.

The Madrid Open Space has three parcels which she identified on a map. The "wilderness" is 4 acres acquired in 2000 of which a lot of is left-over mining materials which are not hazardous. Trees are growing on it. The Madrid Greenbelt was purchased in 2005. The Church Lot (approximately 1 acre) was purchased in 2001. The total of all three is approximately 57 acres. Because they are contiguous trails can be done. There are trails in the greenbelt and fewer in the wilderness.

Mr. Olafson pointed out an additional open space adjacent to those. The ballfield is actually deeded to the County. They just finished electrical and a roof three years ago. So there are other properties that could be added. There is also a long time connection with Cerrillos. It is a very complex community. The Staff should do some homework to bring back to the Committee. This is a perfect time to get into it. Phase 1 is done and going into Phase 2.

Mr. Taylor said there is a flood potential issue there. They are also worried about the tailings from the mines coming down.

Mr. Olafson said the plan should include open shaft protection, tailings and storm water issues.

The Committee agreed it should be a priority for a management plan.

Ms. Lohmann said the second one is the Lamy Open Space and Community Park. It is a Land and Water Conservation Fund project and deeded to always be a park. The open space was purchased for \$750,000 and has a significant archaeological site. It is important because a visitor center has been proposed for Thornton Ranch. When

purchased, the thought was to have a visitor center at Lamy open space too.

The third one is the Ortíz Mountains Education Preserve. We have already identified it as needing a management plan when the Santa Fé Botanical Garden handed it back over to the County for management. The scope has been written and is in purchasing. There will be two tours in September and beyond that we don't know. 150 acres were purchased in 2007 from Santa Fé Botanical Gardens and they got it from Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

Because of these three, we are not prioritizing Los Caminitos in the Tesuque area or Rio en Medio. They all need management plans sometime.

Mr. Olafson asked to have a Committee decision by November so progress could be demonstrated before July 1. He urged the Committee to give direction, given the resources we have, in the next two meetings if possible.

After further discussion, the Committee targeted the next meeting to make a decision.

Chair Dannenberg thought the Committee should tour the Ortíz property.

Ms. Lohmann has two tours scheduled: Sept 12 and Sept 18, and they are almost full. The September 12 tour is just of the loop trails. September 18 is limited to eight people and goes to the peak, straight up the mountain.

C. Discussion of Continuing Outreach Strategies

This topic was not considered in the meeting.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Open Space Staff Updates

1) Update and Discussion on Thornton Ranch Master Plan

Mr. Olafson said after the last meeting, he and Mr. Griego and Ms. Lohmann talked about how to get Capital Projects accomplished. He reviewed the process and handed out a format for dealing with getting public access and getting them operational. Thornton Ranch is about 2,000 acres with 600 leased and 2,100 BLM acres. The place is loaded with archaeology. So it is very complex property. Two contracts are running: cultural resources and the Master Plans contracts, and they are working together. The contracts total \$59,251 dollars with a completion date of 4/30/16.

Ms. Lohmann anticipated the Master Plan and Petroglyph Management Plan to have some gaps in guiding the use of this property and will have to fill in the gaps. It won't be a large project because of the two projects going on right now. Colleen Baker has monitored every step so it should be easy.

Mr. Olafson thought the management plan would fill in the gaps but it doesn't have funding until those plans are finished. This is not envisioned as a large capital project because of the limitations on the property and "we will do it in chunks." Tribal consultation is important and will be followed.

Mr. Olafson asked if the Committee would like to see something like this report quarterly.

Ms. Conoway agreed and Ms. Ortiz Cué liked the format.

Mr. Ortega said if Galisteo Basin would have a Master Plan.

Mr. Olafson said they have members participating in the process but their boundaries don't fit with Thornton Ranch boundaries. It is in the process to get registered on national registry. So we want to have boundaries clear before doing that.

Chair Dannenberg thought the format is great but it should add progress, key milestones and then a section that is blank for issues that might appear.

Mr. Olafson agreed to add those and would format it a little better. The data base is ten pages long for each; the summary report covers about 80 projects and it might have 15 more projects. We are trying to get to funding. If it isn't on plan, we won't have a budget for it. We have a total list of 350 projects and the budget on the short list is about \$70 million. COLTPAC can help with that effort.

9. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 7, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Conoway moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Bent seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Approved by:

Dave Dannenberg 11-4-15
Dave Dannenberg, Chair

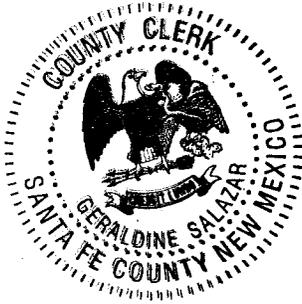
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