# SANTA FE COUNTY OPEN LAND, TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, 6:00 PM

#### 1. OPENING BUSINESS

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Mann at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

#### B. ROLL CALL

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Mann, Chair Steven Forde, Vice Chair Daniel Alvarado Bryan Bird Dan Potter Paige Grant Genna Waldvogel Amelia Adair

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jill St. Thomas

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Adeline Murthy, Open Space and Trails Planning Team Leader Monica Harmon, Open Space Resource Management Specialist Rose Masters, Open Space Interpretive Ranger Herbert Foster, Planning Team Leader Lauren Aston
Cam (no last name provided)

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.

#### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- I. November 6, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. December 4, 2024 Special Meeting
- iii. January 21, 2025 Special Meeting

The three sets of minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Cam, Herbert Foster and Lauren Aston introduced themselves to the Committee.

#### III. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### V. ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION** A motion was made by Ms. Adair, seconded by Mr. Potter, to re-elect Mr. Mann as Chair for a two year term.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Chair Mann, seconded by Mr. Potter, to re-elect Mr. Forde as Vice Chair for a two year term.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## a. Guidelines and Process for Disposition of Open Space Properties

Ms. Murthy reviewed the guidelines and process for the disposition of open space properties.

There was discussion about the open spaces including the possibility of visiting the sites to do an evaluation.

There was then a discussion about the language in Resolution 2000-60

regarding the process to sell a property and that it should say that a property disposition proposal "shall" instead of "should" be submitted to COLTPAC for review and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. It was also stated that the language about COLTPAC involvement should be formalized so that COLTPAC is part of the process.

There was concern expressed that the deacquisition process does not undermine the value of open space and does not lead to politically motivated decisions.

Chair Mann said he is hearing that there is consensus that having some kind of process is better than none. There is more comfort with one that specifies the process.

## b. Explore Creation of Volunteer Program for Trail Maintenance.

Ms. Murthy presented the idea of a volunteer program for trail maintenance.

There was discussion about liability, County support, and next steps.

Members expressed that they would like to restart the volunteer program.

It was decided that staff would draft a letter from the Committee to the County Managers Office Clarifying that COLTPAC supports the idea of restarting the program and asking about liability issues.

The Volunteer Working Group will draft a letter and send it to staff for review.

#### VII. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

Member Waldvogel asked for an update about the potential acquisition of Bobcat Crossing Ranch and any next steps needed from COLTPAC. Ms. Murthy stated that she will need a letter of recommendation from COLTPAC to include in the packet for the presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on February 25.

#### VIII. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Ms. Murthy said the Open Space, Trails and Parks Rules and Regulations Ordinance revision is being reviewed by Legal.

Ms. Harmon updated the Committee on restoration plans at Los Potreros Open Space.

Ms. Murthy notified the Committee that the 2025 Work Plan for the Open Space, Trails and Parks Program will go before the Board of County Commissioners on

February 25.

Ms. Masters offered to take Committee members on field trips on weekends to familiarize members with open space properties.

## IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** A motion was made by Mr. Potter, seconded by Ms. Waldvogel, to adjourn

the meeting.

**VOTE** The motion passed on a voice vote.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Chris Mann, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer



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