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Santa Fe River Commission
Meeting Minutes-February 11, 2016
500 Market Street Santa Fe, New Mexico
6:00-8:00 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bucsher called the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission to order at 6:04 p.m. at 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, NM. A quorum was established with roll call.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present**
John R. Buchser, Chair
Emile Sawyer
Jerry Jacobi
Anna Hansen
Luke Pierpont
Zoe Isaacson

**Not Present/Excused**
F.M. Patorni
Dale Doremus
Phil Bové, Vice Chair

**Others Present**
Melissa McDonald, Santa Fe River Watershed Coordinator, City of Santa Fe Staff
Dave Pike, City of Santa Fe Stormwater Water Management
Michelle Gutierrez, City of Santa Fe Streets and Drainage Management
Robert Woods, City of Santa Fe Water Conservation
Scott Kaseman, Santa Fe County Project Manager
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Alan Hook, Santa Fe Water Division

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

***Mr. Jacobi moved to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Ms. Hansen which passed by voice vote.***

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

***Ms. Isaacson moved to defer the minutes to be approved at the next meeting with a second by Mr. Sawyer which passed by voice vote.***

**5. Communication from other Agencies/Committees**

A.) Update on Santa Fe County's W. River Corridor Plans (Scott Kaseman)

Mr. Kaseman presented his update on the project using slides with aerial photography. Several trees have been planted to help with the erosion along the way. There have been several closings to acquire the easements they will need for the project.

A brief discussion was held about the design and how the engineers will match the project with others along the river.

Ms. Hansen mentioned the natural spring along that area that fed an acequia many years ago and the importance of protecting it. Mr. Kaseman agrees and will look into it.

A discussion was held about the type of materials they will use for the project. Mr. Kaseman stated that textured cement will be used to keep the natural look.

Ms. Isaacson asked that a copy of the plans be sent to the Commission. Ms. McDonald will forward them.

A brief discussion was held about the flow study of the flood zone done by FEMA in 2005 and 2008.

Mr. Pike briefly described the pools of water near the San Isidro area and the water table. Mr. Kaseman will mention that issue to the engineers.

A brief discussion was held about the pedestrian bridges and foot bridges that will be placed along the river.

Mr. Kaseman discussed the other properties that will need to be closed on. There is one property owner that will need to clean up his property before the project begins. There will be access for the property owners to get to the river, there will be gates and steps installed in some areas.

A discussion was held about the annexation process and what area is covered.

Mr. Pike discussed the need to incorporate a trash rack to collect floatables and mentioned the EPA requirements, perhaps it can be added in the plans. Mr. Kaseman agreed, he believes there may be a grant in place for that already.

Mr. Pike explained the current plan to merge the County and DOT to work on some of the Stormwater issues such as the trash racks. He will be in touch with Mr. Kaseman as well.

Mr. Kaseman presented a slide showing the work done to maintain the grade.

The Commission thanked Mr. Kaseman for his time.

**6. Information/Discussion/Action**

A.) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT UPDATESTHE CITY'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICIES AND GOALS (Melissa McDonald)

Chair Buchser discussed the resolution and the need for it since the Commission began. Ms. McDonald has volunteered to steer it through the correct agencies and explained the process of how Resolutions get moved through the other departments.

Chair Buchser explained the need for the other departments to work together and find a resolution.

A discussion was held about flood control. Ms. McDonald explained at one time there was talk about having a Flood Commissioner or a board associated with that issue. Mr. Pierpont explained the importance of carrying on the green structures for Flood Control.

A discussion was held about the work done by the Army Corps of Engineers and how it ties into the project. Mr. Sawyer would like to hear from the Stormwater Division and their ideas.

Mr. Pike explained their program and how it evolved from the EPA Rule and the enforcement of the Ordinances. There was a project Mr. Wood worked on that saved the City money and is now used as a teaching tool by the EPA.

Mr. Pierpont asked about the sampling and testing of the water. Mr. Pike explained the project with the county and the identifiers they have found. They are trying to find the funding.

Mr. Hook mentioned the Surface Water Quality Bureau with NMED does sampling and has information.

A discussion was held about obtaining grants needed to reach the TMDL requirements. He recommends that they add those to benefit from it.

A discussion was held about e-coli and how it is getting to the river. Educating the public will be part of the management plan.

A discussion was held on how to recommend the changes to the resolution. It was decided to make notations of the changes or add on to the sheet with the referral.

***Ms. Hansen moved to recommend items discussed to be added to the sheet attached to the Resolution to inform the other agencies or departments informally, with a second from Mr. Sawyer which passed by voice vote.***

B.) River Commission membership submittal (Melissa McDonald)

Ms. McDonald explained that the City Clerk will need to have the Commissioners resubmit their intent to continue as members of the Commission to ensure there won't be a lapse in terms.

***Ms. Hansen moved to allow Ms. McDonald to resubmit the memberships on behalf of the Santa Fe River Commission to continue as members, with a second by Mr. Jacobi which passed by voice vote.***

C.) Proposals for Alameda from De Fouri Bridge to St. Francis Drive (John Buchser)

- Lower Speed Limit to 25 mph from bridge to St. Francis

Chair Buchser discussed the issue of the speed limit near the De Fouri Bridge, as he lives in that area. Chair Buchser read aloud some concerns from other residents he has received about this issue.

Ms. McDonald discussed the process of having another department work on a traffic study to measure speeds. There is certain criteria they must follow. It was decided that is the first step in resolving this matter.

***Ms. Hansen moves that a request be made to the Traffic Department to conduct a traffic study in this area, with a second from Mr. Sawyer which passed by voice vote.***

- Reduction of lawn along river and road

A discussion was held about the project to widen the trail head in this area which may resolve the issue. The project has been behind schedule. It was decided to wait until the project is complete.

D.) Reports from Sub-Committees

- Watershed Revitalization (Emile Sawyer)

Mr. Sawyer announced Mr. Hansen will be visiting at the next meeting to discuss his work on the wetlands in Santa Fe County. He passed out a copy of the study to the Commissioners.

Mr. Sawyer explained the Sub-Committee is ready to research more on the Rain Gardens. Ms. McDonald reminded the group that the Mayor is very interested in these types of projects.

- Promoting a Living River (John Buchser)

Chair Buchser updated the group on the garden at Acequia Madre Elementary, Mr. Bove will discuss using the water from the acequia with the Principal of the school.

Chair Buchser announced Love your River Day is this Saturday at Frenchy's Park. The Mayor will be in attendance, a press release was sent out.

- Species Resiliency (Zoe Isaacson)

Ms. Isaacson explained the group is trying to identify the major issues of the corridor. They are looking into the adaptation study done by the Watershed Association. They will meet to discuss how to use salvage tree and plant material with the tree board.

- Outdoor Economy (Luke Pierpont)

Mr. Pierpont reported that he met with the director of the residency program at the Art Institute about their current program working on the history of water. Ms. Hansen recommended that they also speak to the Arts Commission. Ms. McDonald mentioned the Bike Sharing Program needs locations for their stations.

**7. Matters from Commissioners**

A discussion was held about the idea presented by Mr. Patorni had about evaluating the Sub-Committees. Ms. McDonald will forward some informative links to the Commission. It was decided to put in on another agenda at a later date, due to other presentation scheduled.

**8. Matters from Sub-Committees (Break Out session optional)**

There was no time left to break out into Sub-Committees.

**9. Matters from Staff**

Ms. McDonald had no other matters to report.

**10. Citizen's Communication from the Floor**

There were no members of the public present.

**11. Adjourn**

***There being no further business to come before the Santa Fe River Commission, Mr. Jacobi moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. with a second from Mr. Pierpont which carried by voice vote.***

**12. Signatures**

**John Buchser, Chair**

**Linda Vigil, Stenographer**