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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2013
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 15, 2013

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

1. Bike To Work Week

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

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2. Update Regarding BTAC's Recommendations for the City's Traffic Calming Program (Engineering Staff).
3. Update Regarding the League of American Bicyclists 2013 "Bicycle Friendly Community" application (Bob Siqueiros).
4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - On-Road
 - Mountain Bike
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra Master Plan

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)
2. Santa Fe Conservation Trust – Benefits of Trails (Economic Study) (Bob Siqueiros)

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

J. ADJOURNMENT

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 955-6520, FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

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

May 15, 2013
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 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 approximately 5:40 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Patti Bushee, Chair
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair
Joseph Abbatacola
Gretchen Grogan
James Ronald Pacheco
Tomás Rivera
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

John Longworth [excused]
Lisa Miles

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the agenda as amended with item G 1 postponed to the next meeting. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 17, 2013

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2013 as presented. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

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BICYCLE & TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Stephen Newhall mentioned a problem on the Rail Trail closest to St. Michaels and Siringo.

Mr. Abbatacola reported that it was fixed today.

Mr. Herdman said the bridge across from Gonzales School was splintered.

Chair Bushee agreed.

Mr. Newhall asked if there was a way electronically for the public to report things like this and put a link on their website to access the city's website.

Chair Bushee said they could consider that under Committee Communications.

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

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Newhall restated his concern.

Mr. Abbatacola said the City already provides that. He gave directions for accessing the city website and to click on city hall requests to get to a form that allows residents to enter an issue for a response. The City sends it to the appropriate office and then they would respond.

Mr. Siqueiros said his office number was on the bike maps and people could call him.

Ms. Robinson asked if he preferred calls or texts.

Mr. Siqueiros said either way was okay.

Chair Bushee said at the last Council meeting she asked for a push to put the position together. She got \$50,000 for a Bike Trails employee. She needed someone to look at funding and housing.

Ms. Grogan asked if housing meant office space.

Chair Bushee said the City would write a \$50,000 check to someone as a contractor for this position.

Mr. Pacheco asked if it would have to go through an RFP process.

Chair Bushee said it wouldn't.

Mr. Siqueiros asked if it would be like Railyard park stewards. Chair Bushee agreed.

Mr. Herdman asked if it would be a contract with a non-profit. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Ms. Grogan asked if they were hoping Fat Tire Society or the Santa FÉ Conservation Trust would have office space.

Chair Bushee agreed. They could piece funds together.

Mr. Pacheco asked if it could be a city/county partnership.

Chair Bushee reminded them the county had their own coordinator.

Ms. Grogan asked what the Committee needed to do.

Chair Bushee said she just wanted to bring this up. Someone would be the fiscal agent.

Ms. Robinson asked if she had someone interested in the position.

Chair Bushee presumed there would be someone who would want this job.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

1. Bike to Work Week

Chair Bushee announce that on Friday for the Bike to Work Week there would be an event at the Railyard, to challenge issues to see if the City or the County can get the most staff there on bikes. She asked everyone to get there on a bike.

Mr. Pacheco said the County now had a bicycle committee that was working on getting their staff there. The County bought into a City project. They wanted to be part of the Bike To Work Week.

Chair Bushee said it would be at 3:30 on Friday at the old courthouse/administrative building on Grant. Then they would ride to the Railyard. Mr. Siqueiros sent an email out and encouraged the staff to go on bikes.

Mr. Newhall noted that the Century was always around the Bike to Work Week.

Chair Bushee there was a race this year with a police escort for Century. It could grow into a big race. It was a big thing to put our attention to.

Mr. Pacheco said the County bought into the City event so now BTAC had an interface.

Mr. Rivera announced that on Friday Chain Breakers would be noticing a new campaign. They would

encourage people to keep biking to work all through the summer. He added that the rebate resolution was stalled in the Public Works Committee.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Mr. Herdman welcomed Mr. Abbatacola to the BTAC.

Mr. Herdman reported there was a flyer in the newspaper regarding tourism. There was nothing for recreation on the list of reasons why Santa Fe was a major tourist destination.

Chair Bushee said she promoted it all day at the expo.

Mr. Herdman was disappointed.

Mr. Abbatacola said he was delighted to be here on the Committee.

Ms. Robinson said the members all talked about what kind of biker they were when they started. She asked Mr. Abbatacola what kind of biker he was.

Mr. Abbatacola said he was a commuter and had been car-free for nine years. He has been in Santa Fe for 3 years. He was originally from Chicago. He was a park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park and worked in corporate America as well as a consultant. He was now with a nonprofit. He enjoyed cycling and hiking and volunteer work.

Chair Bushee asked him what district he lived in.

Mr. Abbatacola said he was in Dimas' district. He thanked Chair Bushee for inviting him and encouraging him to be a part of this.

Ms. Robinson said she would go on that race but would get to be last.

Ms. Grogan said she was going to do the Century but not racing. She was concerned that they were postponing G1.

Chair Bushee explained that the gentleman was not here. She would let him know that BTAC had concerns. She thought those near Dale Ball were the ones they really needed to worry about. Mr. Siqueiros had told her that he could not make it but did speak to the Fire Chief. They were considering some of the recommendations and ideas.

Mr. Herdman said Mr. Siqueiros did bring him up to speed on how important trails were.

Ms. Grogan said there might be a reason to close trails higher up but Dale Ball, would make a difference if they could keep it open.

Chair Bushee agreed to follow up. She asked Mr. Siqueiros to make sure he comes the next time.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would be here on June 19th.

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC could have a special meeting.

Chair Bushee said she would talk to the Chief.

Ms. Grogan asked if anything would be done soon on the GO bond projects.

Mr. Martínez said that July was the time for bond sales. Staff were working on quotes and designs now.

Ms. Grogan asked if at the next meeting he could give BTAC an update as to where the projects were that they were working on.

Mr. Martínez said he could.

Ms. Grogan said one of the projects was the improvement of Botolph. She asked if he could let BTAC know where that stands at the next meeting. She knew there was a neighborhood meeting about that and it was one of the CIP projects.

Mr. Martínez said they were still in the design process now. They were trying to determine if they were able to afford sidewalks on both sides of the road. He was hoping to get the design project finalized by August and go out to bid.

Ms. Grogan asked if they would do striping to have a bike lane on both sides.

Mr. Martínez said there was not enough room to accommodate curb, gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides. They were trying to make lanes of a good width to accommodate cars and bikes. There were currently no bike lanes there now.

Ms. Grogan asked if they could put in sharrows.

Mr. Martínez agreed. If there was a way to accommodate cyclists, that would be good. They were trying to get enough room for share the road.

Ms. Robinson noticed that the trail under 599 was looking good. She thanked him for that. She asked they had any feedback on the sidewalks on Placitas.

Mr. Martínez said they were getting close to competition but still needed some things. They were placing a crosswalk on the hill. They needed to select stucco and get that completed. It had some project savings so they were expecting to color the walls.

Mr. Pacheco thought it was a great job.

Ms. Robinson asked about the cross walk.

Chair Bushee said it was not a great location.

Mr. Martínez agreed it was a bit of a funky location.

Ms. Robinson thought it should have a crosswalk where speed bump was.

Mr. Martínez said it would be at the top of the hill. He said they could have a ribbon cutting if BTAC wanted one.

Chair Bushee thought it should be on a Friday afternoon.

Mr. Herdman wanted it around 5:00.

Ms. Robinson agreed. She was pleased they went under budget so you can color walls. She asked if the earth removal above the wall could be planted.

Mr. Martínez said they were working with Parks to do some seeding but the slope was steep.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros if he could co-ordinate it and also send a card to the community rider who fell and broke both wrists.

Mr. Rivera left the meeting.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

Mr. Keith Wilson said last week was Bike To School day. They had 25 to 30 kids involved. Maybe for next year they could coordinate a bigger effort to get kids to ride bikes. REI had a cycle event. He had a table there last Saturday. People were noticing and appreciating what was happening with the City regarding bike trails. He attended a day and a half training. It was very informative for implementation of facilities.

Chair Bushee left the meeting and Mr. Herdman took over.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Continued Discussion Regarding BTAC Recommendations for Trails Closures Due to Fire Prevention within the City of Santa Fé (Greg Gallegos, Wildland Superintendent - Fire Department)

This item was postponed to the next meeting under Approval of Agenda.

2. Update Regarding BTAC's Recommendations for the City's Traffic Calming Program (Engineering Staff)

Mr. Martínez said no budget had been approved for traffic calming since 2006. They have done a couple of projects and used reallocation funds. Since 2010 they have had 2 projects mainly because demand was low. They still get some requests but that does not mean that the application was justified. They had to do a traffic study each time. That had been under his purview since 2008. He recommended leaning the new AASHTO guidelines and their recommendations. There were benefits to both pedestrians and cyclists but it was tied to design. He recommended relying on the 2012 manual.

Mr. Herdman said BTAC worked on that back in its heyday. There were concerns then about how the traffic calming was implemented.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed. There were lots of concerns about Guadalupe Street.

Mr. Herdman said Guadalupe was a good example of traffic calming. He suggested that the on road committee look at this. Ms. Grogan asked if there was an electronic version of the manual.

Mr. Wilson said no but they could make a copy for her.

Mr. Herdman thought if Mr. Martínez felt comfortable copying the highlights, that would be good.

Mr. Pacheco said he would like a copy of that as well.

Mr. Martínez any revisions to manual have to go through committees with council approval.

Mr. Herdman thought the AASHTO standards were pretty good.

Ms. Robinson said it seemed like the last traffic calming project was Gonzales Road. It had controversy from neighbors. It was successful because it got neighbors to talk about it. Simple islands came from it and the trail and sidewalk. It was expensive but worked. She saw the mobile photo enforcement vehicles placed around.

Mr. Martínez said it was a temporary means of slowing traffic. They did have tools in the toolbox. He had some concerns about some things that needed to be designed properly so emergency response time was not affected.

Mr. Herdman asked if the fall off in calming projects was because funding was not available or what was needed was done.

Mr. Martínez said the governing body had no funding for this for several years.

Mr. Herdman asked if there was a policy change.

Mr. Martínez said funding just got tied up elsewhere and many roads have been engineered better.

Ms. Robinson went to a number of those meetings about traffic calming long ago.

Mr. Herdman asked if the on-road committee were working on amendments.

Ms. Robinson said she and Mr. Pacheco would look at guidelines and amendments and make a presentation to BTAC. She asked what the 2 traffic calming projects were.

Mr. Martínez said one was Clark Road and the 800 block of Rio Vista was the second.

Ms. Robinson asked if Gonzales Road was not considered traffic calming.

Mr. Martínez said it was not. They did narrow lanes and that helped pedestrians.

Ms. Grogan said this came up because Mr. Pacheco was asking about speed bumps on Agni Fria.

Mr. Martínez said that was the county portion of Agni Fria and that was temporary.

Mr. Pacheco agreed. It was a county project on a trial basis. They put the yellow bumpers in the road in the Traditional Agni Fria Village and that falls under county jurisdiction.

Mr. Martínez suggested they talk to the new transportation planner.

Mr. Pacheco said it was a dangerous area.

Mr. Herdman thanked Mr. Martínez.

3. Update Regarding the League of American Bicyclists 2013 "Bicycle Friendly Community" application (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros handed out a memo about this subject and said it was not complete and he would add more to it. He would include Bike To School and the position Chair Bushee talked about.

Mr. Pacheco asked that the county committee be included in list. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Siqueiros went through list.

Mr. Pacheco said Mr. Aune was a good contact for this. He would be at the Friday events.

Mr. Pacheco said Mr. Siqueiros did a good job with this.

Mr. Herdman asked about bus signs. He also should include promotion of Bike to Work Week.

Mr. Abbatacola asked if Mr. Wilson did a traffic study that was relevant to this.

Mr. Wilson said they would be deploying the infrared and passive infrared through the trails. They purchased 6 devices.

Mr. Martínez said it would take a year to determine the best locations. They had no clue how many people used these trails and it would help for planning. The boxes will be 32 inches off the ground. They detect motion and can tell which direction they were coming from.

Ms. Robinson asked if they were on all the time.

Mr. Martínez agreed - 24 hours a day. And they will call in the count at 2 am every night and he could see the count every day

Mr. Siqueiros said the Century ride will increase use of trails and this might help with the application. Mr. Martínez bike ride groups nationally working on routes through Santa Fe. Route 66 was working on using Santa Fe trails. We might want them to come to BTAC to make a presentation. He suggested that at some point they should have them come in.

Mr. Abbatacola thanked him for putting this together.

Mr. Herdman said now that BTAC adopted the master plan they used that document for justification for funding. They could use this for the 5-year plan.

Ms. Grogan asked Mr. Siqueiros why this trails document was in the packet.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was because Mr. O'Leary was not able to be at this meeting to talk about this study. He could come to next meeting. He thought Mr. O'Leary was coming to meeting today.

Ms. Grogan asked if they were commissioning this study.

Mr. Siqueiros said they were going to apply for their own bicycling designation.

Ms. Robinson asked if he was going to scratch the CIP funds from the list. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Herdman said they did a study of bike sharing and that should be added.

Mr. Siqueiros said he went into more detail on number 20.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the fact that two of the city staff did a workshop he might want to add. He agreed to send the training details. It was done by the National Highway Administration.

Mr. Herdman suggested adding the fact that they were evaluating effects of traffic calming.

Mr. Siqueiros said that was in our previous application.

Mr. Abbatacola suggested the bike event and the bike swap.

Ms. Robinson suggested Bike Santa Fe.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would fit in if he could.

4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

- **On-Road**

This item was not considered.

- **Mountain Bike**

This item was not considered.

- **Bike Education and Outreach**

This item was not considered.

- **La Tierra Master Plan**

The La Tierra Trails now had dog bags out there.

Mr. Herdman asked if anyone had an update on the La Tierra Torture Bike Ride.

Mr. Newhall said 218 people participated. Parking was still an issue.

Mr. Siqueiros said Leroy Pacheco would give an update on the connector trail at the next meeting.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros had nothing to report.

2. Santa Fé Conservation Trust – Benefits of Trails (Economic Study) (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros had nothing to report.

Mr. Siqueiros asked if the Committee wanted Mr. O'Leary at the next meeting.

Mr. Herdman said they needed to have a discussion on the fire issues and a report back on traffic calming.

Ms. Grogan asked to have Mr. O'Leary at the July meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

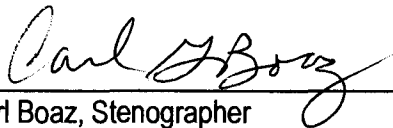
Mr. Pacheco moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Abbatacola seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p. m.

Approved by:


Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer