

Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Minutes-May 12, 2016
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Phil Bove, Vice Chair called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:02 p.m. at 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established by roll call.

1. Roll Call

Present

Phil Bové, Vice Chair
Jerry Jacobi
F.M. Patorni
Luke Pierpont
Anna Hansen
Zoe Isaacson
Dale Doremus

Not Present/Excused

Emile Sawyer
John R. Buchser, Chair

Others Present

Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator, City of Santa Fe Staff
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Alan Hook, Santa Fe Water Division
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Isaacson moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Mr. Pierpont which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM April 14, 2016

Ms. McDonald explained that the Clerk's Office was behind on minutes so she was unable to send the minutes for review ahead of time. It was decided to approve the minutes at the next meeting.

*Ms. McDonald presented changes to the stenographer before the meeting. See below:
Page 2-strike last sentence ~~The Parks department will help install those.~~
Page 3, Paragraph 4- Ms. McDonald stated it is **not** included and will be addressed.
Page 3 Paragraph 6-Mr. Coffman change to Mr. Kaufman*

4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES

a.) Informational Item: Living River Target Flow, Hydrograph Update 2016-2017

A brief discussion was held about forming a subcommittee for the scorecards or perhaps allowing it to fall under one already formed. It was decided to allow the Commission to review the findings of the survey then determine where it will fall.

b.) Reports from Subcommittees

- Watershed Revitalization-Emile Sawyer

Ms. Isaacson stated she and Mr. Sawyer have been working on the Species Resiliency project.

Ms. McDonald would like to show the group some drawings she has come up with for the Rain Gardens and designs for the slope. Perhaps she will bring those to the next meeting.

- Promoting a Living River-John Buchser

Mr. Bove states the lease for the Acequia Madre School has gone to the Central Office for review and approval. Meanwhile, there are some neighboring properties who have signed leases.

A brief discussion was held about the Acequia de Analco that runs behind the San Miguel Mission.

- Species Resiliency-Zoe Isaacson

Ms. Doremus reported there was a talk last weekend at the Garden Show by Mr. Kerry.

Mr. Kerry emailed a list of flowers and plants that return every year that are deep rooted and can withstand the winter. He also gave some names of flowering plants for pollenating.

Ms. Doremus will send the list via email. Mr. Kerry also suggested the group take a trip to the Galisteo Creek to see what grows there, that creek is high in salt content.

Ms. Hanes will bring a picture of a bush that grows in her yard that the bees love. It does not take a lot of water.

A brief discussion was held about native plants and those that are specific to pollenating.

A discussion was held about gathering lists of plants to give to the contractors. Ms. McDonald states when projects have to get cut, the first thing to get cut is the landscape budget. But it is always a good idea to have a list.

Ms. Bove discussed reseeding. Ms. McDonald states the best thing to do is mix grass seeds and wildflower seeds.

Ms. Isaacson discussed the alternatives to salt that she found through research. She found the City is using the best mix possible. There are other cities that use bi products but are high in chloride.

Ms. McDonald reported the Fishing Derby is June 4th and all members are encouraged to attend and bring their families.

Ms. McDonald reported that all projects are moving along.

Ms. McDonald will present part of the Stormwater Resolution for those interested, she will email.

Ms. McDonald reviewed items for the next agenda.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSION (optional)

There was not time allotted for subcommittee breakout.

10. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Hook reported there is 685 feet left in the Living River for the year.

Mr. Hook also reported that the Buckman Diversion Plant will shut down for 2 weeks to repair the screens. This will begin May 29, 2016.

11. ADJOURN

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission Ms. Hansen moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. with a second from Ms. Doremus which passed by voice vote.

SIGNATURES

John Buchser, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer