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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission
1142 Siler Rd., Bldg. C
Wednesday December 16, 2009
3:00 – 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of the November minutes
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Parks Update – Fabian (15 minutes)
6. New Business
 - BTAC Update - Leroy Pacheco (30 minutes)
 - Trail Connections – Action Item

Possible Reports:

- Youth Sports and Little League - Tom Agard
- Community Gardens Update – Jessie/Bette
- Soccer – Marge VeneKlasen
- Art in Ragel Park - Anna Hansen
- NW Quadrant/BMX / Skate Parks – Daniel Coriz,
- Tierra Contenta Parks – Orallynn Guerrerortiz,
- Park History – Sandie Collier.

6. Public Comments
7. Confirm date and time for the next meeting
8. Special Event

**MEETING MINUTES
FOR THE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order by Bette Booth, Chair, on this date at approximately 3:00 pm at Parks Trails and Open Spaces Offices, 1142 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a lack of quorum. Quorum was established later.

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair
Daniel Coriz
Anna Hansen
Joe Lehm
Sandra Taylor
Patrick Torres

Members Absent

Oralynn Guerrerortiz (excused)
Tom Agard
Marg Veneklasen

Staff Present

Jesse Esparza, Parks Division
Fabian Chavez, Parks Director

Others Present

Leroy Pacheco,
Brian Drypolcher, Engineering Division, Public Works
Bob Siqueiros, Public Works
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-November 18, 2009

Approval of the minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the agenda was tabled due to lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Parks Update – Fabian Chavez*

Larragoite and Frenchy's- documents at 100% and ready for bid. Members who had specific questions were advised to review the plans at the Parks (Parks Division) office and issues that delayed the

projects could be discussed. Bids would be held until January and construction was to begin in the spring.

Ragle Park- drawings were almost ready for bid and construction was delayed because of back up of other parks. The bids would go out but construction would be held until the first of July.

A water feature would be put in with water put into cisterns for irrigation. Santa Fe would be one of the first to do that type. Part of the project was presented at a national landscape irrigators' conference and questions of how to protect from contamination arose and suggestions were made.

Mr. Daniel Coriz entered the meeting at this time.

Power Plant Park- should be ready late January. The architect prepared a second phase request for future CIP funds. The interior wouldn't be opened when the park was. Money was needed to renovate the historic features.

Park at Del Rio- Surroundings design firm was given direction to take to schematics. Bids were anticipated in the spring and construction by summer. Mr. Drypolcher said the next community meeting was January 7, generally held in the downtown library. Two community meetings had been held.

Mr. Drypolcher said research was just starting on De Vargas Skate Park and he wanted to talk to those who knew design. He looked for advice on how to spend the \$100,000 for repairs.

Mr. Lehm said he owned a private skate park and school. He had polled many of the parents and kids in town and everyone agreed De Vargas Park was the best place to put the money. He said there wasn't a way to utilize what existed and he preferred bulldozing even if that meant smaller features. He said \$100,000 was enough if built smaller.

Ms. Taylor requested for the commission and the public to be informed before anything started, regardless of the decision.

Mr. Lehm said Dreamland, the contractor that built the best parks, had a process where the community provided input and facilitated the design.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Lehm, Mr. Drypolcher and Mr. Chavez to get together.

The mayor introduced a resolution for a prairie dog plan to be written that would encompass the entire city. It would go beyond the IPM ordinance and deal with the city as whole, private development and where the prairie dogs would or wouldn't stay etc. The report consisted of 15 pages and included addendum, letters, opinions, scientific studies etc. Chair Booth would receive a copy of the plan and could forward to the commission.

Ms. Hansen entered the meeting at this time.

Park projects would continue in the best interest of the public, based on the current prairie dog ordinance. It was uncertain how the spring renovation work would be affected by the plan.

MRC renovation- Mary McDonnell was the project manager assigned and continued to move forward on approved work.

Ashbaugh and Salvador Perez- John Griego was project manager. RFPs for design work had been awarded and the project manager was brought up to speed with issues. A community meeting to agree on a resolution for Ashbaugh was suggested. The neighborhood was divided on whether the dogs should stay or go. A current design created a portion of the park in the back for a barrier or prairie dog compound.

Mr. Chavez suggested the commission notify the public that the issue with prairie dogs at Ashbaugh would be coming up and names and contacts should be gathered to tell them about a meeting. People with concerns could go to the meeting or write Mr. Griego or forward their concerns through the commission.

Chair Booth asked about an appropriate time to write a letter on what was done in the last year. Mr. Chavez told her he had a spreadsheet with the timeline changes and year to date expenses she could use.

NEW BUSINESS

BTAC Update - Leroy Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco said he was section supervisor of the River Watershed and Trails section in the Engineering Division of Public Works. He inherited all of the River Trail projects among other works from the Parks Division. His team included Mr. Drypolcher who was focused on the River Trail projects and Mr. Siqueiros who worked about 35% on his team and predominantly was the BTAC liaison.

An end-of-year spreadsheet of what had been and would be done was passed out (Exhibit 1.) He said the previous year about a mile and half of trails were put in; close to \$2 million in design and construction work.

Mr. Pacheco said on the work ahead, the primary focus was on construction. He noted specific projects: the Acequia Trail from Ottowi to the Rail Yard, connection to the St. Francis pedestrian crossing north of Cerrillos, the Arroyo Chamiso Trail and family of trails and Museum Hill Trail. The La Tierra Trails master plan for the NW Quadrant would be started.

He worked closely with the Parks staff; they reviewed the plans and would inherit the trail system and maintain them. An alliance with Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, a two year pilot project, maintained the Dale Ball Trail system and was coming to an end. He said the alliance had been cooperative and provided a lot of assistance with the parking lots, trash pickup etc. Volunteers worked on trail maintenance on the weekends and were good to have in terms of a private sector, nonprofit partner that worked with the city and county to let them know where problems were.

Ms. Hansen asked about the bridge over the culvert going into the section between the two acequia. Mr. Pacheco said the trail system was built and the design was 100% complete. He said what wasn't complete was the right of way and he couldn't get into the specifics because of confidentiality.

Ms. Hansen said money was in the bond and the trail system to buy open space and she hoped that piece of property would be purchased. If the property was built on, that would be detrimental to the area and wildlife. She said the owner was willing to sell the property and she wanted it used by many people and not just as a right of way.

Ms. Taylor asked if Mr. Pacheco's group worked with the Safe Routes to Schools on the urban trails.

Mr. Pacheco said there was collaboration. He said Jessica's specific interest was for connection to the east and west of St. Francis and elements were being addressed but not on the radar yet on the loop from De Vargas.

Ms. Taylor said it was obvious attention wasn't paid to the details. She gave an example of a dangerous situation of a trail that ended in a parking lot. She said if the time was taken up front to talk to people involved, that would save hundreds of tax payer dollars.

Chair Booth said along the same lines, people had made recommendations about connectivity with parks.

Mr. Pacheco pointed out he was in the Engineering Division not Planning. He said after years of city planning through the parks etc. the projects were at the point they were. He said his part was in the final design, right of acquisition and construction and there was a process for planning that began with the MPO. He said he was at the end of the food chain.

Ms. Taylor pointed out Mr. Pacheco had twelve and a half million dollars and that put him at the top.

Mr. Pacheco said the city's transportation planning began in Planning and had the TIP, the STIP and the city had a Bike Pathway Planning Group. He said his job was to get the plans designed and built.

Chair Booth said the commission was asked to recommend three or four major connections and help push them through. She asked who and where they would go with that.

Mr. Pacheco said she was in the right place and if on the BTAC radar, was fine.

Mr. Siqueiros explained this was for overall transportation and was multi modal. He said bike and trails was a small portion of the plan.

Ms. Hansen said a problem was the connection to the tennis court wouldn't make any sense that would be made with Ashbaugh; the tennis courts would be torn out. She said that piece of the connectivity was in process and was another example of disconnect because the parks master plan wasn't being read.

Chair Booth said the commission wanted to know how to get the best connectivity and how to help. Mr. Pacheco said there wasn't a problem. He said if there were specific items as they readied for construction, they would be caught. He said the problem was thinking they could go back to the planning stage. To address a specific question, he would ask they start with Mr. Chavez.

Mr. Coriz asked about the Motocross track off the north side of 599 and how to get the track recognized.

Mr. Pacheco said there was a public process to let the public know the process had begun to get a master plan. He said the master plan's purpose was to understand where the trails were, the conditions of the trails, the users, etc. Many of the issues were police and maintenance issues and would have to go through the master plan, once the city had a viable plan. He suggested the interests groups be aware of and participate in the public process; the focus groups and public meetings, the social media like Face Book, Twitter etc. and said if the master plan worked well, it would finish with a user's guide. He said the La Tierra Trails Master Plan was due to be completed in fall of 2010 and gave them until this time next year to go through the process.

Chair Booth said it was discussed BMX was to be on the Wilson map. She asked if that had happened.

Mr. Pacheco said he didn't know. He said a comprehensive summary report of internal inventory with city and county people was on record. He wasn't involved with the map.

Chair Booth said what existed in the area was being mapped and the BMX wasn't in the map. If they weren't mapped, they didn't exist.

Mr. Pacheco said the job was to get as much information as possible to begin the master plan and they knew BMX was there. He invited the commission to continue to take part in the process.

Chair Booth asked about the report at the BTAC meeting the next evening and if she should attend.

Mr. Siqueiros said the item was an update. Mr. Pacheco suggested they attend to stay on record because the meetings were recorded.

Ms. Hansen said her impression was that BTAC thought they were in control of the La Tierra Trails and the Northwest Quadrant. She asked Mr. Pacheco to confirm that the commission had some say.

Mr. Pacheco said the Parks Division staff was closely involved in the master plan process because they inherited a lot of the work. He said he worked closely with a subcommittee from BTAC to develop a scope of work and BTAC was essential in the review and advisement for all city trails to the city council.

Mr. Pacheco had to leave the meeting at this time.

Mr. Lehm asked what phase of the River Trail they were now in.

Mr. Drypolcher said Phase I was complete in a section between Frenchy's and Camino Alire. Phase II was the up-river third and phase III was the last phase of the trail downstream to Frenchy's and included channel restoration and grade and bank stabilization. He said a lot of the work was renovation and there was hope that change would be leftover for improvements like a skate board park or upgrades.

Mr. Lehm asked the time frame for a plan for the skate park and the river bike way.

Mr. Drypolcher said the timeframe was now. The design/construction documents would go to bid in late spring and how to approach that corridor would have to be determined now.

Chair Booth suggested that this was the time and the commission had a great link with the community and that gave them a good opportunity.

Trail Connections – Action Item- Not Discussed

Possible Reports:

There were no reports on Youth Sports and Little League, Community Gardens Update, Soccer, and Tierra Contenta Parks.

- **Art in Ragle Park - Anna Hansen**

Over 80 submittals had been received for sculpture in the park. The committee would select the preliminary artists January 11.

- **NW Quadrant/BMX / Skate Parks – Daniel Coriz**

Nothing was happening in the Northwest Quadrant. Many of the guys were working on the Motocross run on weekends. Mr. Coriz passed around pictures of maintenance issues at the skate park at Franklin Miles and said many of the cracks had been there a long time.

Mr. Chavez asked Ms. Esparza to create a file. He would look at funds when closer to construction completion to determine what could be done through maintenance or a contractor and would know more in mid-January.

- **Park History – Sandra Taylor**

Ms. Taylor said after a 4 year process, Amelia White Park would get an interpretive sign for the Santa Fe Trail wagon ruts. The Arts Commission would recommend the base and the National Park Service would provide signage and the interpretive notes.

She said this time of year wasn't good to put information on the website and that would be worked on in January. She said she was pleased to learn that Robert Romero was enthusiastic about having the park history.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Chavez talked about comments received from kids who requested more skate parks and had written or called Mayor Coss. He said he had written the kids back to say he would look at the next CIP cycle in March and Parks would request money to build a new park. He told them he would report their letters to the commission and would give a request to Robert Romero.

He said it was important he receive an amount it would take to build a new skate park to send with the request to Mr. Romero.

Mr. Lehm said the cost was about \$16 a square foot and each skater would need about 200 square feet. He estimated about \$80,000 for a 5,000 square foot park.

Mr. Coriz said he had overheard kids who had been excited about the new ledges and they were discussing the features that could be put on the land around the park.

Ms. Hansen commented behind Larragoite Park, kids had asked the owner if they could build a BMX of their own.

Mr. Dave McQuarie said he would remind the commission anytime alterations or new construction was done it had to be made ADA compatible, regardless of cost.

He said he understood a consultant was hired to develop a trails policy for access. He recommended prior to approval by the Parks that comments go through the MCD (Mayor's Committee on Disability) for their comments. He said he brought up the issue to prevent another problem like Pueblos Del Sol. He said any time two systems interconnected - a trail and a street etc. that would be considered an accessible route and would raise the level of expense.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

Chair Booth said she wanted the commission to set goals at the January meeting and would have a team building exercise.

Meetings would be held the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting was on January 19.

Jesse Esparza was recognized by the commission at a special event. She was given a plaque for her "how can I help; what can I do attitude."

ADJOURN:

Ms. Hansen moved to adjourn. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

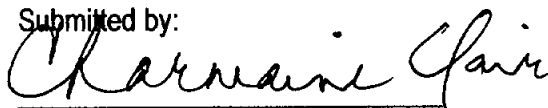
Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Approved by:



Bette Booth, Chair

Submitted by:



Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

PROJECT NAME		Design	Right of Way	Construction	TOTAL	Comments
SF River	Acacia Trail Phase 1 - (Ottowill to Baca Ry)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 280,000	Construction Fall 2009 / Bridge Fall 2010
	Phase 1- PNM Easement/ Potencia Bridge					
	Phase 2- Baca to Olowi		\$ 300,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,300,000	Estimated completion Fall 2010
	Phase 3- Signalized Connection at Cordova Road		\$ 30,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 180,000	Estimated completion Winter 2010
	Arroyo Chamiso Trail (UG X @ St. Francis)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,030,000	Estimated completion Summer 2010
	St. Francis Ped Crossing North of Cerrillos Rd	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 950,000	Estimated completion Summer 2011
	Arroyo Chamiso Trail (#7 St. Francis Trail)	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 790,000	Estimated completion Summer 2010
	Arroyo Chamiso Trail (#8 - Museum Trail)	\$ 90,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,240,000	Estimated completion Summer 2010
	La Tierra Trails Master Plan	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000	Estimated completion Fall 2010
	Gonzales Road	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 510,000	Design 100% complete. NOT FUNDED FOR CONSTRUCTION
Tie	Santa Fe River Trail and Channel					
	River Trail Phase Two	\$ 50,000		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,050,000	Remaining in construction contract \$94K plus conting
	River Trail Phase Three, incl. Channel work	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 2,230,000	Assumes one half of construction complete in 2010
	El Camino Real (SF County)			\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	
	River Parks, El Parque del Rio (423047 parks bond)					
SF River	Camino Allie to St. Francis Drive	\$ 40,000		\$ 150,000	\$ 190,000	Parks bond program budgets \$200K max. for this reach
	St. Francis Drive to Palace Ave.	\$ 100,000		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,100,000	Assumes partial completion in 2010 with a total \$1.4M
	Acacia Trail Phase 2 - Trail 10 (@Baca Rallyard)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Under Construction
	Arroyo Chamiso Trail (Rodeo / Wagon Rd.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Construction Complete
	SF Rail Trail	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Tabled by BTRAC
NA	Trail 6 (Community College Trail)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	On going
	Surveying for Various Trails	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	
Total Obligated/Spent		\$ 1,050,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 10,800,000	\$ 12,500,000	