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Meeting Minutes-September 8, 2016  
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bové called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:01 p.m. at 500 Market Station (Railyard Station), Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established will roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present**

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

**Not Present/Excused**

John R. Buchser, Chair  
Emile Sawyer

**Others Present**

Alan Hook, City of Santa Fe Water Division  
Andy Otto, Executive Director Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Raquel Baca-Tompson, Santa Fe Watershed Association  
Linda Vigil, Stenographer

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. McDonald will permanently change the order of the Agenda starting with the next agenda. Matters from the Commissioners will be moved before Information/Discussion/Action.

***MOTION: Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Ms. Doremus which passed by voice vote.***

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 14, 2016 and August 11, 2016**

***MOTION: Ms Doremus moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2016 as presented with a second from Ms. Isaacson which passed by voice vote.***

***MOTION: Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2016 as presented with a second from Ms. Hansen which passed by voice vote.***

#### **4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES/COMMITTEES**

There as not any communication form other Agencies or Committees.

#### **5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

##### **A.) Project Update Review**

Ms. McDonald presented the spreadsheet with the quarterly updates. (See Exhibit A)

##### *Current Projects:*

- Construction on Camino Alire, has started early.
- Arroyo Chamisos will be starting in October.
- Arroyo de los Pinos is in the final stages of planning. The final plans should be complete by next week.
- Drainage Repair Cross Vane at Calle Nopal will start late September or early October.
- Arroyo at Resolana Park is still working on grants for funding.

Ms. McDonald reported on projects that are complete. A discussion was held about several other projects not managed by Ms. McDonald but is relative to the River. Ms. McDonald discussed the way she reports projects to the Commission. Mr. Patorni asked about the reorganization of the City and the Departments that involve the River. Ms. McDonald is working on an RFP that will include that information.

Ms. McDonald reported the Stormwater Project will take up to two years to complete once it is approved.

A discussion was held about the St. Francis Gage. The grade control aspect of the project is complete.

A discussion was held about projects that require the flows to stop while under construction.

##### **B.) River Parkway Benches and Bike Rack/PNM Power Up Grant Update**

Ms. Baca-Tompson reported the grant was approved and the benches and bike racks have been ordered. A photo of the benches and bike racks and maps of their locations was shown. (See Exhibit B) Several of the benches will face the river. They will be installed by the end of the year.

Ms. Baca-Tompson discussed location 3 in Alto park will have the bench separate from the bike rack. The bench will be placed in front of the Rain Garden.

Mr. Otto discussed an event is being planned to dedicate the Rain Garden. He is working with Wells Fargo to coordinate it and will inform the Commission once it's planned.

Mr. Otto explained the projects were funded by a partnership between Wells Fargo and the US Fish and Wildlife. A small amount was also funded by the Santa Fe River Fund.

### **C.) Friends of Santa Fe River Walk Update**

Ms. Hansen discussed the Friends of Santa Fe River walk that occurred in August. (See Exhibit C) A book was presented to Mr. Michael Smith and a walk of the river was done to see the progress of the removed invasive species of trees and grass.

Ms. McDonald discussed the project which was part of Parks. There are plans to reseed and replant in that area. There seems to be good feedback on the project.

### **D.) SF River Watershed Study Vegetation Mapping Report**

Ms. McDonald presented a copy of the Vegetation Mapping Report (See Exhibit D). A copy was given to the species resiliency subcommittee to look at.

Ms. McDonald thought it was a great tool explains the soils and vegetation. It is an easy to read document and can be used for future goals of the Commission. Perhaps the idea to replant the vegetation reach by reach can be included in the goals. The Municipal Tree Board is already working on identifying the species of trees on the river.

Ms. McDonald explained it can be in the form of guidelines that can be outlined for other entities. The City would make it clear there are intentions of doing the work.

Mr. Bove discussed invasive grasses.

### **E.) Sub-Committee Breakout Session-Working Meeting**

*The Sub-Committee Breakout Session is not recorded.*

- Outdoor Economy
- Promoting a Living River
- Watershed Revitalization
- Species Resiliency

## **6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Ms. McDonald discussed an email send by Chair Buchser (See Exhibit E). In the email the Chair asked the Commission to send 10-15 ideas to be discussed at the next meeting. Also a community meeting can be planned for May.

Ms. Hansen briefly discussed the way another committee she was a member of worked on a similar brainstorming session.

Mr. Patorni stated there needs to be clarification of the River and the Watershed.

Ms. McDonald suggested the members create a list of as many ideas as they can and email them she will then combine and merge the ideas to one list. She will also suggest the idea Ms. Hansen had.

Ms. McDonald discussed the way the Water Conservation Committee ranked items.

Ms. McDonald briefly mentioned the small event for Mr. Smith (Friends of the Santa Fe River) went well although it was done with short notice. The Mayor would be happy to participate in the future. A brief discussion was held about how these events will be sent to the Commissioners ahead of time so they may attend.

Mr. Patorni would like a list of all other Committees and Commissions within the City. Ms. McDonald will help walk him through how to find them online.

Ms. McDonald discussed the form that was sent out from the City Clerk that releases telephone and contact information.

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A discussion was held about the staff list on the web for each City Department.

## **7. MATTERS FROM STAFF**

There no matters to report from staff.

## **8. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Otto announced an appreciation picnic for volunteers of the River and Watershed will be on Saturday Sept. 24 from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at the Water History Museum. The Commission is welcome to attend and perhaps speak on the history of the River. The building has been remodeled.

Mr. Bove discussed the Water History Museum and the History of the Power Plant Building. He would like to see old pictures of the River put up. Ms. McDonald will contact the proper department and boards.

Mr. Patorni briefly discussed the possibility of raising money or getting funds from the State Legislature.

## **9. ADJOURN**

***MOTION: Mr. Jacobi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. with a second from Mr. Pierpont which passed by voice vote.***

## **SIGNATURES**

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John Buchser, Chair

  
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Linda Vigil, Stenographer