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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission The Barn at Frenchy's Field Corner of Osage and Agua Fria Tuesday, October 19, 2010 3:00 -5:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Review and Approval of minutes: August 17, 2010

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- Approval of the Agenda
- Old Business
 - Parks Division Update
- 6. New Business
 - A Resolution Directing the Parks And Open Space Advisory Commission, the Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee and other city committees to Make Recommendations regarding Priorities for Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreational Facilities that have not Previously been Funded or Were Under Funded -Action Item.
 - Sponsoring FLASH FLOOD Community Art Action Action Item
- 7. Possible Reports:
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 - Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens
 - Marge VeneKlasen:
 - Anna Hansen: Art in Parks / MPO Meetings and the MPO Bicycle Committee meetings Disc Golf
 - Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX
 - Oralynn Guerrerortiz: Tierra Contenta Master Plan
 - Joe Lehm: Bike paths and connections / Skate Parks
 - Patrick Torres: Community Gardens /Tree City
 - Sandie Taylor: Ten Park Histories on the Portal / Tree City
 - Bette Booth: Graffiti / Youth Involvement / Prairie Dogs
- 8. Public Comments
- 9. Confirm date and time for the next meeting

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MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Bette Booth, on this date at approximately 3:00 pm at Frenchy's Field, Agua Fria Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the lack of quorum but was later established as follows:

Members Present

Bette Booth, Chair Tom Agard Daniel Coriz Oralynn Guerrerortiz Anna Hansen Sandra Taylor Patrick Torres

Members Absent

Joe Lehm (excused) Marg Veneklasen

Staff Present

Ben Gurule, Parks Department, City of Santa Fe Jesse Esparza, Parks Department

Others Present

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

The meeting started with New Business while waiting to establish quorum.

NEW BUSINESS (Revised Agenda Order)

A Resolution Directing the Parks And Open Space Advisory Commission, the Bicycle Trails Advisory
Committee and other city committees to Make Recommendations regarding Priorities for Parks, Open
Space, Trails, and Recreational Facilities that have not Previously been Funded or Were Under Funded
- Action Item.

Chair Booth said they received a resolution and asked Ms. Esparza to check with Mr. Chavez if passed.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said there was a lot of work to get ready in nine months. She said she found out they hadn't gone to bid for the Tierra Contenta design and costs estimates were to come from that. She said Mary McDonnell told her she was waiting on Mr. Chavez's comments and would push it out for advertising once she had it.

Ms. Hansen said the last one was done in three months. She pointed out the resolution referred to the commission as an *advisory committee* and that should be changed.

Chair Booth read the resolution to the members. She said they would have a lot of work and would need good direction from Mr. Chavez as to what he wanted the commission to do. She said they should start to gather their ideas and look at parks. The trails piece would be with BTAC.

She said she thought there would be a push for the Power Plant.

Mr. Agard asked if they should approach BTAC to form a subcommittee. He said it would be better to discuss things up front rather than to have separate proposals.

Chair Booth said that was why it would be good for Mr. Chavez to request to be more efficient. She said the last time the trails were already studied and \$9 million was needed to finish them and there wasn't a presentation of documents or a discussion.

Ms. Hansen said Leroy Pacheco had done a lot of work on the trails prior to that.

Chair Booth added and BTAC. She said the August minutes mentioned the commission would try to do a presentation update on trails in October or November and that could be the way to go.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if the study had to be done and the commission determine what they thought and then meet; or should they meet from the beginning. She asked what they would say.

Ms. Hansen suggested the commission meet with Isaac Pino, the Public Works Director.

Chair Booth said she thought Mr. Chavez should be asked first how he saw the process and how they could support it to ensure they had the time and a transparent process.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked how it was done the last time.

Ms. Hansen said the commission was presented a big book prepared by Parks. Ms. Esparza added she thought there wouldn't be time to do that again.

Chair Booth said Mr. Chavez would have an idea of the process and she would get his feedback. She said ultimately they would have something similar to the book. She said she asked members last time, to visit the parks in their districts. She photographed all of the parks and the pictures were shown and the commission decided from there.

She said as people resigned she tried to get more diversity on the board. She thought they were poised for the work and said great ground work had been done.

Mr. Agard asked if there was potential to renew the bond issue that had been passed. Ms. Taylor replied it would have to go back to the public for a vote.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the Finance Director was asked to look into the bond capacity; the mayor had other interests he wanted to do with the bonds and the capacity could run out.

Mr. Coriz entered the meeting at this time and quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- 2008-2010

Ms. Hansen's name was misspelled in the minutes and in all minutes should be spelled Hansen.

All references in the following minutes to the Parks and Open Spaces Advisory committee should be commission.

The Minutes of February, 6, 2008

Page 2, second paragraph, "Ms. Hansen said and they endorsed it. She said they have also should be changed to the committee has raised...

Page 3, last paragraph was requested be omitted.

Page 4, eighth paragraph, "public safety couldn't be provided... "by the city at the level that the county does" inserted.

In the same paragraph Councilor Heldemeyer said people's expectations would increase if they become "part of the city" rather than county.

Page 5, second line, they should be replaced with Parks Division.

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of February 6, 2008 as amended. Mr. Coriz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

November 5, 2008

Page 2, ninth paragraph under New Business; Chair Booth asked if there were dollars, delete to and insert "for parks in the south."

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2008 as amended. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

December 3, 2008

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008 as amended. Mr. Agard seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

August, 2010 (Exhibit 1)

Page 5, a quote of a scholarly study was misquoted. Mr. Agard asked the statement reflect: "30% of New Mexico population was considered obese by the CDC's BMI (body mass index) standard, (BMI=weight in kg/height (meters squared): obesity=BMI of 30 or greater) ...the sentence continued "and anything that could be done..."

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2010 as amended. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

September 21, 2010

Page 3, Las Estancias, second sentence, third line- should be <u>parks staff</u> "brought the designs to the park" and the word *commission* should be deleted. The statement "she noted there were two HOAs associated with the neighborhood" wasn't said and should be deleted.

Page 4, under Herb Martinez, should read "Chair Booth said <u>the Master Plan called for installing picnic tables and.."</u>

Page 7, under Gregory Lopez, "the committee complimented the city for their work on this park ..." which was in bad shape" should be deleted. The comment was for another park.

In the next paragraph "Mr. Gurule said the park had ... which is controlled from his office- should be changed to "which is controlled from the parks division office."

The last sentence under Gregory Lopez "Mr. Gurule said they spent a lot of money on seeding the park ... should be deleted.

Ms. Guerrerortiz moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010 as amended. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Parks Division Update was postponed until Mr. Gurule arrived.

NEW BUSINESS: The Resolution (continued)

Ms. Taylor said before they talked about specifics it would help her to have more background information. She asked how much of the current bond was spent on ADA, prairie dog removal; the unanticipated expenditures which came out to 30-40% of the bond. Chair Booth agreed.

Ms. Hansen moved to support the resolution. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said her fear was the timing because part of the request for proposal RFP was for the design team to determine costs for Tierra Contenta Regional Park and they had yet to get a proposal.

Ms. Hansen said it stated "the recommended priorities related to costs estimates should be forwarded," within 9 months of the adoption of the resolution. She said she thought if the bond issue specifically mentioned Tierra Contenta there were costs estimates and nine months was enough time.

The committee discussed the time period.

Chair Booth said she could hear the commission was concerned and she would follow up with Mr. Chavez on the status and get back to them.

Mr. Gurule entered the meeting said he had changes to the September meeting minutes.

Ms. Hansen rescinded her approval of the September meeting minutes. Ms. Guerrerortiz seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Agard moved the September minutes be a postponed for approval until November because comments from Parks staff had not been included. Ms. Hansen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks Division Update

Mr. Ben Gurule presented an update on parks for Mr. Chavez.

Ragle Park- a change order extended the process for about 25 days and completion was estimated mid January. The plan for the BMX Skate Park was approved by parks and currently at legal.

Everything would be free; Heads Up would do SWIP and wouldn't cost the city and the rest was bonding and insurance. There would be no exchange of money.

The existing conduit for electricity was repaired and lights would be directed to each piece and the Arts Commission paid for the wire. Ms. Hansen added the Arts in the Park committee finalized the details with the artist.

Ashbaugh- would be bid in November; reviewed and awarded in December and go through committees in January. A notice to proceed and break ground should be in February. All plans and public meetings were finished.

Chair Booth asked about the irrigation system in Marc Brandt Park. Mr. Gurule replied the watering schedule was functional.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked about the South Side Library Plaza statue. She thought there could be a conduit for a hookup to water in the fountain but said she was told it would be bare-bones. She asked if the statue would have lighting. She said it could be possible to fund to make it a working fountain.

Mr. Gurule said the fountain was bare-bones and would be set in gravel. He said the infrastructure would be around \$30,000 to bring to code. He said as long as the orifice to the new spray nozzle was there it would work.

Chair Booth asked who worked with the artist and was told it was Mr. Chavez or Johnny Pacheco. She requested a list of the parks by supervisor by the next meeting.

She asked if the trail maps Mr. Gurule said he would talk about should be in November.

Mr. Gurule said that would be better; he needed a BTAC map of their proposals. He said Leroy Pacheco or Bob Sigueiros could bring the commission up to date.

Ms. Taylor said they had presented before and she thought it was a lot of double speak.

Ms. Hansen requested the trails map be reviewed in December since she couldn't make the November meeting.

Chair Booth asked the commission who should be asked to speak about the trails, Mr. Pacheco or Mr. Siqueiros or Mr. Gurule.

Mr. Gurule said Mr. Pacheco was the person in charge of the bond money and how it was directed but he or Mr. Chavez could provide information.

Mr. Agard asked who was in charge of trails. He was told the maintenance of all parks was under open space and trails and the same people who took care of the Northwest Quadrant took care of all of the trails.

Chair Booth asked Ms. Esparza for a parks organization chart and Ms. Esparza agreed to e-mail her one.

Mr. Gurule said the Santa Fe River Parkway section 1 and 2 should be finished by the end of the month. The prairie dogs in the construction zone were gone and there would be a mature canopy of trees in 20 years.

Mr. Coriz said a ledge was submitted for maintenance at Franklin Miles Park.

Mr. Gurule said the supervisor of the area met the landscaper and a proposal and a requisition would be done. He said the skate feature and slides would be repaired with the money available.

Ms. Hansen said the people who used Frenchy's Park requested the lights go on at 4 or 5 a.m. because a lot of people used the park to walk and bike before work. She said it was a safety issue. Mr. Agard added the hours of the park were from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. currently.

Mr. Gurule said people used the park for a thoroughfare. He explained the lights weren't on a sensor and had to be programmed and a new board made with the new hours. He said it could take a couple of weeks.

The commission discussed changes to the timing of the lights; seasonal changes and costs, etc.

Chair Booth asked the request be run by Mr. Chavez and possibly Friends of Frenchy's Field, as a consideration.

Ms. Taylor said the bigger issue was the expense to reprogram the lights. She said the lights were gorgeous but if maintenance dollars exceeded the return, she had concerns. She asked if there could be a presentation and said if the lights were considered for other parks it could be a concern.

Mr. Gurule said Mr. Chavez had as much information about the lights as Qnuru and could give the commission information on how expensive they were to reprogram.

Ms. Hansen asked if solar lights could be put at Franklin Miles Park Skate Park.

Mr. Gurule said the lights would be destroyed in a day; the kids had a lot of energy. He said he was asked to re-roof and paint the shade structure and that would be done.

Mr. Coriz said he asked the older kids to talk to their peers and the younger kids and explain if they wanted things to happen in the parks they couldn't ruin it for everyone else. He said the kids had listened.

Chair Booth said she talked with Mr. Chavez about the issue because he thought there might be a grant for more solar lighting. She said every other sport in Santa Fe had a place kids could play at night with lights. She said she met with some of the leaders of the skate boarders and thought the concern should be discussed with them.

The commission would continue toward the vision of a place kids could skate at night with lights and was something in process. Chair Booth said self monitoring was critical.

She thanked Mr. Gurule for the tour of the parks and said it was amazing what Parks was able to do.

Mr. Gurule said the people involved in the process had a lot of integrity and took a lot of pride in what was done.

Sponsoring FLASH FLOOD Community Art Action – Action Item

Chair Booth said the 350 Group was a loose network of people for sustainability in different areas. She said the group called for global activity of people around the world to do art projects that would be filmed by satellites. Santa Fe was the only United States *community* based project.

Chair Booth said the idea coordinated by the Santa Fe Art Institute was thousands of people would stand in the dry bed of the Santa Fe River and turn blue flash cards over to simulate a flash flood.

She read the information to the commission from the Art Institute on the project. She said many activities were planned around the project and the Parks Advisory was listed as part of the coalition.

Ms. Hansen moved that the commission support the activity. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Booth said Frenchy's Field was discussed as a staging point but after consideration San Ysidro was looked at as a possibility and considered to be better. She said people could be funneled from the road to the river and the Community Farm was there. She said the group could come back to the commission about Frenchy's Field.

The committee discussed options other than San Ysidro.

Ms. Hansen offered to provide a contact with the county and was asked to follow up with that.

Chair Booth said the event would be cancelled if it rained or overcast. She said there would be a video to be shown at the Cancun Climate Change Congress, YouTube and various PBS channels. The Santa Fe Watershed Association was responsible for the science piece and would say if it was cancelled.

REPORTS:

 Tom Agard: Organized Youth Sports and Survey / Workforce Development / Trails to Schools

Chair Booth asked if the sports survey would be done in November.

Mr. Agard said he wasn't sure he should do the survey and thought it should be staff. He said he could bring a copy of the survey questions to review in November.

Ms. Guerrerortiz suggested Mr. Chavez be asked if he wanted to add anything.

Chair Booth said in view of the resolution the commission should move forward on the survey. She offered to assist with putting it on Monkey. She said in view of the mandate to create a bond the survey could be used as a base.

Mr. Agard agreed to e-mail Mr. Chavez this week and get city letterhead and get the survey out to the leagues. He said the leagues should fill out the survey but should express their needs to their councilors. He said soccer and Astroturf fields were the big needs because they had multiple uses and could be utilized for football, lacrosse, and soccer and were year round and less maintenance.

Jessie Esparza: Community Gardens

Ms. Esparza said Mcclovia hadn't wanted the water turned off and because of the pipes (freezing) had to be.

Frost proof fountains were discussed. Chair Booth said Mr. Chavez could be asked about the frost proof fountains.

Chair Booth said the community gardens were extremely successful and Sunny Slopes was expanded.

Ms. Esparza said she received a call requesting leaves from the parks and also the one at Hopewell.

Anna Hansen: Art in Parks / MPO/Bicycle Committee / Disc Golf

Ms. Hansen said the follow-up contract was signed with the artist for Ragle Park. The sculpture would be placed where the batting cage had been at the end of promenade. She said the faces and design were multi-cultural. The inside of the circle would have sandblasted images of the Palace of the Governor, the Cathedral and historical renditions related to the 400 Anniversary theme.

She said the MPO bicycle meeting was cancelled for October.

Daniel Coriz: NW Quadrant / BMX

Mr. Coriz said BMX anticipated a new ledge at Franklin Miles Park. The park now had running water and the trails were being slowly worked. He said a small group of kids had a team that ran races in Albuquerque and used Santa Fe's track to practice a few days a week.

One of the kid's parents tried to get races going in Santa Fe and had talked with ABA (American Bicycle Association) to see if they would host a race in Santa Fe. He said one problem was ABA ran their league all year so he tried to get an annual race introduced.

He said the skateboarders anticipated and waited on a skate feature at Ragle Park.

Oralynn Guerrerortiz: Tierra Contenta Master Plan

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the RFP was waited on.

Chair Booth said Mr. Chavez mentioned there was an agreement to annex another piece.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said the piece in the regional park wasn't dedicated. Tierra Contenta wanted to dedicate the piece but not to spend the money. She said she thought Mr. Chavez agreed to pay for the survey work.

Chair Booth said she wanted to have a field trip once it was dedicated and the weather was nice.

Joe Lehm- Bike paths and connections / Skate Parks

Chair Booth provided information since Mr. Lehm was unavailable. She said one of the young skateboarders had to do a volunteer project and decided to create the Santa Fe Community College Skateboard Club with a Facebook page, etc. He and a group of others wanted to be as active and as involved as Mr. Coriz. She said she met with them last week. She asked Mr. Coriz to summarize the meeting.

Mr. Coriz said the kids wanted to raise money to fix the skate parks and upgrade and put in new features/ obstacles. He said they were frustrated that Albuquerque got new parks and Santa Fe still had the same parks.

Mr. Wood explained how the parks in Albuquerque were set up to be mobile and said a tax fund was set up when a house was purchased to pay for the park. He said skate parks worked well in the Albuquerque area because of the lack of space.

Chair Booth said the kids had ideas for fund raising and Mr. Chavez gave them a civics lesson on how to influence the process. He challenged the kids to visit existing skate parks and think outside of the box and consider Tierra Contenta. They were to return with a laundry list of what they wanted in each park for short, medium and long term. He told the kids to look at things that existed and could be used as a feature and she said Mr. Lehm explained how a lamp post that could be a foot off the ground could be perfect for a drag (?) rail.

Mr. Coriz said he asked the BMX riders the same question and wanted to combine the two lists to see how similar they were.

Chair Booth said an old set of minute's referenced a comment by a former board member that believed skateboarders and BMX riders should be in different spaces. She thought if the list were compared it would show common areas. She said it was a big challenge and would take a while to organize.

Mr. Coriz added the kids could now see a light in the future and that something would happen.

Patrick Torres: Community Gardens /Tree City

Mr. Torres said the Tree City committee would meet for the first time since April, after the Parks Advisory meeting.

Mr. Wood said Tree City status was renewed each year. He said every year cities competed for the most improved and included trees and labor, training for maintenance programs, irrigation for trees and

removal of trees. He would have figures by the end of the month. He said the hope was to be the most advanced city that spent the most per capita within a year.

Mr. Torres said he and Ms. Esparza discussed possibly adding an education component to the community gardens. He said he thought programs could be done on composting, winterizing gardens, extending the garden season, etc. Ms. Esparza added the people at Sunny Slope needed advice.

Chair Booth said a 350 event the previous Sunday at Frenchy's started a compost garden. Ms. Hansen added the man who gave the workshop had done a great job.

Chair Booth said down time could be taken advantage of to plan a series of events. She asked Ms. Esparza to send an e-mail to gardeners and ask who was interested, what they wanted to see and when to have the workshops and to copy her.

The commission discussed parks that might be possible for community gardens.

Sandra Taylor: Ten Park Histories on the Portal / Tree City

Ms. Taylor said she spoke with John F. Griego's sister. When Mr. Griego served in the armed forces his mother had four of her six boys in the armed forces. Mr. Griego was killed 10 months into his tour.

She said she received an email from the granddaughter of Ashbaugh, who was a city manager that died of a brain aneurysm. She said city hall was located where the main library was. Mr. Ashbaugh's granddaughter asked Ms. Taylor to do a biography of her grandfather and was excited about it. The granddaughter would provide pictures and information.

Ms. Taylor said she spoke to the mother of Gregory Lopez. Mr. Lopez's younger sister called and said she would to send information and photographs.

She said the process was a slow one. She said Ms. Esparza wasn't trained yet to put things on the website and once she was they would upload what was available.

She said brought up the holiday party and asked Ms. Esparza the date set for the Parks staff Christmas party.

Chair Booth said the commission wanted to co-sponsor the party and it would be an action item on the November agenda. She said the commission wanted the staff to know they were recognized and supported.

Ms. Esparza agreed to inform the members when the date was set.

Ms. Taylor said last year several of the members visited with Mayor Coss in January. She hoped that would be done again and said they should think about the letter to the mayor, etc.

Chair Booth said the commission could have a strategic planning meeting to plan how the work could be done and might be in November if the resolution was signed.

Bette Booth: Graffiti / Youth Involvement / Prairie Dogs

Graffiti-Chair Booth said since the bowl at the skate park was painted and the kids cleaned up the graffiti everyone wanted one. She said Councilor Trujillo wanted one and was about \$3000 for paint. She said that opened up ideas for murals.

Youth involvement- she said the big push was skateboarders being involved and organized.

Prairie dogs- she said it was decided Frenchy's Field would be the only public space for prairie dogs and she believed there would be pressure to remove prairie dogs from Frenchy's as well. She said there was a very vocal group that wanted prairie dogs removed from all public places in Santa Fe.

Mr. Wood said he wasn't sure all prairie dogs could ever be removed from all public spaces.

The commission discussed the removal of prairie dogs.

Mr. Wood said a concerted effort had been made to relocate the prairie dogs. He said he became a certified re-locator and said a lot could be done in-house because Parks had a better idea of where prairie dogs caused problems.

Mr. Agard said the prairie dogs were a hot issue. He said it was important the city have an urban wildlife management plan to accompany the prairie dog ordinance. He said it had to do with open space as well as parks space and an ordinance that set aside a species had to have a management plan.

Mr. Wood said an urban wildlife management plan wouldn't happen in a short time. He talked about the reproduction and survival rate of prairie dogs according to studies by the Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management and groups in Colorado. He said within the urban situation seven prairie dogs would survive instead of two or three.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Wood for his data. She said an expert she talked with was adamant that breeding wasn't the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Esparza said the City Clerk's office asked for the commission's meeting dates.

The members agreed to continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month. The Tree City subcommittee proposed to continue to follow those dates also.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Chair Booth said most of the next meeting would be strategic planning and Mr. Chavez should be present.

ADJOURN:

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

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Approved by:

Bette Booth, Chai

Submitted by:

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

EXHIBIT 1 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES October 19, 2010

From:

TOM AGARD

Bette Booth

Date:

To:

9/20/2010 11:36:45 AM

Subject: Meeting /FieldTrip

Bette,

Sorry but I cannot make it tomorrow to the parks meeting. I am teaching PE now at school and I am still working out my schedule. This month there is a conflict. I should have it figured out by next month.

Could you please amended the minutes from the August 17 meeting. On page five (5) at the bottom in my comments the third sentence reads "He said 30% of the population in New Mexico was considered morbidly obese..." this is a miss quote from a peer reviewed scholarly study that I feel should be corrected to read ... He said 30% of the New Mexico population was considered obese by the CDC's body mass index standard, BMI (BMI=weight in kg / height (meters squared): obesity = BMI of 30 or greater) and anything that could be done.....

Here is the contact information for Healthy Kids New Mexico.

Patty Morris, Ph.D. Healthy Kids Program Manager New Mexico Department of Health Telephone: 505 827-2520 e-mail: patty.morris@state.nm.us

Thanks Tom Agard bridgebuilder@earthlink.net