



Agenda

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 8-14-12 TIME 4:26 pm

SERVEL BY Jessie Esparta

RECEIVED BY [Signature]

Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission

The Barn at Frenchy's Field

Tuesday August 21, 2012

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2012
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - Parks Department Update
 - Strategic Planning Implementation
 - POSAC/BTAC/COLTPAC proposed meeting
6. New Business
 - Using 2008 Bond monies for the Las Crucitas Project Action Item
 - Buckman Motocross Track Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening
 - Scoreboard for Ft. Marcy
 - Skate Park options process
 - Using Goats for Invasive Weed Control in City Parks
7. Possible Reports from POSAC Commissioners
 - Oralynn Guerreortiz: District 1, Tierra Contenta parks and trails connections.
 - Joe Lehm: District 1, Skate Parks, Wheel-friendly Trail connections
 - Daniel Coriz: Youth, BMX, motocross & pump track building and maintenance.
 - Tom Agard: District 4, Organized Sports, Safe Routes to Schools
 - Pat Torres – Extension, Tree City, Community Gardens
 - Anna Hansen - District 3 / Bicycle MPO Implementation, Art in the Parks, Acequia trail connections to parks, especially Ashbaugh
 - Sandie Taylor: District 2 / Parks History/ Tree City
 - Bette Booth: District 3, BTAC/ POSAC Coordination, Parks on the City Web site, Youth involvement, Prairie dogs, Parks and Trails Co-management, Planning for the Future.
8. Public Comments
9. Confirm date and time for the next meeting September 18, 2012.

Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations, contact the City Clerk's office at 955-6520, five (5) working days prior to meeting date

SUMMARY INDEX
MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
August 21, 2012

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	Quorum	1
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 17, 2012	Approved [amended]	1-2
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Approved	2
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>		
PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Information/discussion	2-4
STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION	Information/discussion	4-5
POSAC/BTAC/COLTPAC PROPOSED MEETING	Information/discussion	5
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>		
USING 2008 BOND MONIES FOR THE LAS CRUCITAS PROJECT ACTION ITEM	Approved	6-7
BUCKMAN MOTOCROSS TRACK RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING	Discussion/direction to staff	7-11
SCOREBOARD FOR FT. MARCY	Information/discussion	11
SKATE PARK OPTIONS PROCESS	Information/discussion	11-12
USING GOATS FOR INVASIVE WEED CONTROL IN CITY PARKS	Information/discussion	12-14
<u>POSSIBLE REPORTS FROM POSAC COMMISSIONERS</u>		
ORALYNN GUERREORTIZ – DISTRICT 1 TIERRA CONTENTA PARKS AND TRAILS CONNECTIONS		15
JOE LEHM – DISTRICT 1 SKATE PARKS, WHEEL- FRIENDLY TRAIL CONNECTIONS		15
DANIEL CORIZ: YOUTH, BMX, MOTOCROSS & PUMP TRACK BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE		

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
TOM AGARD: DISTRICT 4 ORGANIZED SPORTS, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS	Information/discussion	15
PAT TORRES: EXTENSION, TREE CITY, COMMUNITY GARDENS		15
ANNA HANSEN: DISTRICT 3 BICYCLE MPO IMPLEMENTATION, ART IN THE PARKS, ACEQUIA TRAIL CONNECTIONS TO PARKS, ESPECIALLY ASHBAUGH	Information/discussion	16
SANDIE TAYLOR: DISTRICT 2 PARKS HISTORY, TREE CITY		16
BETTE BOOTH: DISTRICT 3 BTAC/POSAC COORDINATION, PARKS ON THE CITY WEBSITE, YOUTH INVOLVEMENT, PRAIRIE DOGS, PARKS AND TRAILS CO-MANAGEMENT, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE	Information/discussion	16
PUBLIC COMMENT	None	16
CONFIRM DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 2012		16-17
ADJOURNMENT		17

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
CORNER OF OSAGE AND AGUA FRIA
August 21, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission was called to order on Wednesday, August 21, 2012, at approximately 3:00 p.m., by, Chair Bette Booth, in the Barn at Frenchy's Field, Santa Fe.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bette Booth, Chair
Tom Agard
Daniel Coriz
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Anna Hansen
Joe Lehm
Sandra Taylor
Patrick Torres
[Vacancy]

STAFF PRESENT:

Ben Gurule, Acting Director, Parks Division
James Martinez, Roads and Trails
Leann Valdez, Roads and Trails
Jesse Esparza, Parks Division
Robert Wood, IPM Program Manager, Parks Division
Elizabeth Martin on behalf of Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 17, 2012

The following corrections were made to the minutes of July 17, 2012:

Under Roll Call: list Daniel Coriz as excused.

MOTION: Sandra Taylor moved, seconded by Anna Hansen, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Oralynn Guerrerortiz moved, seconded by Sandra Taylor, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Booth introduced Ben Gurule, Acting Director, Parks Division, Jesse Esparza Commission Liaison, and Bob Wood, Tree City Coordinator.

– PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ben Gurule updated the Commission on the 2008 bond funds as follows:

- *Cielo Vista Park.* They are working on the community garden, adding the soil amendment and getting ready for seeding. They need to finish installing a few pieces of playground equipment, which should be done in 3 weeks.
- *Monica Lucero.* The park was flooded yesterday. Two header curbs and a few more pieces of playground equipment need to be installed. They redid all of the irrigation modifications.
- *Torreon Park.* The work has begin on a backflow preventor and two irrigation modifications and accessibility work.
- *MRC.* They are finishing the ADA perimeter pathway, and it will be 100% accessible.

Ms. Hansen said Ashbaugh Park looks beautiful, and the grass looks so pretty.

Mr. Gurule agreed, saying they have mowed it a couple of times. There is an area on the southwest corner where there are bald spots. He said the crew will be working on that after Fiestas to add a valve and a few heads there. He said other than the bald spots, the whole area looks really nice.

Mr. Gurule said the “grow-in” at Lorca is looking good, as well as at La Resolana, noting they have had good success with the seeding program. He said they have another 1,000 pounds of seeds to “hit some of the bald spots all over town.”

Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Gurule if he does all of the irrigation, maintenance, repairs and such in-house, and Mr. Gurule said yes, 100%.

Ms. Taylor asked if there is a plaque at Torreon Park, and Mr. Gurule said yes.

Mr. Gurule said Frank Archuleta, Jason Fooke, Richard Lopez and he worked on the 2012 Implementation Plan. He said it is in a draft form and he is in a holding pattern waiting for the Trails portion, because it will be presented as one package – Parks and Trails – in one presentation. He said Eric had a BTAC meeting on it last week, which was one of the meetings he needed to hold to discuss the prioritizing the constructing of the trails, and the timing.

Chair Booth asked when the bonds will be sold.

Mr. Gurule said he doesn't know. He said there is one designer, one project administrator, a park supervisor and a crew composed of a pipefitter, an operator and some neighbors, commenting they are booked solid until June 2013. He said this implementation plan is scheduled to begin July 2013 through June 2015. He said until the bonds are sold, there isn't much work they can do. He said there were a few areas of low hanging fruit, for example, the El Parque del Rio.

Mr. Gurule said the 2008 bond funding took care of everything adjacent to the River, which is River Parkway, and there is another amount in the 2012 bond for skate parks, and some of those funds are for West DeVargas Park. He said that work could have been done through a change order if the funding was available.

Chair Booth said the money for the skate park was included in the event Brian didn't have sufficient funds to finish it. She said he just emailed her that construction will begin on the skate park at DeVargas in September, and he thinks he has enough money, so hopefully the skate park funds can go into the other design-build project that they met with Mr. Gurule about.

Mr. Gurule said they had a pre-construction meeting yesterday, and they will be breaking ground on September 10, 2012, at West DeVargas. He will provide the schedule to the Chair.

Mr. Gurule said breaking grounds means it is the beginning of demolition. Mr. Gurule said it means the City has turned over the site to the Contractor, which means the contractor will first fence everything and it will stay until the construction is complete.

Mr. Gurule said there will be a public service announcement, commenting Brian Drypolcher will be initiating the PSA.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Gurule how things are going, in general.

Mr. Gurule said things are going smoothly. They have adjusted some maintenance practices, and believes there is a higher level of safety and accountability which are important to him, commenting this also includes the golf course. He said there is one new supervisor, John Romero, Arterial Maintenance Supervisor and Stephen Almenzar who was already a supervisor, noting he is an ordinance enforcement person who was the supervisor of the Graffiti Crew. He said Mr. Almenzar's responsibility was expanded with Trails, so he now has Trails, Graffiti and Traffic Calming.

Mr. Gurule said Frenchy's Field is scheduled for seeding. He said it will be a challenge to grow something in the field because of the prairie dogs.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Gurule if we are over capacity with prairie dogs.

Mr. Gurule said Bob Wood has identified this with the Wildlife Management Specialist, and there is a certain number of prairie dogs per acre, and Frenchy's exceeds that amount by double.

Chair Booth suggested a walk-through with two of the Friends of Frenchy's Field and discuss various things, including irrigation.

Mr. Gurule said this has a nice functional irrigation system, noting it is new and well maintained. He said there are areas which don't have a lot of vegetation and have been programmed to water very little. He said if there was an effort to reduce the prairie dogs and drill seed some of these areas, he would have a higher level of success.

Ms. Hansen said it was disturbing to see prairie dogs on the corner of St. Frances and Cerrillos.

Mr. Wood said that is DOT property and it is not a City Parks issue.

Chair Booth asked Mr. Wood if he is ready to provide a finance breakdown for Tree City at this point.

Mr. Wood said he isn't ready and would like to hold that over to the next meeting, noting Ms. Esparza has the numbers, but he hasn't asked her for them.

Chair Booth noted Tanda retired, and there have been some personnel changes.

– STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION

Ms. Guerrerortiz said they met with Councilor Dimas and talked about various concerns, including park safety. She said they enunciated their concern about ongoing maintenance and funding for maintenance, and he recognized that as an issue. She said he seemed very supportive, but she doesn't know that he had any ideas of how to maintain that. She said he did tell them that the "per team fees," or "player fees," proposal which was proposed as an Ordinance amendment is being held in abeyance indefinitely, so that is now a non-issue. She said Tom is going to report that back to his folks.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said Councilor Dimas was supportive of this Commission and the concept that things relevant to Parks should come to this Commission first before moving to the City Council.

Chair Booth said Ms. Guerrerortiz asked about Candelera in particular. She said they showed Councilor Dimas what was in the bond for his District, and she didn't think he knew that, so that was helpful for him. She said they pointed out Rancho Siringo which is a park that didn't get anything in the last bond issue, and suggested that he drive by that park. She said they told him that probably should go through a public process because the neighbors need to decide what is going to happen.

Chair Booth said Rancho Siringo Park is at the corner of Rancho Siringo and another street, noting it is a very small park just down from Santa Fe High, where there is a lot of drug dealing, noting somebody was killed across the street, noting it is a rough neighborhood. She said it is in the 2012 bond and it will need some public input.

Chair Booth said Councilor Dimas was very interested and open, and we started a good communication with him.

Ms. Taylor asked about the sports fee, and if Councilor Dimas gave any reason it was being held indefinitely.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said most of the sports team prefer that. She said his understanding is the current Ordinance is not enforced, and the modifications being proposed by Councilor Trujillo were things which concerned the different sports organizations. The sports organizations were asking for a completely different rewrite or just keep things the way they are, and they are keeping things the way they are.

Chair Booth said the sense she got from him, and other Councilors, that once they try to rewrite the Ordinance, it would open all cans of worms and would be a lengthy process.

Chair Booth said Councilor Trujillo didn't show for the meeting, but he did send her an apology via text, saying he was called for another meeting, so we still need to talk with him. She said they will be meeting with Councilor Dominguez at 11:30 a.m., at Tiny's, and the meeting with Councilor Ives has been postponed to next Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Plaza Café.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said Councilor Dominguez wants skate parks.

– POSAC/BTAC/COLTPAC PROPOSED MEETING

Chair Booth said this meeting is scheduled on October 24, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., and probably will be at the Convention Center in one of the small meeting rooms. She said she proposed that we have a "meet and greet" coffee at 5:00 p.m., and said she would work on this.

6. NEW BUSINESS

– USING 2008 BOND MONIES FOR THE LAS CRUCITAS PROJECT ACTION ITEM

Chair Booth said she attended the BTAC meeting and there was a lot of discussion. She said Councilor Bushee had asked where we were in terms of La Tierra Trail, and this is what was shown. She said, ultimately, if we look at all the projects that have been done or projected to be done, all of the funds for the La Tierra Trails will have been spent with the exception of \$215,000. She said this is contingency that could be wiped out with one thing.

Chair Booth said there has been a lot of discussion about the issues of connectivity and how this is really needed, but the bond money wasn't the appropriate way to fund this. She said a motion was approved unanimously by BTAC to go to impact fees for the funds.

Ms. Valdez said they are going before the Impact Fee Committee on September 13, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., to request \$400,000, noting the Park Impact Fee fund has about \$400,000.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said there are different categories of funds, and asked if they are seeking Parks or Road Impact Fees.

Ms. Valdez said they are going for the Road Impact Fees.

Chair Booth said at the BTAC meeting everyone recognized that a connection is needed between the River Trail and La Tierra Trails and to get people safely through the underpass and this is very important. She said it appears the MPO bicycle plan doesn't have a proposal for this. She said at one point Eric Martinez said, once we are finished building out La Tierra, if there is a little money left, perhaps those funds should be used to do a study on the best way to do that.

Chair Booth said in the 2012 bond there is a bicycle trail on both sides of the road, but there is only \$56,000 budgeted, and it is 2 miles long, so it obviously is under-funded.

Margaret Alexander said she has the La Tierra Trails Master Plan, and under the implementation page, there is a connection funded from [inaudible] to La Tierra Trails, "but we go to City property. It's not a sidewalk, commenting a sidewalk and a trail are two different things." She said early on she spoke with Councilor Bushee about a connection from El Torreon through City land to the underpass. She said the underpass connection is extremely important where it ends up. She said the Fat Tire Society, which is the Mountain Bike community group in Santa Fe who invited the IMBA conference to Santa Fe and is the lead organization on that conference, wants to get an interim trail built from the south side of Montoya to the underpass.

Ms. Alexander said the Fat Tire Society is working with the DOT to get permission to build a temporary dirt path to the underpass. She said it is flagged and the flags are approved by the neighbors, and hopefully we can try to save some lives in this effort.

Chair Booth asked what is needed from this Commission.

Ms. Alexander said they heard from the City that it is a DOT issue, and she is unsure where the 599 easement ends and the City land begins. She said the reason a full blown trail isn't being built at this time, is because there will be two bridges across arroyos. She said they are just trying to get something temporary so bikers can get to the underpass safely. She said they could use help with the people at DOT to make that happen.

Chair Booth said she would be happy to go with her to talk to the people at DOT.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she wants to ensure that the funds used are Road impact fees and not Parks impact fees that they are seeking for this purpose.

Chair Booth said she feels our role is to make a motion to support the BTAC decision, that it be taken from Road Impact Fees.

MOTION: Anna Hansen moved, seconded by Oralynn Guerrerortiz, that this Commission supports the BTAC decision to use Road Impact Fees for the Las Crucitas sidewalk.

VOTE: The was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Booth thanked James Martinez and Leann Valdez of Public Works, Roads and Trails for attending the meeting and providing information.

– BUCKMAN MOTOCROSS TRACK RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING

Daniel Coriz introduced Kyle Douglas, Ben Douglas and Richard Douglas who are volunteers and advisors to him on this project, noting they have been the most active at the Track.. He said their input will hold more weight because they are always at the Track and he has seen the improvement in their riding and respects their opinion more than anyone else.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if Buckman is at La Tierra, and Mr. Coriz said yes.

Chair Booth asked the status of the implementation.

Mr. Gurule said the City put in legal access and a parking lot.

Mr. Coriz said the track is open and people are using it, but they have issues with maintenance and the build. The original build from 1968 was 50% destroyed by the building of 599, and over the last 4 years they've been working hard to create a rideable loop to go out there and use the track. They are at the point they need to build the track in a condition that is rideable. He said it is crucial because the City and current users are planning a grand opening and ribbon cutting on October 20, 2012.

Chair Booth asked if this is in the master plan and if there are funds for this.

Mr. Coriz said they are starting to work on the amenities.

Chair Booth said the Buckman Motocross Track has gotten all the money it is going to get and needs to go after the \$215,000 left over from the 2008 bond issue.

Mr. Gurule said it appears there was \$400,000 for the access and when it was all said and done, he saw the work order and it was for \$50,000. He said it is the first item under Master Plan that is broken out. He said they are working on site amenities right now and would appreciate any help they can get from Parks and volunteers.

Chair Booth asked if he spoke with Leroy about the budget for the rest of the Motocross Track.

Mr. Gurule said this is one of the issues he is having right now, which is the issue of getting equipment from the parking lot to the actual track, noting there is one ravine that an emergency vehicle cannot cross, and he's working on that right now.

Mr. Coriz asked if this wasn't identified in the schematic drawings or in the design phase of the project – the access road from the parking lot to the trail loops.

Mr. Gurule said it was, but nobody paid attention to the detail. He said the construction fence is still there.

Unidentified asked if he has a copy of the contract, and if he has reviewed the contract and if it is part of the specifications of the contract.

Mr. Gurule said he does, but he doesn't have it here. He said he didn't look at it in detail.

Mr. Coriz said it looked perfectly fine when he was out there.

Mr. Gurule said he will look at the original construction documents to see if the access road was included. He said it could be built in-house, but the materials for compaction and such will take funds. He said he will check the budget balance and check the contract to see if the road was part of the original design. He said he and Daniel need to get together and produce guidelines for his expectations of maintenance – weekly, monthly, quarterly – and what product he would get based on that maintenance, and then incorporate the volunteers, City staff and City equipment, and see what kind of maintenance strategy they can develop. He said once that is done, Mr. Coriz will need to bring that forward to this Commission to be taken to the next level.

The Douglasses provided a list of current issues which include the need for maintenance on the track which is rough and said there are safety issues in crossing the arroyo. He said they have some ideas of changing the configuration of the track if they had equipment. Ben Douglas said he is a heavy

equipment operator and will volunteer his time to operate the equipment to do what needs to be done. He said the way the track is now, people could get hurt because it is dangerous.

Chair Booth said she is hearing that the track is rideable, but it's not safe.

Mr. Coriz said it is good for a personal track. However, it won't be safe for the grand opening.

Chair Booth asked what they are requesting.

Mr. Coriz said to start with a list, they need direction. He said there is no signage and there needs to be caution signs. He said he has issues with drainage, noting there are 3 areas which are flooded every time it rains, but that is an easy fix with equipment. He said they need internal fencing as well as signage. He said the track crosses an arroyo 8 times which could be fixed by putting a fence across, at least for this stage to keep things safe. He said the temporary fence would guide traffic and block the crossings in the arroyo.

A member asked if it could be stabilized with soil or pavement, because they put a lot of maintenance into this on a regular basis.

Mr. Coriz said another issue is that it is very rocky, and to work with the soil is almost impossible in places. He said the ultimate track is wet, tacky soil. He said we can't do this here because we don't have water. The plan is to build a dry course so they don't have to constantly water the track.

Chair Booth said the Commission totally supports this, but we don't have the budget – trails has the budget.

Mr. Agard said this really is a trails issue and isn't that where you should go – to BTAC.

Mr. Coriz said they are coming here for maintenance.

Chair Booth said ultimately Parks will be maintaining La Tierra Trails.

Mr. Gurule said in Public Works, there's an engineering section that is designing and building trails – Eric Martinez, Leroy Pacheco and Bob Siqueiros. In Public Works, the Parks Division maintains trails. He said we can probably assist with the maintenance, but building the track is a "whole other deal." He said it could go either way, but it always comes down to funding. He said there is also the issue of the Trails guys building track, noting they don't have much experience, so that is always an issue.

Mr. Gurule said the City is not allowed to let non-City employees operate City-owned equipment because of the liability. He said the City can schedule a water truck to do some compaction. He said they can grub and shape the access road where a water truck can get over it, but if it rained, it would be the end of the road.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Mr. Gurule said BTAC's input was that they were most concerned about the legal access to parking, and left any help with the track to volunteers. He said to help in shaping the tracks, he could schedule an operator with a water truck and a loader this weekend, and the volunteers could help with the shaping. He said the volunteers would have to wear protective equipment, and they could do some safety training before they start the job each day in the event it is a different worker. He said Parks doesn't have the funding for signage. He said building an access road would take base course material and renting a roller. He said to get to 95-100% compaction a roller is needed. He said they are renting a roller to build the trail at the MRC. He said the only funding source available after 2008 was the Parks bond and all of those funds are spoken for.

Chair Booth said the \$3 million for La Tierra Trails came through us, and they've been managing it. She believes we could lobby, as a Commission, to use part of the \$215,000 left over funds to build a motocross track. She said she sees \$100,000 in the line item for this and doesn't see how all of that could have been spent. Mr. Gurule said it looks like \$400,000.

Chair Booth said she will request a breakdown on La Tierra Trails spending on Buckman and how much money is left over, and begin lobbying for those funds.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said we are talking about 100 ft. of base course road which would cost \$2,500, signage at \$350 each. She said we're looking at less than \$5,000.

Mr. Coriz said we will need trash cans and port-a-potties and things like this for the event.

Ms. Booth said she will draft a letter requesting the status of the project and urge moving forward to complete the project because the opening is scheduled for October 20, 2012. She said the opening could be moved, although we don't want to do that. She said it is important to move now so the piece outlined in the master plan is fully completed.

Mr. Coriz said the current users and builders are thinking of safety and don't want it pulled from them for any reason. It is one of the first public motocross tracks in the nation.

Chair Booth said the week before the grand opening everybody is going to be focusing on IMBA, and you may want to consider changing the grand opening date.

Mr. Coriz said the date was set by Leroy Pacheo, and it is already out there. He said their issue is getting people on and off the track, and as long as they can get equipment time to work on the track "we can make it happen."

Chair Booth said she will draft a letter and send it to the Commission for tweaking, and then begin a full court press.

Responding to Ms. Guerrerortiz, Chair Booth said an item has to be on the agenda for action in order to be voted upon, so the public will know what we will be doing, commenting it is a legal issue. She said she can put action item on everything in the future.

Mr. Coriz said he will have a good idea of where we stand on the building of the track and the access road after this weekend.

Mr. Coriz said they were estimating for an "entire track building from beginning to end, equipment would be needed for two weeks – 10 days." He said whatever time they get, they'll make it happen.

– SCOREBOARD FOR FT. MARCY

Chair Booth said she attended several games, and said it is a great adventure and family recreation. She said Councilor Trujillo said he would like the private sector to fund a scoreboard. She said she is interested in working on this.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said if we could get corporate sponsorship labels that would be great, and Chair Booth said this is the intent.

Chair Booth said we are opening this for the Little Leagues to do the same, and believes it is positive for everyone.

Chair Booth said the scoreboards she was looking at cost about \$10,000, noting it will fit with the park and we don't want something flashy. She said they passed the hat to give the guys who hit home runs a little extra, noting they are paid \$40 a week and are living with families in Santa Fe.

A member said the scoreboard has to go through the H-Board, commenting the scoreboards can be wireless.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she is willing to help Chair Booth to work on getting corporate sponsors.

– SKATE PARK OPTIONS PROCESS

Chair Booth said there is \$350,000 for skate parks and we're trying to determine how to best use these funds. She said Carlos did an analysis and things are much more expensive than he thought.

Chuck said they are so simple they could be built by staff. He said the park that takes the skill and gets mixed up is the transition. He said the "skate dots" don't have that much technical concrete work.

Chair Booth said we learned that the \$60,000 we originally put in to expand the apron, will have to wait until they can fix the unsafe areas at the park. She said Carlos needs to determine that cost, and then we'll know what we have left and can decide how to spend those funds. She suggested a first step would be that the skaters and park staff get together and figure out what it will cost to make the park safe, and then see what we have left to spend.

Mr. Gurule said it has cracks, some holes, ledges that need to be repaired. He said they repaired some ledges and it cost about \$6,000, noting they had to demo the concrete and pull out the existing ledge. Then they installed a new ledge which is 3/8 angle iron with rebar welded to it, and anchor it into the concrete. It is labor intensive. He said it will be expensive to make these repairs, just like a remodel on your house – it's easier to build new than to remodel.

Chair Booth said she will leave it to them to determine the costs and we then can decide how to move forward at the next meeting. She said we need to move quickly to spend these funds.

Mr. Lehm said he will do a quick inventory of parks with 30 sq. ft. next to an existing sidewalk or a pad where we could do something, and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Gurule said he will follow up on the cost of skate dots, and report back at the next meeting.

– USING GOATS FOR INVASIVE WEED CONTROL IN CITY PARKS

[STENOGRAPHER'S NOTE: All of the questions asked were not audible, so I have included those that were audible]

Dave and Amanita Thorp presented a slide show regarding their work using their goats to clear weeds, etc.

Responding to the Chair, Ms. Thorp said their work in Eldorado is mostly fire mitigation.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said the growback hasn't been very bad because of the lack of rain.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said the prairie dog holes are different than gophers, so they don't penetrate the holes and don't have any effect whatsoever on prairie dogs.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Mr. Thorp said they close as much as 5 acres at a time, noting if they have 50 goats they can do ½ acre.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said they pen the goats at night for "peace of mind." Mr. Thorp said sometimes they take them back and forth, depending on the job.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said the goats aren't grazers, so they will eat the grass down, but won't hurt it, noting they eat grass mostly in the spring, but they're looking for other things to mix with it. She said they did a good job on the weeds at the Eldorado soccer fields, because all they wanted were the goatheads, the alfalfa and such.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said they don't eat wildflowers while they're blooming, commenting they like asters. Mr. Thorp said they don't damage the perennials, and they seem to go after the annuals.

A member of the Commission said it would be good if they could deal with the medians and arterial roads. Mr. Thorp said they do roads.

A member of the Commission said Tierra Contenta has 4 foot median strips which have a lot of weeds, and suggested going to the Homeowners Associations such as the Oshara Village HOA, and La Tierra, because they definitely need help.

A member asked if they have identified places where it might be appropriate for the goats to do a project.

Ms. Thorp said Frenchy's Field would be an interesting place, especially if they came in the winter, they could clear everything out, and when the horehound is at a certain point and knock that out to give the grasses a chance. She said Arroyo Chamiso would be an interesting place to work on fire suppression.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said they don't have a set fee for Santa Fe, and they have been doing a fee per day. They basically come up with a fee per site and situation.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Mr. Thorp said it would be \$350 for a one acre yard, assuming they will be fencing around the house and other plants to be protected.

Chair Booth asked the Thorps if they have current contracts with government agencies.

Mr. Thorp said no. He said they had contracts with the USACD, and with the Eldorado Community Association.

Chair Booth asked about insurance and bonding liability.

Mr. Thorp said they do have liability insurance.

Chair Booth asked if they were doing Frenchy's would there be someone with them all the time.

Mr. Thorp said yes, the goats are never alone.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Ms. Thorp said they have been fine interacting with dogs, noting they always have a guard dog with them in those situations. Mr. Thorp said they have Australian Shepherds to control the goats, and guardian dogs which get between strange dogs and the herd. Ms. Thorp said all the guardian dogs do is to drive them out of the herd and back to their owner or where they are supposed to be, and they've never had a dog fight.

[Too many people talking here at the same time to transcribe]

Chair Booth said it sounds interesting. She said Mr. Pino and Mr. Gurule said they would need to submit a proposal to the City. She said they might try Frenchy's Field. She said the inmates pulled the horehound and they didn't get the roots and its all coming back up all over – a beautiful new crop.

Mr. Thorp said it is the grasses that push out the annuals. He said they will hit all the plants repeatedly to weaken that, while strengthening the grass.

Chair Booth asked how long would it take to eliminate the horehound.

Mr. Thorp said he doesn't know about horehound, but horehound with tamarisk would take 3-5 years. He said they can make elm go away in 6 months. He said the horehound will happen over time. He said the prisoners are bad for horehound because they take the carbon out of the system. He said you want more stuff in the ground so the plants can grow happily, rather than the opportunistic annuals that come in – pepperweed.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Mr. Gurule said the Arroyo Chamiso sounds like a good spot because it is heavily overgrown, and it is a liability to the area in terms of fire. He said other than Frenchy's Park, the rest of the parks have turf and a lot of ornamentals we don't want to disturb.

Chair Booth asked about the MRC.

Mr. Gurule said it is the same thing at the MRC. He said there are always weeds, but not to the extent you would let a herd of goats go through. He said Los Manos is mostly native grass seed, and if we ever get rain there would be some grass. He said in terms of City right-of-way, and controlled access, possibly the roadsides on Zia Road and Rodeo Road, but the question is the liability if someone from the public hit one of the goats if it gets into the street. He said liability and risk will always be an issue with the City Attorney and the Risk Office.

Mr. Gurule said he will take the information to his boss for Arroyo Chamiso, and Frenchy's Field as a possibility. He said the question is how to do the horehound which is all they have there, although there is a little bit pensament and vilardia, coriopsis in the spring.

Ms. Thorp said they could work the horehound and Arroyo Chamiso going back and forth.

Mr. Gurule asked the Thorps to submit a proposal for Frenchy's Field and the Arroyo Chamiso, and he will take them forward to the City.

Chair Booth thanked Mr. and Mrs. Thorp for their presentation, and looks forward to hearing back from staff in this regard.

7. POSSIBLE REPORTS FROM POSAC COMMISSIONERS

- ORALYNN GUERREORTIZ – DISTRICT 1 TIERRA CONTENTA PARKS AND TRAILS CONNECTIONS

See discussion under New Business.

- JOE LEHM – DISTRICT 1 SKATE PARKS, WHEEL-FRIENDLY TRAIL CONNECTIONS

See Discussion under New Business.

- DANIEL CORIZ: YOUTH, BMX, MOTOCROSS & PUMP TRACK BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

See Discussion under New Business.

- TOM AGARD: DISTRICT 4 ORGANIZED SPORTS, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Mr. Agard said Santa Fe hosted the Southwest Regional Juniors Softball Championships, noting there were teams from California, Utah, Mississippi, Texas, and the staff stepped up and did a great job. He said they have gotten very positive responses from the teams. He said this brings a lot of people into Santa Fe.

Mr. Gurule said he will pass that on to the staff, and really appreciates the comments.

With regard to Ms. Guerrerortiz's meeting with Councilor Dimas, Mr. Agard said some things are best left alone, and a change in fees is one of those things.

Mr. Agard said, with regard to maintenance, the City is short staffed, and staff has to go around "putting out fires when they hear about something." He said, "I think they're doing a wonderful job. The fields at Franklin Miles, at Ragle, by comparison to where they were 3-4 years ago, they're doing a spectacular job, as long as we can keep the irrigation going. Staff is to be commended for all the effort to pull together."

Mr. Gurule will pass this forward to the staff.

Mr. Coriz said the 8th Annual Santa Fe Sports Jam went well and they got donations of \$3,500. He said there are U-Tube videos on the web.

- PAT TORRES: EXTENSION, TREE CITY, COMMUNITY GARDENS

- **ANNA HANSEN: DISTRICT 3 BICYCLE MPO IMPLEMENTATION, ART IN THE PARKS, ACEQUIA TRAIL CONNECTIONS TO PARKS, ESPECIALLY ASHBAUGH**

Chair Booth asked Ms. Hanson about the Ragle Art Celebration.

Ms. Hanson said she doesn't know anything, but she will check with Debra Garcia on this.

Mr. Gurule said there has been no celebration at Ragle Park.

Chair Booth said we need to plan a celebration at Cielo Vista when it's done.

Mr. Gurule said they are working on that, and he will check on that as well.

- **SANDIE TAYLOR: DISTRICT 2 PARKS HISTORY, TREE CITY**
- **BETTE BOOTH: DISTRICT 3 BTAC/POSAC COORDINATION, PARKS ON THE CITY WEBSITE, YOUTH INVOLVEMENT, PRAIRIE DOGS, PARKS AND TRAILS CO-MANAGEMENT, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

Chair Booth said we need to discuss the Friends of the Parks, noting Mr. Gurule is concerned about volunteers working in some pretty scary conditions. She asked if they need to be signing releases and so forth. She said there is the whole thing about co-management and maintenance of parks.

A member suggested they could do something similar to the Railyard Stewards.

Mr. Gurule said Geno Zamora, City Attorney, is the person to contact in this regard.

Chair Booth said she will email the Railyard Stewards and Mr. Zamora and see what they say.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

8. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

The next meeting will be September 18, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Booth said she will not be at the next meeting. She said it was suggested to hold the meeting at the Southside Library so you can do a tour of Pump Track and the SWAN Park. She said it is good to go elsewhere if there is something to do there. However, people know this is our meeting place and she wants to make sure if we go to the Library, there is signage here directing people to the Library.

After discussion it was the consensus among the Commission to hold the September 18th meeting at the Southwest Library, with a short meeting first and then a tour of the Pump Track and the SWAN Park, and that staff will make the arrangements with the appropriate personnel and arrange transportation, and adequately publicize the change of the meeting site prior to the meeting.

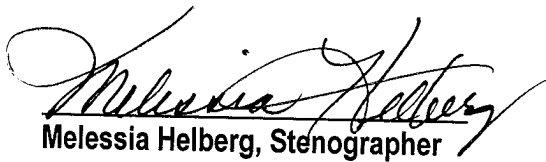
ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

MOTION: Sandra Taylor moved, seconded by Joe Lehm, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Bette Booth, Chair



Melessia Helberg, Stenographer