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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 15, 2011

5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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- 2) League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback on how to improve cycling in Santa Fe (Bob Siqueiros).
- 3) Update regarding the City Council approval of the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and GO Bond items (Bob Siqueiros).
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 - La Tierra (NWQ)

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**December 15, 2011
5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Bushee on this date at 5:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair
Ms. Gretchen Grogan
Mr. Frank Herdman
Mr. John Longworth
Ms. Alicia Martínez
Ms. Lisa Miles
Mr. Ron Pacheco
Mr. Tomás Rivera
Ms. Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Mr. Robert Siqueiros

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Bushee moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 17, 2011

Ms. Grogan said on page 5, 3rd paragraph, the last line said 200 to 250 and should be thousand.

On page 7 she was asking all the BTAC members.

Ms. Miles said on page 8 she was talking about Governor Miles.

Mr. Rivera said on page 8 he was talking about a different city.

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the November 17, 2011 minutes as amended. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except that Mr. Longworth abstained from voting.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kat Downing, 2673 Chelsea Lane asked that the MPO and BTAC meet together, hopefully in January, to discuss the Bicycle Master Plan and invite the Chain Breakers and Bike Santa Fé to the meeting.

Chair Bushee asked if she would send details in an email.

Ms. Downing agreed.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Ms. Bette Booth, Chair of Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC), said she had been asked to talk about the last Council meeting. She felt they were not where she thought they would be.

Without going through the due process discussion at council committees and BTAC and POSAC on the bond allocations, there were two major shifts that they were reeling from. The first was the underpass at Alameda and what that was about. The second was the allocation for new projects when they are still completing the projects from 2008. Many people said it wouldn't be spent on what was promised. So she promised the Rotary Club that their parks bond would.

There was one effort to spend from it for the 400th and more recently to pay parks staff. POSAC felt that was not what the bond was proposed and ultimately the allocation was shifted back and it left \$750,000 for capital improvements.

Unfortunately at the end of the meeting a councilor moved to spend \$500,000 for the SWAN Park, \$100,000 for the electrical box on the Plaza and \$100,000 for security cameras. That got tucked into the new proposed bond.

The Council member was well intentioned because all he wanted was to address the inequities on the south side. The City resolution says there should be 3 acres of parks for each thousand people. But that was not true on the south side. There was no regional park on the south side and two in each of the rest of the districts.

But when we go out and try to sell the new bond, people would ask if we spent it on the MP as proposed and we will have to say no - Council did make some changes.

She was struggling with whether she would be able to go out and support the bond.

Mr. Herdman was confused where the \$750,000 came from.

Ms. Booth said it was from the 2008 bond. Six months ago the Parks Department presented a requested reallocation of that money and she found out that salaries were being paid. The \$750,000 was to pay for people who were working on the projects and that made sense but they were paying maintenance workers. Although it might be legal, it was not what the bond was for. It was for capital improvements originally.

Chair Bushee said she didn't vote for it to go to salaries but did vote for it to go for the proposed reallocation.

Ms. Booth said the reallocation did away with other projects. It was money that was not yet spent.

Chair Bushee asked if members knew what happened at that meeting.

Mr. Pacheco wasn't certain of the details.

Chair Bushee said she wanted to get out of here because they had lawyers here too.

She said they did get \$250,000 for ongoing improvements. It went from \$200,000 to \$250,000. She liked what got put in there - transit and housing but it grew the total to \$22 million and the Finance Director said they would have to sequester more money to pay the debt service. They were now at \$23 million in the GO bond. It would impact the general fund and when they got into the next fiscal year they would have to come up with \$500,000 to pay for it.

The property tax bond didn't even get discussed. That started out as a \$5 million project. Council was putting out the best projects that might get voter support. It wasn't democracy. It was done last minute. POSAC did their homework.

The underpass at Alameda was shoved in there. \$5 million would probably get design and not much else.

Ms. Booth said the design had been in the CIP bond and was pulled out.

Chair Bushee was not sure how many of those would create jobs. They estimated 200 jobs but many might be out of Albuquerque. It was a tough thing. The good news was that they separated it into three questions. What was likely to happen was the same property tax they proposed last year would likely be the next thing up and it didn't go to the public. The last one was to balance the budget.

We would eventually need operation funds and that was the hardest to achieve. Generating temporary jobs was also not sustainable. The recession hit and we certainly want jobs but she questioned if these were the best projects if they should put it in a separate election. It was a mixed bag.

Ms. Robinson wondered how long it would take to get public interest back up if voted down now.

Chair Bushee hoped just another year. She knew POSAC wanted a larger amount.

Mr. Pacheco asked how much of the MPO gets funded.

Chair Bushee said all but \$2 million.

Mr. Pacheco said that meant \$4 million for MPO and \$2 million for the underpass. The engineer wasn't sure it would ever happen.

Mr. Herdman agreed that \$2 million wouldn't be enough and it would be wasted.

Ms. Grogan asked if it was possible for BTAC to formally request that the decision of Council be amended.

Chair Bushee said it was a recipe for rejection.

Ms. Booth pointed out that what sold it last time was the MP and their promise that they would consult with the neighbors. It had enough specificity.

Chair Bushee read the three questions. There was \$5 million for public safety purposes (on the south side). But it would not lower insurance premiums without operations money. There was \$14 million to parks.

Ms. Robinson noted that it didn't mention \$2 million for the underpass.

Chair Bushee said the ballot didn't allow that much for the details. There was publicity needed.

The third question switched \$1 million to broadband and \$3.8 million for sustainable environment projects including drainage and sewage and \$1.8 million for solar at GCCC.

Ms. Amer explained that the voters were voting on the questions. And if the City spent the GO bonds

on things that answered the question it was okay. There was a case with SFPS a couple of years ago because things cost more. They were sued and the Supreme Court ruled that it was not based on the promotional material.

She didn't know if they could totally ignore the promotional material. If the projects didn't cost as much as budgeted, they could add more projects.

Mr. Pacheco thought if the Council approved the MP then they had to spend it on that.

Mr. Herdman concluded then that there was no binding on the \$2 million underpass.

Mr. Rivera said the list in the MP was not included on the bond question.

Mr. Pacheco asked if they would be able to go and say they spent the money on something else.

Chair Bushee knew Ms. Booth spent a lot of time and effort on the parks bond and was thankful that most of it got spent correctly.

Ms. Robinson thought it was hard to run a campaign and tell them it was going to be spent that way mostly.

Mr. Herdman pointed out that BTAC spent lots of time prioritizing things here and without any consultation there was a back room deal for something else.

Chair Bushee thought this group did a good job going to meetings and at the last minute it was rearranged. She thought they got half way there.

Ms. Booth totally agreed but even though the committees were trying to hold the line to have the money spent on what was promised but there was no guarantee that would happen.

Ms. Downing thought it might be worthwhile for BTAC and POSAC to have an oversight committee to monitor the spending.

Mr. Rivera said he heard BTAC mentioned more than any other committee's name. He thought \$4 million was a huge victory. He didn't know about an underpass at Alameda but a step forward on any trail was good. If this failed he didn't see this happening for a long time.

Mr. Siqueiros recalled that that trail was on the 2004 BTAC map.

Mr. Herdman didn't say it wasn't on any plans but hours and hours had been put into the planning here and at MPO. This came from citizens who were passionate. He respected everything Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Rivera said but he was "still pissed off by it."

Ms. Robinson said to her it was just a pedestrian underpass. If it was for children to get to school that was totally different.

Ms. Grogan asked that the discussion get postponed for now.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Presentation and Discussion regarding the Carpenter Property Easement - Dale Ball Trail Connection (Fabian Chávez)

Ms. Amer and Charlie O'Leary from Conservation and Leonard Katz presented this matter. Mr. Herdman recused himself from this because it was his law firm.

Ms. Amer said Mr. O'Leary approached the City regarding an area on Upper Canyon Road that had been used as a trail. He asked if the City would be willing to make it a city trail and through many iterations the City agreed on a trail easement from Ms. Belle Carpenter to the City. It was perpetual but she could end it between years 2 and 10. It didn't require the city or her to maintain it except for hazardous conditions. There would be no parking on Upper Canyon Road - simply a sign for the trail head.

Mr. Siqueiros said there was no room for parking there. The sign would probably be where the easement began.

Mr. O'Leary said they were approached by community members who had used it for a number of years. Two years ago it was fenced off and they came to ask for help from the Trust.

Regarding the question about parking and trail signage, he pointed out Upper Canyon on the Google earth map and the Dale Ball parking lot. That would be the place for any parking then walk down to the trail head.

They didn't envision it as a major trail head but just to preserve an access point that had been used for years.

Ms. Grogan asked if it connected with Dorothy Stewart.

Mr. O'Leary said it did.

Ms. Grogan said that was great connectivity.

Mr. O'Leary said it was on the 2007 trails MP and the work of Wilson Company and Mr. Rogers. This appeared as a section on the map. So when it was brought to the Trust he approached Leroy Pacheco and thought it would be appropriate while they had a willing landowner.

Ms. Grogan asked if the city was holding this easement and held others like it. Ms. Amer agreed.

Ms. Grogan asked if there would be no improvements. Ms. Amer agreed - just non-hazardous conditions.

Ms. Grogan asked if the Trails Alliance could help maintain it.

Mr. O'Leary said volunteers could do that but they didn't need to be involved in the easement.

Ms. Grogan asked if the severability by land owner was a common feature.

Ms. Amer said they were all negotiated agreements. This landowner would like to review how it was going and not be locked in but after ten years if she didn't exercise her right to terminate it would be in perpetuity. Mr. Katz told her that Ms. Carpenter had to purchase additional liability/property insurance. Her liability was limited to the same duty to maintain as a trust pasture - non-hazardous conditions.

Chair Bushee asked if this would be listed as an official city trail.

Ms. Amer said it was the same liability the City had on all of its trails.

Chair Bushee asked if she would get a tax write-off or just pay insurance.

Mr. Leonard Katz said there was a liability concern when you have a trail that had been used in a permissive sense. The problem was when it becomes a public trail on private property. There was a recreational statute - there was still residual liability. In this instance it was the conversion or clarification that was made by this easement that it was a public trail. In the homeowners insurance it wouldn't cover public use of a trail on her property so she had to go to another insurance company and she had to pay \$850/year to cover it. She was willing to give it a try and commit for two years but if something should happen and she couldn't get insurance for it or the premium skyrocketed - that was the reason for severability. There was not a clear responsibility of the city. The immunity was not waived for trails.

Chair Bushee asked if it could happen if she wanted to dedicate the trail to the city.

Mr. Katz said that was what she wanted to do. That process would take time and she intended to pursue it. It could be done here because the trail was on the property line but if it went through the middle it would have created a subdivision.

Mr. O'Leary wanted to see it as a model and we were going to work on that. When creating a subdivision it was easy but after the fact was hard.

Chair Bushee thought it would not be likely to be advertised on the map or website.

Mr. Katz said she envisioned that it would be available for her neighbors who had used it.

Chair Bushee asked if it would have a name.

Mr. Katz didn't think so.

Ms. Robinson said she had used it for a long time and this was a perfect example of a trail that wouldn't be overused but would make it more beautiful. It had been the most disgusting place of homeless people there but there were also fantastic springs along this area. She thought people would respect the property more this way. She didn't know if the family had made an effort to rid it of homeless people but hoped they would now.

Mr. Longworth asked Ms. Amer if the severability didn't have to have a cause. Ms. Amer agreed.

Mr. Longworth asked if they explored that as an opportunity for the city to remedy such a cause.

Ms. Amer said there was some history. It originally started out a lot longer and had Santa Fé Conservation Trust who would agree to do some of the maintenance and that fell apart and came down to this agreement. The City didn't want to take on more than it had finances or staff to do and Ms. Carpenter didn't want to take on more responsibility for it.

Ms. Grogan agreed with Mr. Longworth - if there was a problem and there was a way to remedy the situation before severing it she thought that should be tried.

Mr. Katz clarified that her real concern was the insurance. The examples you gave about giving notice of a problem or nuisance happening he thought was not the issue for the client. It was purely for insurance availability and cost. It had to be her decision. With regard to nuisance, some could be cured and he wouldn't foreclose that possibility. But availability of insurance and limits on coverage were her greatest concerns.

Chair Bushee wondered if there could be language in C or D as a step before just terminating it to try to prevent it.

Mr. Katz said he could work with Ms. Amer on that. He understood the concern. They did have provisions for city maintenance and responsibility for that and were told there were just no funds available. They would put signage and an opening in the fence but that was all that could be done.

Mr. Pacheco moved to recommend approval with some clause for dispute resolution. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Leary said the Trust wanted to play a role on the heads up. Although they were not party to the agreement, the Trust would do everything possible to make it successful.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote except Mr. Herdman had recused himself.

Chair Bushee suggested they meet with Ms. Amer before the January meeting to develop a resolution about the trail easement.

Mr. Siqueiros said several years ago they put together a ROW dedication committee. The committee still existed.

Chair Bushee agreed. Kathy Mortimer was part of that. She didn't remember the results.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to pull that out and put it on the January agenda.

Mr. O'Leary wanted to be part of it.

Ms. Robinson explored La Piedras Trail on Sunday and said it was fantastic. Without the snow it would be tricky and you could get lost but it was moving along and hoped they were all in communications to be told when she could come help with construction.

Mr. O'Leary said it wouldn't be until it warmed up a little. He would be happy to take BTAC on a tour but it wasn't open to the public yet. It would be on foot. It was challenging and members should bring your ski poles. It was about 2.5 miles total they were going to build.

The Committee took no action on this matter.

Mr. Herdman moved amend the agenda to move up Committee Communications. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rivera thanked Ms. Robinson for the card.

He wondered if some lawyers could help to get a sense of the laws and ordinances that pertained to their work.

There were levels of law at the state - the 5' rule didn't pass at the state so we did it at the city. But there might be laws that supersede the city's. There was the sidewalk issue and federal law about where bicycles could not ride. There were specific questions about lights, helmets, when pulled over what your rights were. We were told by legal friends that it would need significant research.

Mr. Herdman agreed it was complicated. The doctrine called preemption was where one law could take precedence over another one. He thought there was an acceptable divide. Law enforcement agencies tended to respect each other's boundaries.

Mr. Rivera was referring to things like using one's phone while biking or speeding.

Chair Bushee didn't think cell phone laws pertained to bikers. But she couldn't say for sure.

Mr. Siqueiros asked members to send him their questions.

Chair Bushee was at a bike sharing program and named other people who were there. It was all over the map. Some costly suggestions were made. The resolution she put in years ago was focused on in a Santa Fé version and including residents more than tourists.

Ms. Robinson asked if the model in Albuquerque was UNM's model. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Chair Bushee said the sharing locations should be somewhere in the Railyard, or at City Hall or Don Gaspar. Those were suggested for locations.

Ms. Robinson said the audience here would be tourists.

Mr. Siqueiros noted that the Rail Runner people said they had 350-450 bikes per day.

Chair Bushee wondered how many bikes they could get on a bus.

She said the other issue was private-public partnerships at hotels that wanted to promote it for their customers. It was a good discussion. She suggested using the 2% for Arts and checking out grants. RPA had some money. She thought it should go to SFCC and the University for Art and Design.

The Committee went back to the agenda.

2. League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback on how to improve cycling in Santa Fé (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros received comments from the League. The first page outlined the strengths of the application and then gave what the City needed to focus on. Then they gave more details after that and the key measures.

He would like to submit the next application in June or July or wait to accomplish more of these goals.

The first one was on budget. The City had a program now for cleaning up after a storm and a recurring line item for sharrows.

Chair Bushee asked for a copy of the actual application.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to send one out.

Chair Bushee wanted to see the original application and the things Mr. Siqueiros knew he wanted to include in a new one.

Ms. Downing said as an LCI Instructor they needed to balance the four Es before taking off the training wheels. So the Education Committee needed to get busy on it.

Ms. Grogan asked if they would not submit the application this coming year until after accomplishing those things.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed. The MP approval would be included in it.

Mr. Pacheco noted it said a police officer was an active member of this committee. He wondered who was undercover at their meetings.

Chair Bushee said they should work on those things and would not like to see it on the agenda until it was decided to move forward or postpone.

Mr. Herdman asked if the bronze award would expire.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would in five years.

Mr. Herdman thought the League gave a great response and BTAC should develop a priority list and add the MPO Bicycle MP. That could be the impetus to do some of these things. They could get volunteer activism that could accomplish these 6-8 things and then apply.

Mr. Longworth thought they should work on that application tomorrow and have it be a working document. This should be the check list and have the balance of things in July. That would give BTAC the measure against this standard. His fear was that they would get lots of committees to work on other things and not on this. They should work on the application now and decide then to submit it.

Mr. Rivera thought it made sense to have a priority list and then jump in fully into the application. He knew Mr. Siqueiros had a lot on his plate but he would like to have a very strong argument in it.

Mr. Herdman's concern was that it wouldn't necessarily provide a structure. He suggested they have a list and develop a priority for attainable things and focus on those specific goals - things like better cooperation with law enforcement or reorganization of subcommittees.

Mr. Longworth thought they should work on the application period and get it ready to go.

Mr. Pacheco said they needed a priority list to move forward.

Chair Bushee said as a committee they didn't have much money to spend. They did have education and outreach. If they had the application they already submitted and the new application and Mr.

Siqueiros's best guess on priorities to achieve they could do it. If they didn't have the deadline, they would be spinning their wheels. They needed to look at the deficiencies and see what needed to be worked on and do it in bite-sized pieces.

Mr. Siqueiros said they did a tremendous amount of work between honorable mention and bronze. He thought they were close to silver in those last accomplishments.

Mr. Herdman wondered if they had too many things on the January agenda. They needed to spend the better part of one session on this list from the League and find ten things that were attainable and put a time line on it and redevelop subcommittees. That should become the focus for the next several months. This would be a good way to spend our energy.

Ms. Grogan agreed they should spend the better part of one meeting on it.

Ms. Miles thought they should identify what was important for now. They should start now to work on that to get it done by June.

Chair Bushee agreed they would do the priorities and attach time lines.

Mr. Siqueiros suggested the easiest without cost should be done first. They could do inserts in utility bills for instance.

Mr. Newhall suggested they could get everyone on BTAC to take a TS-101 class. They had six or seven instructors and they could work it around their schedule. This was the stuff the League would totally love to do.

Mr. Siqueiros said the January meeting was January 25th so he could do it by then.

Ms. Downing asked if a motion on the amendment on wilderness was needed.

Chair Bushee said BTAC didn't need to vote on it.

Mr. Pacheco moved to amend the agenda to hear conclude the discussion on bonds now. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Update regarding the City Council approval of the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and GO Bond items (Bob Siqueiros)

Ms. Robinson said without a continuation of the trail, an underpass or overpass would not be any good. If this was built and you put bicyclists on the east side of St. Francis there was not a path to continue on.

Mr. Pacheco said there was a dirt road there that he took.

Chair Bushee didn't know if staff had done anything on it. It should be discussed before the bond went out. She was a supporter of it in 1994 under the River MP. It just seemed it surfaced not from real need but political consideration.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

There was nothing new to report.

2. La Tierra Update (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros said 80% of the signage was done and it would be 100% by the end of January. Flags were placed there now.

The ATV and BMX design study had been approved and construction would start in the winter of 2012.

The 599 underpass project had been submitted to NMDOT and gotten its environment assessment approval.

At the two parking lots the trail would be constructed. Archaeology and environment assessments were completed. Architectural surveys were scheduled.

Mr. Herdman asked if there was any word from the school.

Mr. Siqueiros said no. He would ask Leroy Pacheco but it wasn't on the list.

Mr. Longworth thought the schools had signed off on it.

Mr. Herdman said they had it on their agenda but he hadn't heard anything since then.

Mr. Longworth asked if they should talk with school board members about it.

Mr. Siqueiros said when Ms. Horn spoke to them it didn't sound like a challenge. They did want a formal presentation.

Mr. Herdman was anxious to see the design for that parking lot and trail to get to the underpass. But he was really anxious to know what was going on with the school. That would be good.

Chair Bushee left the meeting at 7:19.

Mr. Longworth moved to amend the agenda and go to item #4. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

- **Multi-Use Trails**

There was no update from the Multi-Use Trails Subcommittee.

- **On-Road**

There was no update from the On-Road Subcommittee.

- **Mountain Bike**

Mr. Longworth said Mountain Bike Subcommittee talked about the impasse over wilderness expansion.

He announced there would be an IMBA summit at REI on January 13. No time was set.

Ms. Robinson said it was for people who were serious about involvement.

- **Bike Education and Outreach**

There was no update from the Bike Education and Outreach Subcommittee.

- **La Tierra (NWQ)**

Ms. Robinson reported that they met on Friday and parked at the trail head near the tower and walked down from there at the flags or posts for the signs. The signs would be simple like Dale Ball signs. It was just a general Q/A period to get feedback. They wanted to get them designed and installed by May. She didn't remember what was said about the school but Leroy Pacheco said something about it.

3. Update regarding the City Council approval of the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and GO Bond items (Bob Siqueiros) - Continued

Ms. Grogan asked if there was a way they could ask for an amendment on trails.

Mr. Rivera said that needed to happen earlier. The questions were set.

Ms. Grogan said if the \$4 million for MPO MP and \$2 million for the underpass were described many people wouldn't vote for it.

Mr. Longworth asked if there wouldn't be a pamphlet that explained the ballot questions.

Ms. Robinson recalled that in the 2008 campaign they raised money for the campaign and put out some pretty slick mailings and spoke on the radio and went to a forum at LWV. That was something that was grass roots and had to come from the community.

Mr. Siqueiros said the trails had been listed for it. The Council had not approved the MPO MP yet. They would at some point but it was not tied to the bond.

Ms. Grogan pointed out that they voted for \$4 million out of those MP projects.

Mr. Siqueiros said he could probably give a more precise estimate later and felt it would come down some.

Mr. Herdman said BTAC needed to promote the \$4 million and not turn it down.

Ms. Robinson said it was a huge job.

Mr. Pacheco agreed it would be a harder sell this time but he was committed to it.

Ms. Grogan asked if they wanted to vote to support it.

Mr. Pacheco thought it would be a great move to do that collectively. He was not happy with it but getting 2/3 of it was good.

Mr. Rivera didn't think anyone would say the underpass was ridiculous.

Ms. Miles was conflicted about it. When it got hijacked she felt bad about it. She didn't think that intersection needed to be dealt with that way.

Mr. Pacheco said it was a very dangerous intersection and many who lived there thought it was a great idea.

Mr. Longworth said it was not a priority and wouldn't make the community more connected.

Mr. Rivera was frustrated with the political process but they had an obligation not to play the politics. That trail crossing was not on his radar but even though many people wouldn't ride La Tierra Trails, he was not opposed to it. The more trails, the better.

Ms. Robinson said if that passed, it would have to come to this committee and they might be able to make it a better situation.

Mr. Pacheco said if you go a half mile south to Camino Alire you could pass through on the surface or you could go under. He would rather have an underpass at St Francis and Cerrillos. The Alameda crossing was more important than the Camino Alire bridge.

Mr. Siqueiros clarified that bridge had to be replaced.

Mr. Pacheco moved to recommend support of the \$6 million for trails.

Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and proposed a friendly amendment to support passage of the entire bond. Mr. Pacheco accepted it.

Ms. Grogan wanted to postpone action.

Mr. Rivera wanted to vote on it now because outreach was needed. There was a sense of urgency.

Ms. Miles was not prepared to vote now. Ms. Grogan wasn't either.

Mr. Herdman wondered if a compromise was possible. He proposed they go to those who originated this and say BTAC need to be recognized and was very passionate about it - they were disappointed about how this happened.

Mr. Longworth was opposed. They had been briefed by one person who had a meeting this afternoon. No one seemed to know what was going to happen and he would like to know what projects were anticipated. The Council could spend the money however they wanted.

Ms. Grogan thought it would be way better to have a unanimous vote from BTAC rather than a 4-3 vote.

Mr. Siqueiros said the \$5 million was unreliable but BTAC could do a lot with \$4 million.

Mr. Pacheco agreed a unanimous vote would be best but if they postponed it to shake the tree with the Council they could be doing that forever.

Ms. Grogan noted it was a last minute amendment at Council. Right now this committee was split down the middle.

Mr. Rivera was not sure what more information the Committee could get on this question. If BTAC keeps postponing the vote it gives the wrong message. He questioned if they could get a unanimous vote after postponing it.

Ms. Grogan moved to postpone action. Mr. Longworth seconded the motion.

Mr. Longworth commented that this agenda didn't say they were voting on it. Mountain bikers were furious with it. This was horse trading and politics the way it worked everywhere. He thought it was a reasonable vote. He just found out about it from Ms. Booth today. BTAC didn't even know what it was. He got a newspaper article.

Mr. Pacheco was okay with postponing a month. They were making accommodation to our team. He didn't think a month would change it but you made a most powerful case.

Mr. Rivera said he was not going to withdraw his second. He felt they needed to go forward. If the big conflict here was politics, he was happy to make a motion that they were unhappy with that system. But they were an advisory committee.

The motion to postpone action passed by majority roll call vote with Ms. Robinson, Mr. Longworth, Ms. Miles and Ms. Grogan voting in favor and Mr. Pacheco, Ms. Martínez, and Mr. Rivera voting against. Chair Bushee was not present for the vote.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no further committee communications.

J. ADJOURNMENT

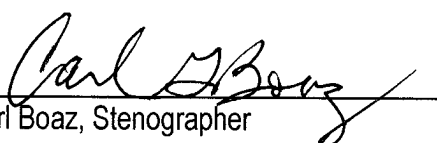
Mr. Longworth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer