

**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY
COUNTY OPEN LAND TRAILS AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COLTPAC)
Santa Fe County Administration Complex
100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501
Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
Via Webex**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Open Land, Trails, and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) was called to order on the above date at approximately 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Siegel.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Rubén Cedeño, Chair (District 3) [arriving later]
Linda Siegel, Vice-Chair (At-Large)
Jan Cohen (District 5)
Christopher Mann, (District 2)
Sandra Madrid Massengill (District 1)
Jean Pike (At-Large)
Apple Snider (At-Large)

Members Absent/Excused

Vacant (At-Large)
Vacant (District 4)

Staff Members Present

Adeline Murthy, Open Space/Trails Planner
Robert Griego, Planning Manager
Paul Olafson, Planning Projects Manager
Daniel Fresquez, Webex Host

Mike Madden and Karen Yank were also present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member moved, seconded by Member, to approve the Agenda as published. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Members Cedeño, Cohen, Mann, Massengill, Pike, Siegel, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 1, 2022

Member Mann moved, seconded by Member Cedeño, to approve the minutes of June 1, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote with Members Cedeño, Cohen, Mann, Massengill, Siegel, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against. Member Pike abstained.

Chair Cedeño reconnected by phone and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

V. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Update on County Open Space and Trail Projects

i. Spur Trail Realignment and NE/SE Connector Project

Ivan Trujillo presented the project, sharing the screen and showing a brief video. He noted the SE Connector has no name yet. He showed the vicinity map for the project area and pointed out distinguishing features including Richards Avenue roundabout and improvements and the proposed multiuse trail and other proposed roundabouts. The trail is expected to be finished and open in early 2025.

There are a total of six proposed roundabouts and two are already designed. If not funded in first phase, they will come back in a future phase to construct the roundabouts.

ii. Draft Little Tesuque Creek Open Space Trail Re-Route Report

Ms. Murthy provided the report with an interactive map of the area. It was attached to Board.doc for further viewing. A Project Goals Chart was shown and described with two options to consider for the development. She recommended members to through the rest of the presentation on their own. The budget for the work does not include trail implementation. She invited the members to send comments to her or further questions.

B. Presentation of Open Space Acquisition Application San Pedro Open Space Expansion Project

Ms. Murthy introduced Karen Yank and Mike Madden for the presentation. Ms. Yank presented a slide show to the Committee on the project status. Santa Fe County has 160 acres at San Pedro Open Space that creates

access to much of the mountain there which is mostly piñon and juniper. We acquired 120 acres of the property in 2011 and now have an opportunity to purchase 40 acres for better access since the rest is landlocked. She hoped those purchases would give access off Highway 14. They have many people willing to volunteer to break trails. The property meets the criteria for open space and would provide connections with trails and open spaces up to Lamy and Pecos.

Mike Madden from East Mountains Trail Alliance showed how this could work logistically. All the details were available online.

Chair Cedeño thanked him and Karen Yank for their presentation.

VI. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

David Gold, former COLTPAC member 20 years ago, wrote a letter about South Meadows open space and said the people in that area are requesting support from COLTPAC to the City Planning Commission for their meeting on October 4 to help preserve the open space

VII. MATTERS FROM COUNTY STAFF

A. Staff Updates

Ms. Murthy announced she will recommend the BCC fill the vacancies next week. She also had a newsletter to share what the COLTPAC is all about.

She invited the members to view a video on fireflies at Los Portreros.

She reported the major flood at Rio en Medio Open Space caused it to be closed since July 29 from the trail that was destroyed almost entirely. So it will remain closed. She put out a press release and will present an update to BCC on August 9.

The County was awarded \$600,000 for work on a segment of the Rail Trail.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. Report from Conservation Subcommittee on Open Space Conservation Easement and Transfer of Development Rights Program

Manager Griego referenced the Committee packet that had information on the work done by the Conservation Subcommittee members. Matt Piccarello resigned because of conflicts.

Member Massengill and Member Mann shared the work of the subcommittee. Peggy Darr had created a ranking scheme for prioritizing open space acquisitions. All County properties will have protection. But this showed how to start out with the most important parcels and the criteria involved for scoring.

The Committee discussed the proposed system and wanted to achieve the protection to preserve all County open spaces by way of conservation easements, including any with the city limits of Santa Fe.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendations on Open Space Conservation Easement and Transfer of Development Rights Program

Manager Griego explained this recommendation could be moved to the BCC for consideration. He suggested a motion requesting a recommendation from COLTPAC to proceed with the conservation easement and TDR program in accordance with the Conservation Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Siegel moved, seconded by Member Mann to recommend to the BCC to proceed with the conservation easement and TDR program in accordance with the Conservation Subcommittee. The motion was approved on a voice vote with Members Cedeño, Mann, Massengill, Siegel, and Snider voting in favor and none voting against. Members Pike and Cohen abstained.

X. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING Thursday, August 4 Site visit to Ten Little Hills, Cerrillos

Chair Cedeño gave instructions on where to park.

Ms. Murthy said they would meet at 4:00 p.m. She suggested they bring a rain jacket, and she would provide the criteria to them there.

XI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Subcommittee report will be made at that meeting and the packet is uploaded to Board.doc ahead of time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Member Pike and second by Member Cohen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved by:

Rubén S. Cedeño

Rubén Cedeño, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl G. Boaz

Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.

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