



Agenda

Santa Fe River Commission Agenda
Thursday, January 9, 2020 (Round House Room), 6 pm to 8 pm
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 September 12, 2019 & December 12, 2019
4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES /COMMITTEES
 - a. SF Watershed Report (Andy Otto, andy@santafewatershed.org, 820-1696)
5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:
 - a. Action Item: Election of River Commission Officers (Zoe Isaacson, River Commission Chair, zoe.isaacson@gmail.com)
 - b. River Commission Goals Plan, Potential Projects, and Action Plan (Precipitation Monitoring, Scoop-the-Poop campaign, Water-Quality sampling, etc.) (Zoe Isaacson, River Commission Chair, zoe.isaacson@gmail.com)
6. MATTERS FROM STAFF
7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR
8. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
9. ADJOURN

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**MINUTES OF THE SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Zoe Isaacson, Chair of the SF River Commission, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Railyard Market Street Offices, 500 Market Street, Santa Fe, NM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Zoe Isaacson, Chair
Phillip Bove
Susan Coulter
Heidi Klingel
Rachel Kullman
Vanessa Springer (Alternate)
Anna Hansen

Excused:

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum.
Andrew Black
Emile Sawyer (Alternate)

Staff and Others Present:

Melissa McDonald, River & Watershed Director
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Allan Hook, Santa Fe Water Division
Mary Schruben, Citizen

*NOTE: The original meeting packet is on file with City Staff. Any materials submitted at the meeting are marked as exhibits.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Coulter moved to approve the agenda with a second from Ms. Kullman which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AND DECEMBER 12, 2019

September

MOTION: Ms. Klingel moved to approve the September minutes with a second from Ms. Coulter which passed by voice vote.

December

Corrections:

December minutes:

Page 8 Paragraph 3, going to have a MEPA change to NEPA

Page 8 Paragraph 4 add a document regarding beavers

Page 9 Paragraph 8, what ~~the is process~~. *change to:* what the process is.

December

MOTION: Ms. Coulter moved to approve the minutes of December as amended with a second from Ms. Kullman which passed by voice vote.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES /COMMITTEES:

- a. SF Watershed Report (Andy Otto, andy@santafewatershed.org, 820-1696)

Mr. Otto discussed his report there was some participation of volunteers picking up trash along the river. The "Love your River Day" is coming up in February. It is always a good turnout.

Ms. Coulter asked where the reach is listed as adopted . Mr. Otto explained the location, they would like more sponsors for the ones that are not sponsored. Mr. Otto showed the area near Don Jose.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- a. **ACTION ITEM:** Election of River Commission Officers (Zoe Isaacson, River Commission Chair, zoe.isaacson@gmail.com)

MOTION: Ms. Coulter moved to nominate Zoe Isaacson to remain as Chair and Ms. Kullman will serve as Vice Chair, with a second from Ms. Klingel which passed by voice vote.

Both parties accept.

- b. River Commission Goals Plan, Potential Projects, and Action Plan (Precipitation Monitoring, Scoop-the- Poop campaign, Water-Quality Sampling, etc.) (Zoe Isaacson, River Commission Chair, zoe.isaacson@gmail.com)

Chair Isaacson reviewed the project list that was discussed at a previous meeting. Chair Isaacson asked the Commission for any additional projects.

Ms. McDonald states City Council is going to meet to discuss the merge of some Committees that some of these projects may fall under.

Ms. Hansen would like to see a group working on Earth Day. Another organization is going to have a month long event it will be the 50th year anniversary. The Water Division is going to plan a tour of the reservoir. There is a City/County initiative. Perhaps they can come up with some events that the Santa Fe River Commission can be a part of.

Mr. Otto states the Railyard Conservancy Park started an event on Earth Day.

Ms. Hansen would like to have the SF River Commission to be part of it. Ms. Hansen stated at the BDD meeting they are considering a tour there as well. Mr. Hook isn't familiar with it.

Ms. Hansen suggests sometime in April, perhaps invite a school to tour the reservoir. The County is talking about planting 150,000 trees.

Mr. Bove mentioned the spring clean-up is at the end of April.

Mr. Otto stated the Railyard Park Conservancy has had one planning meeting. Ms. McDonald stated she will reach out to the Director.

Chair Isaacson asked for ideas from the Commission on how to select the projects.

Ms. Coulter likes the idea that the Watershed Association has with working with the schools and the CoCoRaHS.

Chair Isaacson wants the Commission to be passionate about it and get started right away. The river talk series has been done and the Community is interested. The River Corridor Master Plan is a big project and can be done simultaneously as well as grant writing.

Ms. Coulter likes the idea of the rain collections with the youth. She would like to see them track water catches, perhaps it can be done in time for the next River Festival.

Chair Isaacson wants to see how they fit into the sustainability plan. Perhaps they can invite the conservation committee and attend their meetings. As well as the tree board.

Mr. Otto mentioned Jerry Jacobi sits on the Water Conservation Committee now.

Ms. Coulter wasn't sure if she could reach out to City Staff. Ms. McDonald explained the rolling quorum rules, which only applies to other Commission members not City Staff.

Ms. Coulter asked about having a tour of the Wastewater plant. Chair Isaacson explained they have done that before and it was very informative.

Ms. McDonald states the budget preparation is coming up and she will need to allot money for advertising.

Ms. Hansen thinks if they start ahead of time and show an interest in collaborating with other groups. Then they can submit a list for the budget.

Ms. McDonald has to justify the project and how it affects other plans.

Ms. Kullman suggests they form a subcommittee to pick the list of projects and prioritize them.

Chair Isaacson volunteers to be on that subcommittee.

Ms. McDonald states the EPA was excited to see the projects starting, she thinks the reports should include sign in sheets at events and it will show interest in the projects.

Ms. Hansen states she sees that at some events it determines how people are paid.

Ms. McDonald explained how the subcommittee can report to the Commission.

Chair Isaacson states some of these projects can turn into talks or presentations.

Mr. Hook asked if anyone has spoken to Terri Jones from the Weather Service. Ms. Coulter will contact Mr. Jones to see if he is willing to assist.

Ms. McDonald explained that they have the rain gages and she suggests the City help.

Ms. Schruben suggest they reach out to Lisa Randall at the SFPS who works on the sustainability issues.

Ms. Kullman suggests the update to the Corridor Master Plan be more long range. It is outdated and needs to be worked on.

Ms. Hansen discussed on a previous board she was on they did an inventory of all parks and then moved forward on making changes.

Chair Isaacson states that project will require a lot of working with other groups.

Ms. McDonald explained that the Watershed Association has a grant to see if they can reach out and create a new plan.

Chair Isaacson wants to be sure the effort they put it in gets utilized.

Ms. McDonald states the sustainability plan is a living document, the leadership and Mayor want to have metrics to show achievable goals. She thinks the updates to the plan would be good, she doesn't suggest them creating a whole new plan.

Ms. McDonald states the sustainability plan includes some things that are metrics that are related to the River.

Ms. Coulter asked if the CoCoRaHS would be sufficient. Ms. McDonald states that is a good example.

Ms. Hansen states maybe they need to focus in keeping the River clean.

Ms. Coulter asked how it overlaps with the homeless or transient population about waste in the River because that is an issue. Ms. McDonald states there is an initiative being worked on for homelessness.

Ms. Hansen suggests portable restrooms be placed along to the River to encourage cleaner habits. Ms. Hansen likes keeping the River clean as an arching focus.

Mr. Bove suggest they do things to keep people on the River and get people to visit the River, the homeless population doesn't like it. Mr. Bove discussed the acequia trail and how they got people to use it.

Ms. Klingel thinks the River Festival is a large project and if it is possible to get it done this year that would be great but if not next year is fine too.

Ms. McDonald suggests they review the ideas to incorporate with the fishing derby as well. Ms. Klingel thinks that is a good idea, and possibly work with the CoCoRaHS as well.

Mr. Hook states the Water Division used to put on a Water Festival and then it got combined with the Fishing Derby. For that year it wasn't a good mix however there are good ways to combine events.

Ms. McDonald states there used to be a fundraiser combined with the cleanup days.

Mr. Hook suggests they reach out to the Keep Santa Fe Beautiful program they also have events.

Ms. McDonald states they will have additional funding from the Stormwater fund to help fund the initiatives.

Chair Isaacson doesn't know what is happening in other Committees, groups or Divisions within the City if they are already working on matters. It would be helpful to know.

Ms. McDonald states City Staff can help connect those dots. Ms. McDonald explained how many of the documents that are charged with initiatives like water quality are covered by other projects. They can look at them, the project has to be associated with a grant or go out to bid, and there are parameters.

Chair Isaacson asked if there are items that are likely to be get help from the City.

Ms. McDonald states if they can support existing plans that is good, they can pick some things and make them happen. She can guide them as they go.

Ms. Coulter asked about grant writing. Ms. Hansen gave the example of a grant she helped write to get benches and bike racks along the River.

Ms. Coulter asked how the money flows. Ms. McDonald explained it depends how it is written and if it aligns with objectives she can tie them in together.

Ms. Coulter asked if they need to make a list of projects to formalize.

Ms. McDonald explained other groups create the list then the working groups. Ms. McDonald suggests someone come back with a list and categories by the next meeting and then ask for volunteers for the next meeting.

Chair Isaacson suggests that the reports be given and groups break out into working sessions at every meeting.

It was decided to have the three major subjects become subcommittees and they can cover many of the issues.

The members will be:

1. River talks

Rachel Kullman, Zoe Isaacson, Anna Hansen

2. Education & Living River Initiatives

Susan Coulter and Heidi Klinger

3. Masterplan Corridor

Vanessa Springer, Zoe Isaacson, and Rachel Kullman

Ms. Springer asked about the masterplan corridor working group and suggests it can be done in the background.

Ms. McDonald asked that they ask for other staff and committees to attend meetings to come in for an update.

Ms. Coulter will send her notes to Ms. McDonald to send out to the commission.

Chair Isaacson states by next meeting the categories will be refined.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF

Ms. McDonald will send out information on the Santa Fe River fund, it is collected and matched by the Water Division.

Ms. McDonald reported that the Governing Body is having study sessions. Next Tuesday the 14th they will discuss merging Committees. There is potential to have a Board for Water issues.

Ms. McDonald explained budget season is coming up quickly.

Ms. McDonald explained the Arroyo Chamiso Crossing public meeting is coming up soon.

Ms. McDonald reported the Clean Water revolving funds was approved, she is working on a Resolution for it.

7. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Schruben is a volunteer on the Tree Board and wanted them to know they have a list of evasive tree species inventory online. They are interested in the corridor masterplan along the river where many parks sit. They would like to inventory the trees, they've tried different ways to do it.

The Tree Board meets tomorrow and want to work on their goals as well. The City's IPM has found many trees that are being invaded by pests and is working on a project to track and trap the pests.

Ms. Schruben would like to get some information to a college for a study they are doing. Some groups have started an inventory.

Ms. Schruben states the Tree Board wants to work on raingardens and wants to be sure they are involved in the selection of the trees.

Ms. Schruben states they would like to work on plans together. There will be a public forum at the Southside Library to have a presentation for water conservation.

Ms. McDonald states they might coordinate a quarterly presence. She would prefer they pick someone to be the liaison.

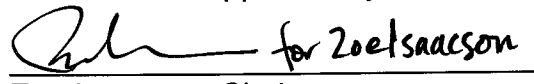
8. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

9. ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Coulter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. with a second from Ms. Klinger.

Approved by:


Zoe Isaacson, Chair

Submitted by:


Linda Vigil, Stenographer for Melissa D. Byers