



Agenda

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday October 16, 2019 5:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave

1. CALL TO ORDER
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 18, 2019
5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5-minutes per agency)
 - a. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Plan Update (Erick Aune, MPO)
 - b. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)
7. DISCUSSION
 - a. Discussion regarding Trails Rules and Etiquette concerning the shared use of Multi-Modal Trails (Richard Thompson, Parks Division Director).
 - b. Discussion regarding the League of American Bicyclists Strategic Plan - 3 Year Plan (Khal Spencer, BTAC Member).
 - c. Discussion regarding converting the Bike Lane on Rufina St. into a Protected Bike Lane. (Sky Tallman, BTAC Member)
 - d. Approval of the 2020 BTAC Schedule.
8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (On Road, Education)
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11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
12. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE
BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2019 – 5:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Khalil Spencer, Acting Chair, on the above date at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

PRESENT

Robert Morlino
Sidney Redner
Tom Sharpe
Khalil Spencer
Tripp Stelnicki
Sky Tallman
Rachel Wexler

ABSENT

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler (excused)
Bruce Finger (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Siquieros, Staff Liaison
Melissa Byers, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Member Stelnicki made a motion, seconded by Member Sharpe to approve the agenda, as presented.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Motion: Member Sharp made a motion, seconded by Member Tallman to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2019.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Dr. Howard Bleicher, 2258 Via Manzana, expressed concerns regarding the speeding bicyclists on the Santa Fe River Trail and the safety of himself, his wife and the other people who walk that trail. He said he walks the trail about three times a day, so he was speaking from experience. There are speeding bicyclists. He said not all bicyclists speed but estimates about 70% of the bicyclists who use the trail speed. He wanted to know what defines the flow of traffic. He wasn't sure which laws pertain to this. He is lodging this complaint and wants BTAC to do something about it. He wants something done today.

Chair Spencer said that the trail is a multi-use path, so it is fair game for walkers, runners, joggers and bicyclists; it is intended to be shared. He said this is a common problem with multi-use trails. He said some jurisdictions post more rules than others.

Mr. Siqueiros referred to Item 7(a) on the agenda regarding trail rules and etiquette concerning the shared use of multi-modal trails which may speak to this issue. He further stated that on a future agenda, maybe the Police Department could come back and address this issue.

Chair Spencer thanked Dr. Bleicher for his comments and said the Committee understands his concerns.

On-Road Subcommittee Report:

Steven Newhall asked if the agenda could be amended to present the On-Road Subcommittee report at this time because he has to leave early.

Motion: Member Sharp made a motion, seconded by Member Tallman to amend the agenda so that the On-Road Subcommittee Report could be presented at this time.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Newhall said the Subcommittee spent the last month trying to meet and could only do so as schedules allowed. He said he's been trying to work on getting traffic lights to recognize bicycles. He referred to the lights on Pacheco Street by Smith's.

He said the other area he would like addressed is more connectivity. He would like to see a connection when riding up Arroyo Chamiso Trail, just past the fire station. He's sure Mr. Rogers could come up with a list of connections. He would also like to address the issue of bicycle specific signage on the trails.

Member Wexler asked who is on the subcommittee and if other BTAC members can show up.

Mr. Newhall said it was himself, Mr. Rogers and Member Tallman.

Mr. Siqueiros said other BTAC members could attend as long as a quorum was not present.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5-minutes per agency)

a. Updates Regarding the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Erick Aune, MPO)

Mr. Aune said he and Ms. Leah Yngve were present on behalf of the MPO. He stated that at a previous BTAC meeting there was discussion about a Power Point presentation regarding the Bicycle Master Plan for the City Council. He said when the Chair is back, the presentation will be previewed by BTAC for input. The messaging of the presentation would be to highlight the purpose and goals of the Bicycle Master Plan.

He said that MPO is in the midst of a public engagement process for the next MPO Plan. The Plan will be populated with a series of projects. He said he would be hosting stakeholder meetings the following week. There is also a survey on the website that allows the public to provide feedback. MPO is also hosting a workshop on November 12, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. It will be narrative planning as it relates to transportation planning. He said if any of the BTAC members were interested in attending to let him know.

He said MPO is continuing to ask for street stories. The process is relatively simple, just go online and publish your street story. The street is a public realm and not just for motorists. The street stories will be dovetailed into MPO plan.

Mr. Aune said MPO is almost out of the bike maps.

Member Wexler asked if there is a timeline to complete the next map.

Mr. Aune said maybe the first part of next year.

Member Steinicki said the back of the map would be a great place to publish bicycle etiquette.

Chair Spencer asked if there is a way to promote safety and giving it a higher profile.

Mr. Aune said they'll see how they can fit that in.

Member Wexler said there needs to be a comprehensive campaign regarding safety because the map can't solve the problem.

Member Morlino said anything pictographic is great. He uses the map a lot. Maybe an App can be created as well.

Mr. Aune said he has looked at different apps from around the Country.

Member Wexler said on any well-designed trail system the signage on the trails is great and the etiquette is better because there's a connection with having information posted.

Dr. Bleicher said he realizes his perspective is different. He's going back tonight to what he considers to be a battle ground. He doesn't like the process. He has to go back and be very careful. His suggested cancelling bicycling on the trail in the midst of the battle ground.

Chair Spencer said BTAC is an advisory committee but suggested that Dr. Bleicher talk directly to his City Councilors.

b. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)

Mr. Rogers handed out *Santa Fe Conservation Trust Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator September 2019*, attached as Exhibit "1". They are continuing work on Dale Ball and moving back to La Tierra. They have volunteers from Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, Journey Montessori School and the Master's Program who have been working on the trails.

There's been a request for a bench to honor Margaret Alexander. They found a location in La Tierra Trails.

He said Friday, October 18th is the last Vamanos walk of the year, which will be the senior walk.

7. DISCUSSION

a. Discussion regarding Trails Rules and Etiquette concerning the shared use of Multi-Modal Trails (Richard Thompson, Parks Division Director).

Mr. Thompson was not present to address this item, so Chair Spencer asked that this item be placed on the November 2019 agenda.

Member Redner said he's a gung-ho cyclist. He supports the notion of putting 10 mph signs and speed humps on the trails.

Member Tallman said most bicyclists use good judgement.

Member Wexler said she would be concerned about placing speed humps on the trails. She said there are model trail systems like in Seattle. She said Albuquerque uses simple signs on their trails.

Member Stelnicki asked if the Parks Division is the agency that would place signs.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would be a combination of Parks and the Engineering Division.

b. Discussion regarding the League of American Bicyclists Strategic Plan - 3 Year Plan (Khal Spencer, BTAC Member)

Chair Spencer handed out the Summer 2019 issue of the *American Bicyclist* magazine.

Member Stelnicki asked if a bicycle educational proposal would be appropriate for BTAC or the City Council.

Mr. Newhall said this is something that Bike Santa Fe has been working on for several years. Unfortunately, the schools haven't wanted anything to do with this. Recently they have implemented Youth 1, 2, 3, however there is a need for a lot more League Certified Instructors to do that.

Member Wexler said it sounded like a great program and asked if the Santa Fe Public Schools are on board.

Mr. Newhall said Elena Kayak from the Santa Fe Public Schools Sustainability Office is on Board.

Member Wexler said this is an opportunity for the City to demonstrate its commitment.

Chair Spencer said when he was in Hawaii, the City and County partnered with the schools. The schools provided time and the City collected registration fees. It was done through the Council.

Member Morlino said the town he grew up in had a daycare that was called Safety Town where the Police and Fire Departments taught about public safety. To his knowledge, Santa Fe has nothing like that.

Member Tallman asked if the League offers to advocate for City policy.

Chair Spencer said the League has put out plenty of position papers.

Member Wexler referred to pages 32 and 33 of the magazine where it laid out problems and solutions. The City needs to be addressing some of these items, like bicycle fatalities.

Member Stelnicki said what interested him is the education component.

Mr. Aune said two years ago the MPO retained a designer who created a model of a traffic garden at Ashbaugh Park which was presented to the City. A traffic garden is a large space that mimics roadways and allows youth to be educated on bicycle and traffic safety. If interested, he can pitch back to BTAC.

c. Discussion regarding converting the Bike Lane on Rufina St. into a Protected Bike Lane. (Sky Tallman, BTAC Member)

Member Tallman said the City has no protected bicycle lanes. One of the things the City needs to do is keep bicyclists separate from traffic. There needs to be one good example of a protected bike lane if there will ever be a second one. Rufina Street is a good one to use because it is next to schools, next to businesses and it is a diverse area. Posted speed is high so it would have the effect of slowing traffic. Plenty of room on Rufina.

Member Morlino said he loves the idea and it might be worthwhile to get advocates from the area to come online.

Member Tallman said where there are protected bike lanes, business has increased.

Member Redner said this is a great idea and he was thinking of other roads, maybe Botolph.

Member Stelnicki said he supports the idea. The bullet about Rufina being in District 3 is a strong point. He said that's where a lot of families live.

Member Wexler asked if protected bike lanes are part of the MPO Plan.

Member Tallman said it's something Mr. Aune shared with him.

Member Wexler asked Mr. Aune if there are plans for protected bike lanes.

Mr. Aune said no, but a pilot project would be a great kickstart.

Chair Spencer asked Mr. Siqueiros to take the idea of a protected bike lane on Rufina Street back to the appropriate City staff.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would have the engineers come to BTAC and speak to the idea.

d. Approval of the 2020 BTAC Schedule.

Mr. Siqueiros presented the 2020 BTAC schedule for the Committee to review and approve.

Motion: Member Redner made a motion, seconded by Member Tallman to approve the 2020 BTAC Schedule.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (On Road, Education)

On-Road:

This item was presented earlier on the agenda.

Education:

None

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Siqueiros asked the BTAC members to let him know whether they will be attending the next two meetings.

10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

None

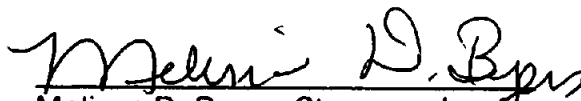
13. ADJOURNMENT

With all business of the Committee being complete, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Approved by:


Khalil Spencer, Acting Chair

Submitted by:


Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer for
Byers Organizational Support Services

SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST
REPORTING FOR CITY TRAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
September 2019



TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	NOTES	Staff
1) NEEDS ASSESSMENT	Check flagging for The Masters Program in La Tierra Trails, email observations to TMP and Keep Santa Fe Beautiful; Scope out proposed La Tierra Trails bench site with Bill Johnson and Margaret Alexander; Email exchange re La Tierra equestrian use and Junctions 5-13; Discuss w Jennifer Sublette of SFNF St Johns Trail work and erosion on Atalaya Lookout / Knob Trail	Rogers
2) RESEARCH & FUNDING	Communicate w KSFB, SFFTS, TAOSF and others on how to donate for Margaret Alexander Recovery Bench, include in multi event e-mails	Rogers
3) STEWARD RECRUITMENT	Attend St. John's College Career Fair; Post work days on web site and through emails; add contacts to email list; Communication with Outside Magazine and Journey Montessori School; Plan work at Trails Alliance of Santa Fe meeting; discuss work day plans with TAOSF, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, and The Masters Program	Rogers
4) TRAIL MAINTENANCE	Dale Ball North Work Days, Sept. 4, 12, 18, 25; Dog Park Connector Work Day with Journey Montessori School students, Sept. 27	Rogers
5) TRAINING & EDUCATION	Communication on pedestrian etiquette on multi-use trails; share info on Natl Public Land Day events in Taos and Cuba	Rogers
6) COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROMOTION	NM Railroad History Celebration: Rail History Walk, Rail Trail Discussion Panel and La Tierra Trails Chili Line Site Visit, Sept. 1; Rail History Cruise, Sept. 2; Passport to Trails: line up eight field trips to La Tierra Trails for nine classes in October, including El Camino Real Academy (5), Nina Otero Community School (1), and Pinon Elementary School (3); Multi-Event e-mails, including promote Walk to School Day in October; Santa Fe Mountain Fest: Promote, Prepare map, Lead Funky Trails and Shortcuts Ride, Sept. 14; Six Vamonos/Santa Fe Walks: Rail History Walk (9/1), South Side (9/10), Wellness Walk (9/18); Walk with Elders (9/20); Walk with State Land Commissioner (9/24); Scavenger Hunt Hike in Arroyo Hondo Open Space (9/28)	Rogers, Noss, Smogor, Houser
7) CITY CONTACTS	Discuss various trail topics with Richard Thompson including Safe Routes to School, SFCT billing, and memorial or recovery benches; discuss trail work in La Tierra Trails with Keep Santa Fe Beautiful; Provide Report to City to Sarah Anderson & present to BTAC Sept. 18; Discuss La Tierra Trails Chili Line with Lisa Roach, City Archaeologist and schedule meeting	Rogers
8) PLANNING / COORDINATION	Communicate w NMLC, Santa Fe Estates, and Henry Lanman re flagging Petchesky Ranch; Communicate w Bill Johnson & Kyle Klain re benches; organize Espanola material and meet with Espanola City Planners; prepare for meeting w Lisa Roach re La Tierra Trails Chili Line; adjust flagging and communicate with David Gurule re Santa Fe Estates; discuss Dale Ball Trails signage project with California contact; discuss trail maintenance in national forests with Heart of the Gila contact	Rogers
9) REPORTS	Report hours for SFCT and City of Santa Fe, tally/record event participant numbers; record volunteer hours and submit to TAOSF site, Create and present City Report for August to BTAC; write up events and work days and place photos on web site	Rogers

Also see:

- <https://sfct.org/city-trail-work-in-dale-ball-trails-fall-2019/>
- <https://sfct.org/vamonos/>
- <https://sfct.org/new-mexico-railroad-history-celebration/>
- <https://sfct.org/community-bicycle-ride-funky-trails-and-shortcuts/>