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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday July 28, 2011 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

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- 2) Presentation and action regarding the La Tierra Trails Master Plan Resolution (Leroy Pacheco & Claudia Horn).
- 3) BTAC Subcommittee Updates
 - Multi-Use Trails
 - On-Road
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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 28, 2011**

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Frank Herdman in the absence of Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the lack of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Mr. Frank Herdman
Mr. John Longworth
Ms. Lisa Miles
Mr. Ron Pacheco

Members Absent:

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair
Ms. Gretchen Grogan
Ms. Alicia Martínez
Mr. Tomás Rivera
Ms. Shelley Robinson

Staff Present:

Mr. Leroy Pacheco

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was not approved since there was no quorum.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 23, 2011

The June 23, 2011 minutes were not approved since there was no quorum.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kat Downing wanted to plant a seed for promotion of mountain biking. The Fat Tire Society would have a park siting at the corral at Del Norte. She explained that there was no fence at the back of that dog park.

Mr. Herdman asked if it was at the trail head. Ms. Downing agreed.

Mr. Andrew Wright announced that the National Bicycle Company (Rand Company) would be coming to La Tierra on August 25. They would showcase some of their products and provide an experience with Santa Fé Trails. The evening would start at the Unity Santa Fé parking lot.

Mr. Herdman said they would soon have the La Tierra Master Plan and he might want to pass out some of that information for those who attended.

Mr. Wright agreed to do that in some of the bike shops. He said he approached Mr. Leroy Pacheco for a permit for using some of those trails.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they could get together on it.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Mr. Keith Wilson (Santa Fé MPO) said they were coming along with the Bicycle Master Plan and were now working on implementation. They did a bike riding trip at the end of June to look at the new trails and to see where they would pick up the southern trails. They would do one on this coming Sunday at 9 a.m. They would go down the Rail Trail and the Arroyo Chamiso, then to Governor Miles and back on the Rail Trail, stopping at various places.

There would be a chance to meet with city and county staff to update the document and by the end of September it should be ready for public review.

At the federal level the re-authorization of the Federal Transportation Bill needed to happen by the end of September. The House was proposing a consolidation of various programs. Transportation Enhancement seemed to be on the chopping block. With consolidation it would be up to states to decide where to spend the money.

Mr. Longworth asked what the sections A, B and C meant.

Mr. Wilson said part A was basically within the next 5 years, B was 5-10 years and C was beyond ten years.

Mr. Longworth noted that the City on Yucca to Zia took out the bike lane going south. So we were not currently employing bike friendly practices.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Presentation and Discussion regarding Trail Projects Status Update (Leroy Pacheco)

Mr. Leroy Pacheco shared the current list of projects (handout). The grey items had been completed. He briefly reviewed them.

On the Acequia Trail the big missing piece was between Larragoite School and Ashbaugh Park. A month ago, SFPS gave conceptual approval of the alignment toward Ashbaugh Park. He projected that the design would be completed by September 30 and the project finished by year end.

2 a and b were the Ottowi connection to Ashbaugh. The City now had the right to access the property.

Regarding Baca/Potencia/Railyard they tabled the proposed connection at Cordova and the Deaf School near the Odd Fellows cemetery. Having connected Pen Road took the pressure off that location.

For the Acequia Trail at Cerrillos/St. Francis, city staff just turned the EA into FHWA and expected public hearings in late August. They needed to take it through the NEPA process. It was underfunded.

Mr. Longworth asked if the EA was finished. Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

Mr. Longworth said they did both options in the programming. The public hearing in late August would be a significant factor in the final design but right now it was either option. Certain amounts had been allocated but the question was whether it was enough money. They had to go through final design and pick an alternative.

Mr. Eric Martínez said there was some funding through the parks bond and believed it was sufficient to take it through design. He believed there was money there but not enough to construct the whole project. Over or under would be about the same price.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said for Arroyo Chamiso Trail, phase 1 was basically complete with construction to be finished at the end of August. It was open and available for bikes and pedestrians. They would be coming back with phase 2 and on the web page it was clearly stated. What remained was a pedestrian issue to be resolved. It would happen quickly.

Mr. Ron Pacheco asked what the pedestrian issue was.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco explained it was whether to have sidewalks - determining that issue.

He reported that the underground route under St. Francis was under construction by David Montoya Construction. It was about a mile from Zia to Galisteo and would be done by year end.

He said the Santa Fé River Trail should be done by year end. The next part would be the orange section from Osage to Camino Alire and was also under construction to be completed by spring.

El Parque del Rio was about ready for construction. It was funded by park bonds.

He reported there was a resolution introduced at Council yesterday for adoption of the MP for La Tierra Trails. It would go at least through Public Works and Finance Committees and then go to the next available Council meeting to be adopted.

Mr. Longworth asked about the process. Mr. Leroy Pacheco explained it to him.

Mr. Longworth asked about the Parks Advisory Committee involvement.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed they did want to review it so it would go to the August 16th meeting.

Mr. Longworth felt they should take action on the resolution.

Mr. Herdman said it was in the packet.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the last piece in the packet identified the items that needed to be done. On the trails list they identified the things they hoped to get done this year. These were the ones the stakeholders prioritized.

They hoped to have the ATV/BMX Park done by the end of the calendar year with fencing in by the end of September. They were getting proposals for the urban underpass at 599 - that was the longest lead time because it had to go through NMDOT.

For signage and mapping they were focusing on getting to a certain level of way-finding by the end of summer but the scope included maps, etc. A lot of kiosks would need a further level of public involvement.

They were working to get Trails 8,9 and 12 cleared by late August and hire a crew.

They would complete the parking lot at Unity and Frijoles before the end of the year.

Possibly they would have the multi-use trail to south and north by year end.

Finally, the Gonzales Road trail design was completed last year and currently was 50% funded by the County. He had a quote from a contractor that they could build a piece of it. They needed about \$150,000 to get it done. It was 4,000 feet long.

Mr. Herdman asked where it was.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it was Ottowi at the School for the Deaf. This was the third year. In year one

they looked at the connection between the School for the Deaf school and the cemetery. They did feasibility studies to get a connection through there. It was moving along in a relatively positive direction. They were uncomfortable with the two trails on their property so a damper was put on it. They were trying now to go through at Taco Bell but now that Pen Road was built they were focusing on Cordova and Alta Vista.

Mr. Ron Pacheco said there was a connection 300' on down the road behind the cemetery. There was no signal there but there was a trail there. He asked if that wouldn't work.

Mr. Herdman said the issue was crossing Cerrillos. He asked Mr. Wilson about that area.

Mr. Wilson said they saw that the crossing at Cordova or Cerrillos was a priority.

Mr. Ron Pacheco thought Pen Road was very nice so there were two places to cross over. There were some options and resources were scarce. That was his point.

Mr. Herdman asked if they had approval for Acequia Trail.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

2. Presentation and action regarding the La Tierra Trails Master Plan Resolution (Leroy Pacheco)

Mr. Longworth asked about taking this to Public Works and Finance.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said he could. It started with Public Safety and Parks. There had been a lot of exposure already. It was best to make changes now before it reached the end of the chain. This was the first time this resolution had come here as a legal document.

There would be a Master Plan document that Council would have but if there were legal things to change it would need to go to Melissa Byers. The ball was rolling. It was introduced by Patti Bushee. He agreed to bring it back to the next meeting for adoption.

Mr. Longworth asked if the action he had hoped to get today was action on the resolution.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it was not at this meeting for action but more an informational item.

Mr. Herdman said this committee had been involved since day one and needed to take official action to say BTAC reviewed it and supported it.

Mr. Longworth agreed. He had a preconceived notion more on what the actions and priorities were from the last meeting. He asked if that had changed.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it had not changed and this had the highest level of public involvement. This was an embodiment of all that they have done. Every public meeting brought little tweaks. Based on ... last time, they tweaked the access at the underpass. The Frank Ortíz Dog Park was an access point. Because this one had DOT involvement - instead of determining it on our own - it was the most controversial piece last time so they made that adjustment there. That hearing was transcribed so you could get transcription of it.

The color coding had to do with the five priorities. Each of them was a color. It was exactly the MP we presented.

Mr. Longworth said in riding up Monte Sol it became evident that on the southwest boundary - currently there were quite a few access points. He asked what the resolution was on use of that.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they met with County Open Space staff and the access points shown were the ones that had been established. That was a large undeveloped property there. It had not closed the door on other access points but those could not be shown until approved. So these were the ones they could show. Others would be an ongoing process.

Mr. Longworth said that's helpful.

His last comment was that they should be reading the resolution to make sure the language was in order prior to going to City Council. Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

Mr. Herdman asked about school board action.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they approved about 100 acres to keep the trails that were shown on the MP and were working out specifics at the staff level and would go back to the board in the fall.

Mr. Herdman asked if Council would approve it before that.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco didn't see that as a problem. For the most part the trails were in good condition. Basically we were telling them we would take on the trail stewardship and they were happy with that.

Mr. Herdman observed there were new trails out there but it was so easy to get off the trail to save time. He would encourage staff to keep a reserve for all the signage or have the City make 100 signs to post where it was not a trail.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they would deal with that.

Mr. Herdman felt long term boundaries were important. They saw new tire tracks everywhere and people were getting beyond city fencing. Please respect the need to stay within the boundary.

Mr. Herdman asked if the project list was what was available.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco explained Exhibit D. They never had enough money so the process identified about \$3.2 million. As they got closer to construction it would get lower. The ones shown on this fiscal year - they would look at some changes. He thought it would have a positive balance at the end.

Mr. Herdman said for the next meeting it would be helpful to know the relationship with that. He understood parks bond money was set aside for NWQ. Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco thought community input would be really helpful. This showed the priorities as staff understood them now. The yellow was whatever was left. They would take the liberty of interpreting the community's priorities as staff heard them. So it would be helpful to hear BTAC's priorities from the list.

Mr. Herdman agreed.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco felt there was more than enough money to get this year's work done and then come back to say what was left.

3. BTAC Subcommittee Updates

- **Multi-Use Trails**

No report was given.

- **On-Road**

No report was given.

- **Mountain Bike**

No report was given.

- **Bike Education and Outreach**

No report was given.

- **La Tierra (NWQ)**

No report was given.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they would probably repeat these agenda items on the next agenda.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Longworth announced information meetings this coming week regarding the recent fires. There would be on at REI on Tuesday at 6:30, at Los Alamos on Wednesday and in Albuquerque on Thursday.

He noted that at the Zia crossing when trains went through, the bikes never got a walk signal so they could not cross.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed to let Rick Devine know.

Mr. Longworth said there was no re-cycle after the train went through.

Mr. Herdman asked if the trail was open or closed.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the Fire Chief would let him know and he would let BTAC know the ones she closed.

Mr. Herdman said he looked everywhere on the city's website for forest information but could not find anything. He couldn't believe the city would not provide this very valuable information. He expected a link on the front page. It would be very helpful.

He also had mentioned to Mr. Siqueiros that the bridge near Sycomoro had gaps in the boards 3-4 inches. A small child's foot could go through there. It had been months. He hereby put the City on notice it was a safety hazard. Those boards were spreading apart.

Mr. Longworth said the national forest had restrictions and wanted to know details.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said he would find out.

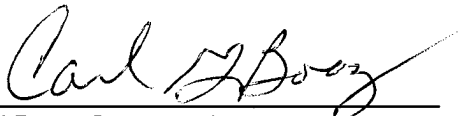
J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Frank Herdman, chair pro tem

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer.