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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2014
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Patti Bushee, Chair
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair
Gretchen Grogan
John Longworth
James Ronald Pacheco
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Joseph Abbatacola [excused]
Tomás Rivera

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros, Staff Liaison
Eric Martínez, Director of Roadways and Trails Engineering Division
Matthew O'Reilly, Land Use Director
Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Siqueiros requested that #2 be removed from the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 21, 2014

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2014 as presented. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Jeff Ethan Green said on Monday, he was headed to Albuquerque and the train was late and he saw the news about the accident. So instead of boarding the train, he came to the Finance Committee to talk about the importance of bicycle safety and the decision to raid the funding for the Acequia Trail underpass. His point was that it was important to focus on bicycle safety. With eight lanes of traffic there, he hoped it was important to the City to make that intersection safer. Night lights on trails would make them safer. He appreciated the actions BTAC had taken over the past years for bike safety.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Ms. Sandy Brice, Santa Fé Railyard Director of Events said she made a presentation at the last meeting regarding safety with train crossings in the Railyard. They had a positive and productive discussion with NMDOT folks regarding crossings.

Chair Bushee asked if they had conversations regarding potential funding sources.

Ms. Brice said they mentioned that there was a federal section 130 that was specifically for crossings and it might be a funding potential. The funds would be requested through the MPO.

Mr. Pacheco suggested a letter to Senator Udall to help us.

Chair Bushee said she would have it on the agenda for the next meeting to formally discuss this.

Mr. Wilson said that funding category was small. Next week they would have a meeting regarding the issues. Highway improvement funds might or might not apply. It had tight criteria regarding what it could be used for. There was no earmarking of funds any longer.

Mr. Pacheco thought their office might have access to other grants or funds without asking them to earmark.

Mr. Wilson said having DOT involved was good. They had ideas about funding.

Chair Bushee asked if he could be prepared to report back at the next BTAC meeting.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Chair Bushee asked Ms. Brice if at Railyard events with a lot of people they hired or had security to remind people to stay off the tracks.

Ms. Brice said they had a private security contract for a year and a half but were unable to get that funding replenished. It depended where public safety officers were. They didn't have the attention that the crowds warranted at this point. They did ask event producers to provide security, if possible.

Mr. Siqueiros pointed out that the train only travels 5 miles an hour when in the Railyard.

Ms. Robinson reasoned that they would have less fear then. She recalled Ms. Brice said last meeting that she had seen people cross very close to the train.

Ms. Brice agreed. They were looking to do everything they could.

Chair Bushee thought they could certainly request a public safety presence at special events and wondered if they got it.

Ms. Brice said they didn't not often.

Chair Bushee thought a formal letter might be needed. She asked that their board look at writing to ask the new chief and mayor and council to see how they could position someone there.

Ms. Brice said they were seeing many nights 400 to 600 people at the Railyard.

Chair Bushee thanked her for speaking here at BTAC.

5. Discussion and Action Regarding Scheduling a Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting with Eric Garcia, Santa Fe Chief of Police (Bob Siqueiros)

Santa Fé Police Chief Eric Garcia thanked the BTAC for inviting him here today.

Mr. Pacheco welcomed the Chief on board and said he knew Chief Garcia would be a great addition to our fine city. He said the BTAC had some concerns about bicycle trails and would like to share the Committee's priorities. He believed they would have a good time working with Chief Garcia.

Chair Bushee said BTAC wanted him to come in order that the Committee could welcome him and let him know that Santa Fé had an active and growing bicycle and pedestrian community. They would love to have a liaison from Chief Garcia's office for when BTAC was discussing details about safety and other concerns.

Chief Garcia affirmed that he did live in Santa Fé.

Chair Bushee briefly explained sharrows and their purpose to the Chief. With the recent tragedy BTAC would have a formal item on the agenda at the next meeting and if the Chief or his designee could attend the meeting, it would be great.

Chair Bushee told him this committee had been active for 10 years. We were a silver designated community (Bicycle Friendly Community) and were growing into a mountain biking international designation.

Chief Garcia asked if there was someone within the agency that was very insightful with efficient ideas.

Chair Bushee started with Jerry Trujillo.

Mr. Siqueiros suggested Mr. Jeff Worth.

Chair Bushee said she had found all the bike patrol cops to be helpful. Sidewalks was a big issue. She explained that she wanted to bring the Chief into the picture and invite him to meet BTAC.

Mr. Herdman thanked him for coming to the meeting. It was worth pointing out this committee had been in existence over 10 years and done a lot of things that have improved the quality of life and given recognition of Santa Fé as a bike friendly community. Without Chair Bushee's leadership they would not be here today. Three years ago the BTAC revised the bicycle part of the City of Santa Fé traffic code. Most of it was what you would expect. There were a few components that were different. It was great to know if the Police Chief was aware of it.

Mr. Siqueiros said he provided the Chief with a copy.

Chair Bushee asked if he would send it to all of BTAC again. Mr. Siqueiros agreed

Ms. Grogan echoed what Mr. Herdman said. It would be great if Chief Garcia could read it and familiarize himself on that. She asked if he was aware of what sharrows were.

Chief Garcia said he was.

Ms. Grogan said sharrows had been an ongoing educational effort of BTAC and they helped to allocate the CIP funds to continue to build on-road bicycle facilities, bike lanes etc.

Ms. Robinson thought it was great to have this conversation. She hoped for her children to become bicyclists. We encourage the use of alternative transportation and the goal was to see more people cycling. BTAC was working hard on connectivity. She thanked Chief Garcia for being here

Chief agreed that was a good goal, healthy living.

Mr. Longworth said it was an honor to be able to ask the Chief questions like this. He asked Chief Garcia what his thoughts were about training new officers regarding cycling.

Chief Garcia said he could make that part of the education process and our day to day work relationship. We have a lot of constitutional, federal and state laws that we have to comply with. At the same time it was the little things we do that could help make things safer.

Mr. Longworth said in the past the Committee had interactions with officers who did not understand what the rules were concerning bicycles.

Chief Garcia said that was the administration's fault to not help the officers understand. Day to day briefings provided easy follow though.

Mr. Longworth asked some good examples in his previous experiences were of how he had interacted with the cycling community.

Chief Garcia said in his 20 plus years of law enforcement his experience working with the community was good and bad. He was a spokesperson for the NM State Police on fatal incidents. Sometimes the bicycling community did not want to hear that a member of their community did anything wrong. The bicycling community was not happy about follow through with state police on an issue a couple of years ago. But he had reached out to them with education. That was something they could improve on - pedestrian safety, refresher training. We have largest deaf school in the state and we thought about that regarding the Rail runner. At the last crash, the chiming sounds did not get the attention of the cyclist. They were continuing to investigate that.

Mr. Longworth appreciated his honesty. Part of reason to have you here today was to start off on the right foot. He hoped they could continue a dialogue.

Chief Garcia said that was excellent advice. He was here for information sharing.

Chair Bushee asked if he could work with Mr. Siqueiros to let BTAC know about local TV shows and have a user's perspective.

Chief Garcia thought they both could work with Jodi on it.

Mr. Herdman clarified that BTAC was not of the frame of mind that cyclists could do no wrong. The traffic code was applicable to cyclists too and was for safety. He appreciate the answers and looked forward to having him back from time to time.

Mr. Pacheco maybe twice a year you could update and visit with us...also if you could take a brief look at our silver level bicycle community...whole history...

Chair Bushee said they had one seat open on this committee and asked if he could survey his bike patrol because they would love to have one as an active voting member.

Chief Garcia thanked her for the invitation. Everyone told him that education was key and he agreed with that. He related that he reached out to Walmart in Española to build relationships with the kids, they offered us 10 bikes for the kids that had the 10 top GPAs in middle school.

Chair Bushee suggested maybe they could have that as part of bike to work week, to honor those kids and hand out bikes.

Mr. Longworth said one of the memorable events during the IMBA conference was a police escort given for the bicyclists.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Discussion and Action Regarding a Resolution Amending the 2012 General Obligation Bond - Parks and Trails Implementation plan to Reallocate \$2 Million Currently Designated for the River Trail Underpass at St. Francis/West Alameda to bike Pedestrian Trails and Related Infrastructure Projects.

Ms. Byers began presenting again on the River Trail Underpass at St. Francis and West Alameda. She passed out a revised resolution in which she added to it who would pick the projects. Councilor Bushee wanted BTAC to be very involved. She said the amount was not \$2 million. It was less the \$99 thousand that had been spent.

Chair Bushee thanked Ms. Byers. She explained that at Council they dropped the W. Alameda drainage project. It was a long and convoluted process. In all honesty, it was in competition with Tierra Contenta and a lot of projects for old facilities. She did not see the people rally that she hoped would and just conceded that at this time and let the \$1.3 million go. District 3 guys were willing to drop the amount to Tierra Contenta and leaving it wide open to this committee's discretion. They should have it on the next agenda how the City could get the biggest bang for our bucks. She was hopeful that one day they would get the funds for the Acequia Trail crossing. It was the only trail that went from south to north but she needed public support for it. It was kind of sad that the W. Alameda stuff went south. She wanted to see as many connections as possible. She wanted to see families on the south side of town on bikes. But she needed help getting this passed.

Mr. Longworth appreciated that background. He asked if she believed it would help or hurt this if BTAC had a statement in the whereas section to bring that out.

Chair Bushee agreed and told Ms. Byers it would be helpful if there was a way to reference the bicycle master plan in it.

Mr. Longworth asked what she thought about bringing up safety issues related to the Rail runner.

Chair Bushee thought it should mention bicycle and pedestrian safety as a general term. Her hope was that the City would see some state help somewhere.

Mr. Longworth noted that at the rail trail crossing at Rodeo someone put flashing lights.

Chair Bushee asked if the City did that. She wanted to hear about money for that.

Mr. Wilson said the city traffic engineer had so much money for traffic improvements. A study was done and they were dealing with state guys in a meeting several weeks ago. There was sometimes a little

friction between them and the rail guys but he talked with Bill Craven about it.

Chair Bushee thanked Mr. Longworth for bringing that up.

Ms. Grogan said to her it was a DOT responsibility. She heard that the pedestrian gates at those crossings were considered a while ago but DOT did not want to spend the money to do it. She thought they needed gates at those crossings and thought they needed to find the money.

Chair Bushee said she would ask them to the next meeting.

Ms. Grogan was confused because it looked like the Acequia underpass was being funded. She asked if Chair Bushee was saying there was no funding

Chair Bushee said no; it was with discretionary funds. There was no money for the River Trail at Alameda.

Mr. Herdman asked when it was likely to go to committee

Mr. Martinez said Public Works was on June 23rd and then would go to Council.

Chair Bushee said four members of the Public Works Committee were signed on at this juncture but everyone could write to their councilors.

Ms. Robinson said many things were shovel ready.

Chair Bushee added that if they followed the master plan this discussion wouldn't be needed.

Mr. Martinez said Ron came up with suggestions for Alameda. They had already talked about some very good at-grade improvements to the intersection staff wanted to consider. There were existing GO projects that were currently under funded.

Chair Bushee suggested having this on the agenda next time. She wanted to see any information that staff had on this, including prices.

Mr. Martinez said they had other requests on the list that have been made by other councilors and constituents.

Chair Bushee said she relied on the master plan. It had been vetted. The safety issue was more recent and she didn't want to leave it out of consideration but it was not primary in the master plan. She wanted to do this wisely and for future funding to continue to see what the federal government could squeeze out. She wanted to know if there was a trail coordinator for DOT.

Mr. Wilson said Rosa Kozub was the liaison and bike paths were one of her many hats. She did care but was working in the background. She could be invited when BTAC has the rail guys here.

Mr. Martínez said as an update on the Acequia Trail crossing they were putting together a robust application.

Chair Bushee asked if the application included the safety aspects to amplify our request.

Mr. Martínez said they did and hopefully it would work out.

Ms. Robinson asked if she wanted the public at Public Works and Finance.

Chair Bushee said she asked for emails. It had to go to trails or parks as a related project. She asked if staff could review and point out to us some of the connections, safety improvements

Mr. Pacheco recalled that Councilor Rivera came and met with us and he should be reminded of that.

Ms. Robinson asked how specific the emails should be.

Chair Bushee thought it would be on consent for Public Works.

Mr. Herdman moved that BTAC sign on to this and request its adoption subject to staff amendment

Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Martínez said it was their intention to have a presentation on Monday at Public Works.

Ms. Robinson asked if it would be at the beginning of the agenda.

Mr. Martínez said it should be. He added that they were scheduled to complete the design at the end of the year with an open underpass. The environmental studies would be presented at Public Works.

2. Continued Discussion and Action regarding the Santa Fe County Open Space & Trails (Lisa Roach, Community Planner, and Judy Kowalski, COLTPAC Chair).

This matter was removed from the agenda.

3. Discussion and Action Regarding the Placement of Bollards along the Arroyo Chamiso Trail (Eric Martínez).

Chair Bushee asked if they were going to do them right.

Mr. Martínez agreed and handed out information (map). He said they were asked at the last meeting by Mr. Herdman to show the design plans for the Arroyo Chamiso project because of a discussion about bollards. He looked at those in that area since they repaved the entire trail system. He went through the

handout and explained what they were proposing.

Chair Bushee asked if he could make sure Tim Rogers was involved.

Mr. Martinez said Mr. Wilson was involved. He described the plans with the Committee.

Chair Bushee thought they did a great job on the trail. She was glad they made those corrections...

Mr. Martinez talked briefly about the other crossings - Carlos Rey and Yucca locations.

Mr. Longworth asked what a detectable warning device was.

Mr. Martinez explained it was those bumps. He said the last page of the report was more the result of the new paving they did, going quadrant by quadrant and in other areas where they removed bollards to widen the sidewalk.

The Committee briefly talked about signage on the trails.

Mr. Herdman thanked Mr. Martínez for bringing this forward.

4. Presentation and Discussion regarding the International Mountain Biking Association - Ride Center Designation in Santa Fe and the New La Tierra Trail (Brent Bonwell).

Mr. Pat Brown, President of the Santa Fé Fat Tire Society spoke, noting that Mr. Bonwell could not be here. He spoke regarding the ride center designation. The Society had a good relationship with the City. They did submit the designation to IMBA. They came in during the Bike and Brew and gave a verbal review. The actual designation would not come out until August. Santa Fé was very strong as far as city and county were involved and they were a shoe-in for a bronze designation. They were limited on bicycle specific trails and got no points on that because they were all shared.

Chair Bushee asked if the La Tierra did not count.

Mr. Brown said they were multi-use trails. There were only a few trails that did not allow horseback riding on them. That was the dilemma we have with our designation. He was told that if we put bike specific trails in - looking at Resolution 2014-4 regarding bike specific trails, they could get to a designation of gold. There was only one gold level designation in the US in Park City, Utah. We want to be number 2 but it is going to take some work. He introduced Tim Fowler.

Mr. Pacheco asked what a bike specific trail was.

Mr. Tim Fowler, past president of Santa Fé Fat Tire Society and current ambassador, said a bike specific trail was a trail designed exclusively for bike use - a flow trail. A trail designed at about 5% grade that required minimal peddling and made use of natural terrain and enhanced natural features. Using momentum. With those characteristics, bikes would get much more enjoyment out of it.

Mr. Pacheco said BTAC was charged to work on trails designed for multi-use. La Tierra was .But for bikes and nothing else, he thought they needed more of them

Mr. Fowler said that for a flow trail to be used the way it was designed had to be exclusively for bikes. It would not be fun to walk.

Mr. Herdman was expecting the trail to say "bikes only."

Mr. Fowler agreed they should be signed as bike specific.

Mr. Herdman asked if it would be acceptable to have the trail existing in context with nonexclusive trails. Mr. Fowler agreed it was perfectly fine.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was an area that the Society had identified.

Mr. Fowler said they had and it was in the packet. He briefly described it for them.

Ms. Robinson said they could do loops and go back. Mr. Fowler agreed.

Mr. Herdman was trying to figure out in his mind and asked if it was following the ridge on the north side of Pipeline Road going east to west.

Mr. Fowler agreed. It was roughly following the ridge line.

Ms. Grogan asked if they had been talking to IMBA about building this trail with Group Trail Solutions.

Mr. Fowler said a lot of ex IMBA folks were talking with them about designing this trail.

Ms. Grogan thought they were for profit so someone would have to pay them and asked where the money would come from.

Mr. Fowler said "all over the place." They would have some money from grants and they were applying to others. And they likely would to do some of the work themselves and use volunteers.

Ms. Grogan asked if it could be constructed this summer.

Mr. Fowler said they were trying to do that.

Ms. Grogan asked what they needed BTAC members to do to help.

Mr. Fowler said they were looking forward to having Trail Solutions come in September. They needed to get approval for that corridor.

Mr. Siqueiros said they should get Leroy Pacheco and Claudia Horn involved and have them meet with

the Fat Tire group and sanction the design.

Chair Bushee there was no mention specifically of the location.

Mr. Brown said they had an idea route.

Mr. Herdman would love to see even a hand drawn sketch

Mr. Fowler said he could provide a rough draft. They were not ready to say it would go exactly here.

Mr. Siqueiros said in following the resolution, they would need to work with staff including the archaeology.

Chair Bushee suggested they get with Melissa Byers to put in motion the archeological study. She agreed to introduce it on Monday and get it rolling

Mr. Martinez said staff needed to have Leroy and Claudia look at for them.

Mr. Longworth suggested using the term "wilderness trail" if it would be a new resolution.

Chair Bushee said they had to start using the term "flow trail."

Mr. Fowler said the term being used was "snakey trail."

Chair Bushee liked that. She said she would run that name by someone to make sure that it was the right way to say it.

Mr. Brown said he would run it by native speaker.

Ms. Robinson asked what they needed in place when they went to the summit.

Mr. Brown said if they told IMBA about this they would be on the cusp of a silver designation - attempting to get this information to them before we get there to maybe bump the designation to silver

Ms. Grogan thought if they didn't have to amend La Tierra they could do it administratively.

Chair Bushee said the archaeological study was a longer step.

Ms. Grogan asked what they would do if in the archaeological study they found a site within the trail area.

Mr. Brown said they would move it if needed and it was only 18-20" wide.

Ms. Grogan reasoned that if they found a site within that they would realign it so as not to impact that site. So all you need from us was approval of the corridor.

Mr. Brown agreed. They could come in pre build and now were asking for the corridor.

Ms. Grogan said they would have to pay for the archaeology.

Mr. Brown said the Trail Care crew was scheduled to come in September.

Chair Bushee thanked them for coming to the meeting.

5. BTAC Meeting with Chief of Police

This matter was considered earlier in the meeting.

Chair Bushee left the meeting.

Mr. Longworth left the meeting.

Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Herdman left the meeting.

6. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

a. On-Road

This item was not considered.

b. Mountain Bike

This item was not considered.

c. Bike Education and Outreach

This item was not considered.

d. La Tierra Master Plan

This item was not considered.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

This item was not considered.

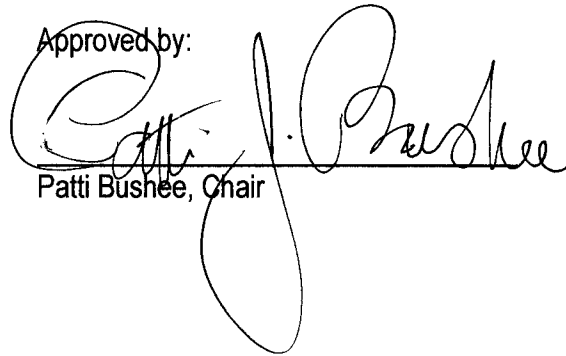
I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

This item was not considered.

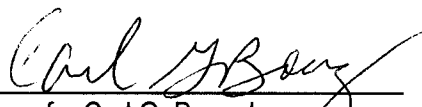
J. ADJOURNMENT

Having lost a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved by:


Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.