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Santa Fe River Commission

Thursday, December 10, 2015 (Round House Room)

6 pm to 8 pm

City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard

500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 12, 2015
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Santa Fe River Commission
500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM
Thursday, December 10, 2015
6:07 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bové, Vice Chair called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:07 p.m. at 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established with roll call.

Present

John R. Buscher, Chair
Phil Bové, Vice Chair
Dale Doremus
F.M. Patomi, Alternate (*Proxy vote for Jerri Jacobi*)
Zoe Isaacson
Luke Pierpont
Emile Sawyer
Anna Hansen

Not Present/Excused

Jerry Jacobi

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator, City of Santa Fe Staff
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

Ms. McDonald apologized there has been server issues today and the projector is unavailable tonight.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Buscher moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Ms. Doremus which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2015

Mr. Buscher moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015 at the next meeting due to difficulties opening the link. It was agreed as a group.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

Ms. McDonald did not invite any other agencies to attend since it is close to the holidays.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

a. Election of Commission Chair (Staff)

Ms. McDonald announced that Mr. Jacobi will no longer serve as chair therefore, a Chair needs to be voted in. Mr. Bove stated Mr. Jacobi will remain on the Commission, just no longer as Chair.

There being no other nominations, it was decided as a group to vote Mr. Buscher to serve as Chair. It was established by voice vote.

b. Sub-Committee discussion of goals and Reporting (Buscher)

Ms. McDonald and Chair Buscher reported their recent meeting with the Mayor. They discussed wanting to hear from the Mayor and the Council on what they would like the Commission to do. However the Mayor stated the Commission should bring the issues to them.

Ms. McDonald discussed the Sustainable Commission has goals of becoming Carbon Neutral by 2040. The Mayor mentioned he wants this Commission to work similar to that Commission if possible. Ms. McDonald stated their subcommittees meet weekly.

The Mayor mentioned outreach and getting the community more connected with the river. He would like to see more youth engagement.

A discussion was held about the West Santa Fe River Alliance and the West Santa Fe Corridor Planning Group and their efforts. The Mayor suggested the Commission get involved.

Ms. Hansen attends the Agua Fria Association meetings monthly and stated they are very concerned with the river.

A discussion was held about the Water Division Fund. If there are funds left over perhaps it can be used for parks around the river. Ms. McDonald discussed the need for vegetation management.

Chair Buscher stated the Mayor is interested in attending an event if it is planned.

Ms. McDonald presented the list of the subcommittees and a brief description of the expectation for each. (See Exhibit A)

Ms. McDonald stated there needs to be a Chair or point person assigned to each subcommittee. Ms. McDonald expressed the concern of meeting with a quorum and the Open Meetings Act. Therefore there will be three members per subcommittee.

The Subcommittees are:

Watershed Revitalization

Members:

FM Patorni

Zoe Isaacson

Emile Sawyer, Point Person

Promoting a Living River

Members:

Phil Bové

John Buscher

Jerri Jacobi, Point Person (*Will have to discuss*)

Species Resiliency

Members:

Zoe Isaacson

Dale Doremus

Emile Sawyer, Point Person (*This subcommittee may merge with Watershed Revitalization*)

Outdoor Economy

Members:

FM Patorni

Anna Hansen

Luke Pierpont, Point Person

Ms. McDonald stated there are some combined issues and categories, and if it is decided to merge two groups there will still need to be three members only.

Ms. McDonald mentioned project ideas that are already in the works for several of the groups. For example the Watershed Revitalization there is a webpage that can be created on how to build a rain garden.

A discussion was held about the Adopt a River program. Perhaps the Commission can revise the proclamation next month.

Mr. Patorni asked if there should be a subcommittee for advertising. Ms. McDonald gave the idea that each subcommittee can make advertising part of their plan.

Ms. McDonald mentioned the Tree Board is mapping the trees and perhaps a member of the Species Resiliency subcommittee can attend a meeting and mention mapping the river as well.

A discussion was held about working with the schools to promote activities that can interact with the Mayor. Ms. Hansen mentioned some schools that spend time along the river perhaps they can gather at an accessible part of the river and hold events.

Ms. McDonald reviewed her sample format that she would like the groups to use.

The subcommittees broke out into their groups to discuss the basic function of the subcommittees. There will be no recording at this time. The group convened 45 minutes later.

6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no matters from Commissioners.

7. MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

This will be discussed at the next meeting, when the subcommittees have had a chance to meet.

8. MATTERS FROM STAFF

- **Project Updates**
- **Santa Fe River Corridor Plan Update**

Mr. Bové stated he would like to get a monthly update from Ms. McDonald on the status of each project she is working on. Ms. McDonald will send the Commission an email with a spreadsheet she formulated that will have an update.

Ms. McDonald reported that any project under construction has been asked to be input into the City GIS program.

A discussion was held about the projects off St. Francis, Calle Nopal, East Alameda, Camino Alire and the bridges. The sidewalk project is going to be funded by NMDOT and will start in February. There is no longer an underpass in the plans near St. Francis. Ms. McDonald will get an update.

Ms. McDonald reported that the rain gardens were cut on the Alameda project. There are acequia trail projects that will start in February. The project manager on the Defouri bridge is no longer with the City.

Chair Buscher asked about the bike trails and the concerns with the state owned property on DeVargas street. Ms. McDonald has attempted to contact someone at General Services Department to discuss getting an easement to maintain the land, however she has had no luck. The Commission recommended she visit their office. She would like to get it on the CIP list and it can be taken care of and maintained. Ms. Hansen asked if it can be put on the MPO's CIP list since they are trying to merge the paths.

Ms. McDonald briefly discussed some arroyo projects with start in March.

Chair Buscher encouraged the Commission to contact Ms. McDonald if there are more specific issues or questions on projects.

Chair Buscher briefly discussed there are several people who sent resumes to join the Commission, but would be great for subcommittees.

Ms. McDonald encouraged the point person from each subcommittee to email her any questions directly.

9. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

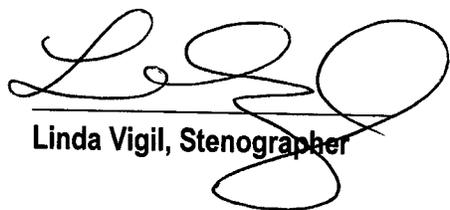
There were no members of the public present.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission, Mr. Pierpont moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., with a second from Ms. Hansen which carried by unanimous voice vote.

SIGNATURES

Jim Buscher, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Vigil', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Linda Vigil, Stenographer

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Santa Fe River Commission: Sub-Committees

1. Watershed Revitalization
 - Update the corridor master plan to reflect climate change and resiliency efforts as they relate to Sustainable Santa Fe's 2040 goals. Suggest benchmarks for moving the City forward. (*We don't need a new plan but rather an updated action plan*)
 - Review plans of newly annexed stretches as they relate to the SF River Corridor Plan.
 - Improving the health of the urban watershed (incl. arroyos and stormwater): Focusing on infiltration models such as the Alameda Rain Gardens, creating rain-garden districts, and supporting green-Infrastructure efforts and practices for stormwater.

2. Promoting a Living River
 - Promote the Santa Fe River Fund
 - Advocate for NM Beneficial Use Legislation re: increasing river flows.
 - Foster the acequia tradition – guest farming, urban agriculture, acequia water-rights leasing, and related educational opportunities.
 - Encourage expansion of treated effluent management & reclaimed water plans
 - Create partnership opportunities for improvements and repair
 - Support Adopt-the-River, Adopt-an-Arroyo, and/or similar programs

3. Species Resiliency
 - Vegetative mapping, planning, and management; working with the City of SF Municipal Tree board, Parks, Land Use, and GIS to encourage corridor documentation and planning
 - Support youth program training—Youthworks, EarthCare, FEMA Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.
 - Revitalize the river as a wildlife corridor

4. Outdoor Economy
 - Performance and visual art along the river corridor & the watershed as a way to increase awareness of river health. Perhaps working with the Santa Fe Arts Commission, Creative Santa, MIX, The SF Watershed Associations, etc.
 - Consider how the river & trail system influence and supports our economy. Work with Tourism Santa Fe, Economic Development, chambers of commerce, etc. How could this be improved?

