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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

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2. Discussion and Action Regarding Coordinating a Joint Meeting with BTAC, POSAC and COLTPAC to Discuss Current Projects and Future Planning Projects (Bob Siqueiros & Lisa Roach County Staff).
3. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
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 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra Master Plan

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

December 18, 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
Joseph Abbatacola
Gretchen Grogan
Frank Herdman
Ron Pacheco
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

One Vacancy
John Longworth
Tomás Rivera

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros
Keith Wilson

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2013 as presented. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no communications from the floor.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Ms. Lisa Roach, Open Space Planner, Santa Fe County, introduced herself. She said last Tuesday, December 10th, the Board of County Commissioners directed her to proceed with an application for funding of a project linking Buckman Road and the Santa Fé River segment of El Camino Real. She hoped to link them with a multi-use path.

Chair Bushee asked if there were any segments in the newly annexed area.

Ms. Roach agreed there was one piece.

Ms. Roach said she would like letters of support from the City for the grant application.

Chair Bushee asked how much the grant application sought.

Ms. Roach said they were asking for \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million from the Federal Lands Access Program. It was a brand new program and the application was due on January 10th.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Wilson if that was a source the City could have applied for.

Mr. Wilson explained that it was all about providing access to federal lands. NCRTD was looking at this fund for supporting bus service up to the Santa Fé ski area.

Chair Bushee asked if there might be any other projects that would apply to the city.

Mr. Wilson didn't believe so.

Chair Bushee asked if the funds could be used for operations of the shuttle.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Chair Bushee pointed out to Ms. Roach that the project would be near the Buckman Direct Diversion with this. There was a lot of debate over opportunities...

Ms. Roach clarified that the segment the County was focusing on was along Buckman Road...

Chair Bushee suggested that Ms. Roach ask someone at the Buckman Direct Diversion to look at the minutes to see the discussions.

Ms. Roach agreed to follow up on that.

Ms. Robinson had a question about the 599 underpass.

Mr. Wilson said the existing underpass was in place.

Ms. Robinson said she was referring to the one further south.

Mr. Wilson said that was the Caja Del Rio Road.

Chair Bushee said it was originally put in for equestrian use.

Mr. Wilson said they secured the easements then.

Ms. Robinson asked if that was driving the design.

Mr. Wilson agreed. It would connect to that underpass.

Ms. Roach said that was a huge reason why they were focusing on this.

Mr. Herdman commented that the purpose of these funds reminded him about a discussion about Pacheco Canyon to Atalaya and securing funding to buy a parcel there. He asked if she knew what he was talking about.

Ms. Roach said she wasn't familiar with it.

Mr. Herdman asked her to check on that. It was the connection between the Dale Ball trails and Atalaya Peak. He didn't remember what happened with that but she might check on it.

Ms. Roach agreed to follow up on that.

Ms. Robinson remembered that the Conversation Trust was part of that discussion.

Ms. Grogan asked if those funds would be available annually.

Ms. Roach said she was unclear about the future of the program. She believed its purpose was on how to use recreation sites on Federal lands for public access.

Ms. Grogan asked if it could be public transportation.

Ms. Roach agreed.

Mr. Pacheco asked if there was something the BTAC could do

Ms. Roach asked for a letter of support and said she had a template they could use.

Mr. Wilson said the MPO was providing a letter of support and Eric Martínez was working on getting the Mayor to sign a letter of support.

Ms. Robinson said it should include all the things that have been done for connectivity that the city has accomplished.

Ms. Grogan said this project was an extension of the river trail.

Ms. Robinson thought even though that was recreation to get to Diablo Canyon there was probably a commuter connection.

Ms. Roach agreed. It was connecting with the communities and it had all kinds of components.

Mr. Pacheco said he would be happy to sign on a letter of support.

Ms. Robinson wondered if getting something from the Mayor might be enough.

Ms. Roach said there was no such thing as too much support.

Mr. Pacheco moved to provide a letter of support for this project. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Discussion and Action Regarding Bike and Trails Advisory Committee 2014 Goals (Bob Siqueiros)

Chair Bushee said one goal should be to fill the empty slot on the Committee membership.

Mr. Siqueiros said Mr. Gilbert Martínez was recommended by Councilor Rivera.

Ms. Roach excused herself from the meeting.

Mr. Siqueiros said by now he should have received recommended goals from groups but he had not received any yet.

Ms. Grogan thought the League should be giving BTAC some guidance.

Mr. Siqueiros refereed to the list in the packet....

Ms. Grogan asked what Mr. Wilson thought was not feasible so the Committee could mark them out right now.

Mr. Wilson made a few comments. He said he could work with Mr. Siqueiros to flesh out what we can do and how to do it, pieces of things.

Ms. Grogan asked if the Committee could get an update on projects.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Siqueiros suggested having the update on projects at the January meeting.

Mr. Wilson gave a brief update.

Ms. Grogan thought it would be good for the Committee to know where the Phase A projects stood now.

Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Herdman suggested under evaluation and planning to have better communication with the County and monitor new sources of funding. He would like to see better coordination with the County.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was possible that one of Charlie O'Leary's staff could be the bicycle ombudsman. He was hiring two people.

Ms. Grogan noted that the BCC just passed a sustainable code. It would be interesting for BTAC to have a presentation on that.

Mr. Wilson said that was the big issue that blew up at the last minute...

Mr. Pacheco noted the Commission said it was a flexible document. They were already making changes in it.

Ms. Grogan said BTAC was trying to have coordination with COLTPAC and asked who at the County they could coordinate with.

Mr. Wilson acknowledged the MPO stole Erick Aune from the County.

Ms. Grogan thought BTAC should make more of an effort to coordinate with their transportation planner.

Mr. Wilson felt reasonably comfortable with their new road standards. He admitted it was easier for him to be aware of what was going on with the City

Chair Bushee said she had to leave. The Old Santa Fé trail segment still has to be part of whatever goals and she would like to understand how the bicycle ombudsman thing would work. She didn't think the Committee could take action tonight. They needed more discussion and have all members present. There

was also the issue of the study of walkability.

Mr. Wilson said the MPO was in the process of developing a pedestrian master plan. Walkability was also high on their list.

Chair Bushee agreed they should be talking about multi use trails, working with the County and a regional focus was a laudable goal - how to make ourselves more seamless between City and County.

Mr. Herdman would like to see a BTAC equivalent in the County.

Chair Bushee said she thought of Judy Kowalski from COLTPAC as a kind of connection.

Chair Bushee wanted a mini-update on the bike ombudsman funded position.

Ms. Grogan said Mr. O'Leary was interviewing now. He wanted to hire someone by mid-January.

Chair Bushee added that reviewing the resolution that created BTAC was important in relationship to goals. The other piece she would like to see was the economic component - even a mention of it to show its importance

Ms. Grogan wanted to include trail based recreation.

Mr. Herdman suggested as a goal to promote economic benefit for trail based activity.

Chair Bushee suggested healthy cities goals as well.

Ms. Robinson agreed, especially if you want younger people to move here.

Chair Bushee asked to put all those together on an agenda to talk about.

Mr. Siqueiros said the last major change on the resolution was when BTAC added the sub committees.

Chair Bushee said if BTAC expanded out a little into the County there was a lot more area to look at and larger potential.

Mr. Siqueiros said BTAC could have an ex-officio member from the County.

Ms. Robinson agreed. She had found people who were interested in being a BTAC member and they lived in the County.

Mr. Pacheco suggested if they were going to look at the resolution we could look at that.

Ms. Robinson asked what it would mean for BTAC if Chair Bushee was elected Mayor.

Chair Bushee asked her not to worry about that. She didn't want to get too political in this committee meeting.

Chair Bushee commented that bike sharing has been revisited in the social media. She still felt they needed to follow up more on that idea.

Mr. Wilson on that point, said they didn't need to look at Santa Fé in isolation and could consider it a partnership with Albuquerque and use the Rail runner as a conduit.

Mr. Pacheco agreed they should revisit it but under a new scenario.

Mr. Herdman was convinced it would not work here and thought it was a waste of time. It was also hugely expensive and they could use the money in other better ways.

Mr. Wilson said regarding the coordination issue that the MPO was having great success coordinating with County, City and DOT through the MPO. It was happening.

Ms. Grogan believed COLTPAC was a different animal.

Chair Bushee agreed but it was but closest to BTAC with what they had.

Mr. Pacheco said the dialogue would be occurring.

Chair Bushee reminded them that by looking at the resolution they should also have an interface with the Mayors Committee on Disabilities.

Mr. Herdman asked if they would carry this agenda item over.

Chair Bushee agreed they would revisit all of them. It would take work

Chair Bushee said in the discussion on audits BTAC needed to determine if they met the expectations of the voters on the bonds.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was any follow up on the reserve.

Chair Bushee had not heard anything further

Mr. Pacheco proposed a party for achieving silver designation.

Mr. Siqueiros said the Convention and Visitors' Bureau was working on it

2. Discussion and Action Regarding Coordinating a Joint Meeting with BTAC, POSAC and COLTPAC to Discuss Current Projects and Future Planning Projects.

Ms. Roach had recommended they put off the meeting with COLTPAC to get over reorganization and filling vacancies.

Mr. Siqueiros said they could work on that and an agenda for the meeting after that. He agreed to put it on the next agenda for action.

3. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

a On-Road

There was no report.

b. Mountain Bike

There was no report.

c. Bike Education and Outreach

There was no report.

d. La Tierra Master Plan

There was no report.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log

Mr. Siqueiros said the BTAC meeting calendar for 2014 was in the packet. The January meeting will be in Market Station. The November meeting would be on the 19th, not the 12th.

I COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pacheco wished happy holidays to all and to all a good night.

Mr. Abbatacola wondered if the BTAC had any influence on traffic enforcement on cycling.

Mr. Siqueiros said they could have the bike police come to a meeting.

Mr. Abbatacola asked if BTAC could get them on the agenda once or twice a year.

Ms. Robinson thought that would be a great idea so they can give an update

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros for a staff report on the underpass connection funds now that it was complete to see what could be done with money left if there was any.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

The Committee members thanked Mr. Siqueiros for everything he had done and thanked Ms. Martin for her work on the minutes.

J. ADJOURNMENT

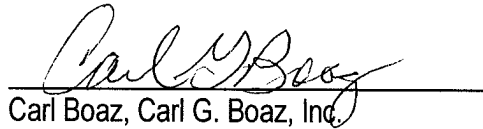
The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Patti Bushee", written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the word "for" is written in a cursive script.

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Carl G. Boaz", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Carl Boaz, Carl G. Boaz, Inc." is printed.