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SANTA FE RIVER COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
City Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall
200 Lincoln Ave.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
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1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2011
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Requesting approval of the recommendations of the Core Working Group, regarding the administration of the City's dedicated 1000 acre feet of water per year for the Santa Fe River. (Jacobi, Ellenberg, Cutropia)
 - b. Information report regarding Mayors' Institute on City Design, Santa Fe River corridor design charrette. (Jacobi, Buchser, Gerberding)
5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS, MATTERS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES
6. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - a. Update regarding construction of the Santa Fe River Trail and River Channel Improvements, Phase 3, Camino Alire to Camino Carlos Rael.
 - b. Update regarding Santa Fe River Rural Protection Zone Management Plan.
7. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

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regarding Mayors' Institute on City Design, Santa Fe River corridor design charrette.	<i>to pursue the process of the resolution, second by Mr. Gerberding, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> <i>Informational</i>	
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1. Roll Call – The meeting was called order by the Chair at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Jerry Jacobi, Chair
Phil Bove
Melinda Romero-Pike
Sam Gerberding
John Buchser
Jim Cutropia

Dale Doremus
Richard Ellenberg

Others Present:

Claudia Borchert
Brian Snyder
Francois Marie
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

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4. Discussion Items

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Mr. Jacobi, Chair: First community meeting was held at the Genoveva Chavez Center on January 13th and the Core Group met on the 21st and 22nd at the Audubon Center. Recommendations were created for the community meeting on February 3rd. Even with the cold weather it was very well attended. Mr. Jacobi reiterated that the goal is to get water in the river all year round. Toby Herzlich report and Claudia Borchert's comments reflect this direction. Mr. Cutropia said that initially Toby led the group through the process; they were then put in to different groups that rotated the group participants. All participants stated the different things that they wanted, everyone tried to make sure that they got their areas of interest covered. Each group came up with a chart in their groups. Discussion was very smooth and everyone had a great opportunity to express their views. The results are to put water in the river all year long. A recommendation briefly touched on was to work with the Convention Center to announce the continuous water flow of the river. It is planned to have a flow of 2 cubic feet per second from June until 1st week of September.

Ms. Borchert said that it would be important to name the reference to flows, i.e., target flows, dedicated flows, allocated flows. Mr. Cutropia said that he would keep the word "by-pass" in the terminology. The definition of by-pass water shows that it is not impounded water. Mr. Drypolcher said that the Legal Department would also review the recommended term. The Commission recommends the term, "dedicated by-pass" flow.

Mr. Gerberding asked for reassurance that in the month of January there would be water flow to protect the life going through the river.

Ms. Borchert said that the commission might be interested in going from the final proposed hydrograph to the dry year hydrograph. Ms. Borchert explained the progressive scenario .05cfs to 1.3 cfs coming from the dry year hydrograph to the final proposed hydrograph. The Chair said that it is a work in progress and may need to be tweaked through the year.

Mr. Bove asked when the snowpack would be decided. Ms. Borchert said that it would probably be April 15th and the Chair concurred that April 15th was the date discussed and seemed to be correct.

What effect would there be assuming the river is flowing in June or July and they are releasing the by-pass water flow, then we get the flash floods, does that interfere with the water that is being released? Ms. Borchert said

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that would need to be looked at in the future. Ms. Romero-Pike was assured that if a flash-flood came it would not take away from the by-pass flow. Mr. Bove noted that that we cannot by-pass more than what is coming in.

Brian Snyder from the Water Department said he would be concerned, we could have a good reservoir level or a good flash flood level and he could see operationally that they could be questioned on why they would be using water from a certain area.

Ms. Romero-Pike asked if the San Juan-Chama was factored in. The Chair said yes.

Mr. Drypolcher talked about water in/water out; the by-pass takes the reservoir out of the equation. Snow pack is going to be reviewed.

Francois Marie had a question regarding possible studies that were going to be done to analyze the consequences of climate change and climate viability.

Mr. Drypolcher said that this is definitely a topic that needs to be considered and is at the forefront of discussion with the committee. As we work through this challenge it is important to see how it is handled.

Mr. Cutropia said that they did talk about emergency scenarios and stated that more discussion would be needed for this topic before it goes into a resolution. An emergency could be floods, high waters or global climate changes, but we did not get to this and it does require more discussion. We need to discuss with staff these scenarios and put the information in to the ordinance. I would think the City Council would ask for staff to look in to the emergency scenarios and put it in to the ordinance.

Ms. Borchert said that staff wrestles with this topic of emergency scenarios as it is hard to mention all the emergencies that may exist. We don't want to have our hands tied as many of the emergency conditions are not defined and some are defined.

Mr. Drypolcher clarified that the agenda specifies the approval of the of the recommendations of the Core Working Group, regarding the administration of the City's dedicated 1000 acre feet of water per year for

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the Santa Fe River. Mr. Drypolcher said that the report in a broad manner does address the emergency situation. Another example was on page 3 referring to the dry years being defined as less than 75% of average snowpack on April 25th. So in the report we have defined that date. If there was a threat to public safety evaluation would need to take place immediately on the adjustment of the 1000 acre feet. Mr. Drypolcher welcomed any ideas to improve the process and said this would be the time to do it.

Mr. Buchser said that the Core Working Group did a wonderful job taking all the discussions that have taken place in past years.

Mr. Buchser moved to approve the recommendations as presented without modifications for implementation into appropriate procedures for the city to follow, second by Mr. Bove, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Drypolcher said that Ms. Herzlich work is about done. They will work with staff to fine tune the wording of the documents and staff is hopeful that in 2 weeks or so. Mr. Drypolcher will sit with Jeanne Price who does the legislative wording to create the document. Mr. Drypolcher said that the goal is to get this in to the Council process before the spring run-off. What is needed is the ordinance which is in draft form and the wording as discussed about. Ms. Borchert said that it takes about 60 days to get an ordinance to reach the Council process. Mr. Snyder said that his understanding was to get the resolution through the process and then to continue with the ordinance process as follows.

Mr. Buchser made a motion to pursue the process of the resolution, second by Mr. Gerberding, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Borchert stated that Mr. Drypolcher has talked about how the report gets translated in to the administrative procedures and she wanted to make sure that the commission is aware that there are sections that the scope of the work of the core working group is about half or two-thirds that will be used in the administrative procedures. She wanted to make sure that everyone knows that there will be more items in the report that were not the task of the core working group to address. Some of those things, in particular are what can we say about adaptive management, what can we say about monitoring, measuring and accounting reporting. Operational procedures; the core group talked about this idea and said maybe there could be a flow manager and there would need to be language developed

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assuming that would be the river coordinator, but also some guidance on the ranges of management that this person can do.

b. Information report regarding Mayors' Institute on City Design, Santa Fe River corridor design charrette. (Jacobi, Buchser, Gerberding)

The Chair said that there was an article in the Journal North from the editor that was there and an editorial that commented on this meeting. Mr. Buchser said that a comment that came up from his table discussion was "what do you want it to look like", what kind of activities do you want to take place at the river? Mr. Buchser feels that we are at the stage where there are not many constraints; it is worth thinking very broadly as to what we would do with it. He enjoyed the ideas on financing and the comments from Mr. Chavez, Parks and Recreation on how the funding would continue, as he didn't see a problem. There was a transportation planner that asked the question about how much people paid at the meters, an interesting comment was to price the meters appropriately to maximize in the revenue. There are many urban planning issues that would need to be considered when you create a business corridor.

Mr. Jacobi: The design presented from the city planners was done up nicely. The visiting planners said that \$8-12 million would not be hard to get for the river project. Mr. Jacobi suggested tacking on a \$1 to the water bills to build up this funding for river maintenance. The Mayor reiterated, we have the railyard, the plaza and we should have a riverwalk to have people moving around.

Mr. Gerberding said that in his group there was discussion on developing a business corridor. There was talk on bond money and infrastructure but no detail was offered.

Faith and Kenneth from Surroundings are going to provide a recap from this meeting. The area discussed was from Guadalupe to Santa Fe Trail.

5. Matters from Commissioners, Matters from Sub-Committees

None

6. Matters from Staff

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Mr. Drypolcher announced that the RFP has gone out to bid and they all came back under budget, which is good news. Mr. Drypolcher said that staff would be in negotiation with the low bidder to get the notice of award letter to them so work could start as soon as April. This is not a good snow packed year so it will be good for construction.

The Chair asked if any of this funding would be for the Ricardo Gauge. Mr. Drypolcher said no, not at this time. This conversation would need to take place at a later date. The question should be asked, do you want a gauge there?

b. Update regarding Santa Fe River Rural Protection Zone Management Plan

This plan has been presented to the Mayor and the City Manager. Mr. Drypolcher spoke to the Mayor directly and he said that at the airport there is a wild life hazard assessment underway which is part of the FAA mandate and also there is planning being done about the disposition of effluent from the wastewater treatment plan, with those two planning channels underway, the Mayor did not want to entertain discussion on a Rural Protection Zone Management Plan until these other two plans have been fulfilled.

Fishing Derby and River Festival planning is underway, it takes place in June. The Watershed Association staff and City staff have started meeting so this planning process is starting up for the summer.

Mr. Drypolcher said that the reports from the public meetings and the core group meetings have been posted on line. You would navigate to the department, public works department, engineering division and river watershed website.

Mr. Drypolcher was thankful to the staff and to his colleague, Ms. Borchert for her participation in the process.

7. Citizens Communication from the Floor

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the River Commission the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Jerry Jacobi, Chair



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