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SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
Thursday, July 10, 2014, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Conference Room (Round House Room),
City Offices at the Market Station Building at the Railyard
500 Market Street, Suite 200, Santa Fe, NM
505.955.6840

1. ROLL CALL
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 8, 2014
 4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - a) Information/Discussion: Report from city Water Division staff regarding Santa Fe reservoir improvements and Santa Fe River flows (Alan Hook)
 - b) Information/Discussion: Update/report regarding activities of the river and watershed coordinator (Brian Drypolcher)
 5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES
 6. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
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SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION

Thursday, July 10, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 7:21 p.m.

Caboose Room

500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

The Chair convened the meeting of the Santa Fe River Commission at 6:00 pm, Market Station, Caboose Room. A quorum was present at time of roll call.

Present

Jerry Jacobi, Chair

Melinda Romero-Pike

Dale Doremus

Phil Bove

John R. Buchser

Richard Ellenberg

Others Present

Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association

Brian Drypolcher, Staff Liaison

Allan Hook,

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Romero-Pike moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Ellenberg, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 8, 2014

Mr. Buchser moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2014 as presented, second by Ms. Romero-Pike, motion carried by unanimous

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a) Alan Hook, Water Resource Analyst from the Water Division
(Commission members followed the presentation on the overhead. Hard copies will be sent to the commission members for their information.)

Explanation of 2013 Planned Hydrograph: 320 af Target Allocation, anticipated watershed yield = < 32% average inflows.

Mr. Hook noted that we will probably not drain the reservoirs as we did now for another 50 years.

Explanation of 2014 Planned Hydrograph: 300 af Target Allocation, anticipated watershed yield =< 30% avg. inflows

Snowpack was only 24% this spring. Mr. Hook showed how the release was in terms of timeline from McClure and they had to slow down as they were moving different valves in Nichols. The McClure released is based on assuring they are not moving water out to quickly to Nichols. Nichols is about 1/5th of the size of McClure and it should be drained by mid-August. Nichols is at 50% - 110 million gallons and the goal is to go to about 70%. They want to assure they leave room for any monsoon activity.

Right now there is a month supply of 300 million gallons in Nichols. Construction has a contract to start September 1, 2014 and it will need to be drained.

Ms. Doremus asked if there was a way the commission members could do a field trip now that it is empty. Mr. Hook said that he will speak to Mr. Jorgensen, Project Manager to organize this request. Ms. Doremus would also like an electronic copy of the two graphs presented.

The water from Nichols is very good water and will probably trickle to the river, not McClure water.

Mr. Ellenberg asked approximately when they would not see water in the river. Mr. Hook said that it could be September before that happens. There is still a chance that McClure water could come in to the river. McClure is slated to be done by June, 2015. Nichols was done on May 19, 2014. If we get a good snow pack year you will see flows because we won't be able to store in Nichols.

Thank you.

b) River Fund and Alameda Rain Gardens – Brian Drypolcher

Two mailings have been sent out to ask customers who have contributed to the River Fund if they would be willing to allow their funds to be converted in to new money. This money would be eligible for use for the purposes described in Ordinance 2013-9. In working with Accounting and the billing people at the Water Division which by the way has proven to be really difficult. Mr. Drypolcher said that he has not only been in communication with them for months but for “a lot of months”. The Water Division reported that based on the names they received from the list they received from Mr. Drypolcher they said yes and that we could classify heir contributions. Mr.

Drypolcher by use of an overhead report providing the dollar amounts to the commission members. The first figure is \$52,895 based on those responses. There is also a city match when added to this amount is approximately \$107,000. If you add to the positive responses, those contributions that have come in after the ordinance change, that amount is \$15,000 you come up with \$69,000 – you add the city match and you have \$138,000.

The Chair stated that an observation is that we were at 50/50 in no response and positive response, where do you think those dollar figures are?

Mr. Drypolcher said they should not say “no response”; they should say “we were not able to document a response”. There is also a category of funds that doesn’t show up. They not only did not respond but there are account numbers floating around that because of short coming in the system not being able to identify people and write to them to get responses back, they don’t show up in the mix.

Finance is going to have look at the total number that is in the fund and subtract the post March 31st contribution number and subtract the number from the people who said ok. The balance is what will remain old money; it will be a process of subtraction to get the amount of old money. A follow up meeting will be held with the Accounting Department to assure that they agree that the \$138,000 can be classifiable as new money. Accounting will need to move the money in to fund that is clearly identified as the fund where the new money resides. Once that transfer happens and an accounting number has been clearly designated as this money where it lives then we can start spending.

Mr. Ellenberg suggested that by the next meeting if we could identify a PR person to help us design the program and a volunteer to help us.

Mr. Drypolcher said if we had a volunteer that would be fantastic.

The Chair said it would be advisable to wait until next month to discuss this in more detail. This item should be placed on the agenda for next month.

RFP for the River Stewardship Grant Program through the NMED.

Proposal due date is July 31, 2014. As things stand now, Mr. Drypolcher is working with his colleagues, Allan and Alex from the Water Division and Andy Otto from the Watershed Association to talk about this RFP and put together a proposal. We have been calling the Alameda Rain Gardens a program and we would implement that through a series of projects. It could turn out that the first project out of the gate would be funded by NMED through this grant program. Santa Fe Watershed would serve as the project lead and the financial agent for this project. Ms. Doremus asked if there was a match required and Mr. Drypolcher stated that there was no match required. Mr. Drypolcher said they

would like to assemble a team of design professionals and construction professionals and would like to have that team identified quickly. The city cannot do this because they cannot pre-empt the procurement process. We have to apply for the grant and then go out to procurement to hire designers. By going with an NGO and working as a team we can assemble the team and strengthen the proposal. It would save money and time.

Santa Fe River Trail Crossing at St. Francis and Alameda

In the general obligation bond package that the city issued a couple years back it identified the Santa Fe River Trail Crossing underpass that would be built at St. Francis. The trail would come up to St. Francis, go under St. Francis and then continue to the downtown area. \$2 million dollars has been earmarked for that. Councilor Calvert was the champion for this project and the people agree with him that are champions for that and there are some people for example on the bicycle advisory committee who said, "this was not one of our priorities" so they don't think this is a priority and think the \$2 million dollars could be spent somewhere else as a higher priority. Councilor Bushee feels that way, that maybe that \$2 million dollars or what is left of it can be spent somewhere else. There is a resolution moving its way through Council to reallocate this amount for bike way and trail improvements. Finance Committee voted against reallocating this amount. It went to the Public Works Committee and they felt it should be a public hearing to afford the public to provide their feedback. It was on City Council agenda last night and it was taken off and it should be on the 7/28/14 agenda for public hearing.

The Chair asked when they talked about reallocating the money, where did they want to see it go.

Mr. Drypolcher said that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) went through an extensive public process and the Bicycle Trail Advisory Committee (BTAC) prior to that went through an extensive public process and they identified a list of priorities. When that came out, it resulted in a planning document of the MPO which was approved by council in 2012. In that document it had a list of tier 1 and tier 2 priorities which were implemented and those that said "do these first". BTAC endorsed these priorities, tier 1 and tier 2 and the council approved that plan. This project was in tier 2 priorities. Council Calvert wanted his earmark for this project and the allocated \$2 million dollars. Therefore, another decision was overlaid on all the other previous decisions that said, "this is not just a tier 1 priority but another priority on another kind of list." It was the MPO implementation list and then there is the General Obligation Bond list that says "do this now". The people that were involved in this other public process thread said, "why did we do all this planning to come up with this list and then have someone else come along and create a new list." Note this is only an interpretation.

Mr. Ellenberg asked if this was related to the bond issue.

Mr. Drypolcher said if you look at the resolution for the bond issue it says, “these are the questions for the bond issue” and the questions are very general. It than says, if these bond questions are approved they will be implemented in a manner consistent with the exhibits attached hereto. The exhibits attached hereto have these lists. There is a list for public safety items, there is a list for the Watershed Arroyos project and there is a list for bike way trails and parks. On the list for bike way trails and parks it says that \$2 million is for the St. Francis underpass. The voters approved a very general bond question that was in a resolution with the exhibits attached. There apparently has been a legal decision that says, “that the resolution moving forward now to reallocate those funds would not be in violation with what has happened with the approval of the bonds”. The legal opinion says it is OK to reallocate those funds because the voters only voted on the bond question, they did not vote on the list.

Chair Jacobi asked how much has been spent on the planning process?

Mr. Drypolcher said approximately \$98,000-\$100,000; there would be \$1.9 million left.

Mr. Buchser would not like to see the money pulled and he will attend the meeting on July 28th. It is important and this action improves the access. It is important to comment on the trust of the public for their vote on the bonds.

Ms Romero-Pike concurred that this is very important. The underpass at St. Francis needs this because of the public safety. Otherwise, what happens to the trail?

Mr. Drypolcher answered that now some people cross at the traffic signal and pedestrians using the crosswalk. People are doing it both ways.

Mr. Ellenberg will also attend that meeting to speak on the bond integrity. Mr. Ellenberg proceeded to make a motion and it was not allowed as this was not an action item on the Agenda.

The Chair said we cannot move on anything right now but they could make this an action item for the next meeting.

Mr. Ellenberg felt that the sense of the board was necessary at this meeting in order to attend the meeting on the 28th.

Mr. Bucsher stated that he was not hearing any decent to keeping it the way it is and providing testimony to that effect. It would not be an official testimony but the message delivered could be; “based on the recent discussion with the River Commission, we believe that this is fully supported.”

This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Storm Water and other improvements on Arroyo Chamiso and Santa Fe River.

RFP has been out to do some storm water interventions at the Arroyo Chamiso and the Santa Fe River. That contract has been awarded, contract was signed, a PO has been requested and very soon a team by the name of Rain Catcher Inc. will be in the design phase for this project. There are some storm water infiltrations on the Arroyo Chamiso, there are some erosion protection and prevention work on the Santa Fe River on the south side near sections of the Santa Fe River Trail and there will be some significant storm water erosion control and infiltration basins constructed at Camino Rio, on the north side of the Santa Fe River a little ways downstream from the Arroyo Tenorio.

Arroyo Chamiso Improvements Project

A great deal of work up and down the Arroyo Chamiso from about Santa Fe High all the way down to Santa Fe Place Mall. A lot of it is bank protection and arroyo erosion control at 9 different sites along the arroyo and that has been in design for several months. We should be wrapping up the design soon, we are at about 90%+ and hopefully that project will go out to bid in the Fall.

Santa Fe River Trail Connections and Improvements – Area A and Area B

Mr. Drypolcher detailed the connections which he has shown at previous meetings. Area A is a connection at Frenchy's field and Paseo de la Conquistadora and a connection at Alto Park and a widening of a river trail from St. Francis up to Del Campo. Right now it is a 6' wide sidewalk that will be turned in to 10' wide concrete multi-purpose trail. That is at 90% design and is receiving federal funding. Mr. Drypolcher noted that Area A is consuming a great deal of his time due to the federal funding and compliance with the NMDOT and Federal Highway Administration and the compliance requirements for spending that money is beyond strict. The deadline to get all of the plan specifications and certifications to NMDOT is by August 1, 2014.

East Alameda Pedestrian Improvements (sidewalk extension)

This is basically a sidewalk connection from El Alamo on the eastside, east of Delgado up to Patrick Smith park. There is one engineering firm putting a proposal together to do this work and it came in over budget several times; staff will meet with a new engineering firm on Monday. (Federal Funding)

Drainage improvements at the Napal Arroyo on the Santa Fe Trail

The Napal Arroyo is much bigger than the City Engineers thought it was and it is causing wash outs on the Santa Fe Trail so they will do \$100,000 drainage fix at Napal which is up river from Frenchy's and it is about 60% designed.

Santa Fe River "repair" Projects

This includes the work that was done at the Bishop's diversion, done. This will also include some work at the stream gauge above St. Francis which has been on hold for months and months as it froze in the winter. In the spring the water started running and the rivers continues to run and run so they can't get in to do the work. I will be a while before they can go in and do the work. This also includes work near the Camino Alire bridge where there is some erosion damage.

Mr. Buchser asked if the sidewalk widening at St. Francis is west or east bound.

Mr. Drypolcher said that that if you look at the sidewalk from St. Francis up to the DeFouri Bridge it is about a 6' wide sidewalk. The MPO implementation plan for Santa Fe River Trail improvements says, "take that 6' to a 10' widening".

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

None

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None

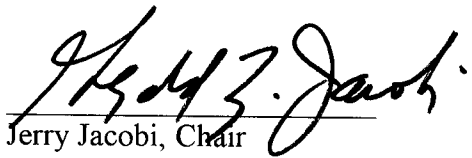
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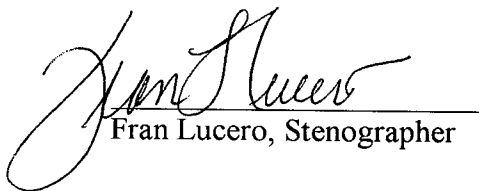
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8. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm

Signature Page:


Jerry Jacobi, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer