

# BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. City Council Chambers Ground Floor, City Hall

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#### MINUTES OF THE

## **CITY OF SANTA FÉ**

## **BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 16, 2014 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 5:30 p.m. in City 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:**

**Members Absent:** 

Patti Bushee, Chair

John Longworth, excused

Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair Joseph Abbatacola Gretchen Grogan James Ronald Pacheco

Shelley Robinson

Tomás Rivera

#### **Staff Present:**

Bob Siqueiros, Staff Liaison

Eric Martínez, Director of Roadways and Trails Engineering Division

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

# D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 19, 2014

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2014 as presented. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no communications from the floor.

#### F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

There were no communications from other agencies.

#### G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

 Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Below Grade Crossing at Cerrillos Rd and St. Francis Drive relating to the Santa Fe Railyard Community Corporation and the Santa Fe Railyard Conservation Easement (Ron Pacheco/Public Works Staff).

Mr. Pacheco thanked Mr. Siqueiros for putting this on the agenda. As a member of the committee, one of the issues was renderings that were done (in the packet) and an event that happened. The members of the Railyard Committee did not think the intersection was the area for a "top park" placeholder and now were soliciting ideas. They were looking at putting a monument there and that was all they wanted there - not a top park.

- Mr. Siqueiros said that area was part of the Railyard Master Plan. It was restricted by a conservation easement.
  - Mr. Abbatacola asked if they would get rid of the caboose there.
  - Mr. Siqueiros agreed.
  - Mr. Herdman asked if Mr. Siqueiros was saying the top park was not permitted.
  - Mr. Sigueiros said the goal was to keep it very passive.

Chair Bushee asked whose idea was for the monument.

- Mr. Siqueiros said it was to honor two people who passed away recently that were attached to this land. Mr. Bob Easley and the consultant to the School for the Deaf, Mr. Richard Gorman. It was Mr. Siqueiros' idea that they be honored.
- Mr. Pacheco said the committee was not wedded to anything yet, but ideas and suggestions were welcome.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said if they kept the caboose the City would have to buy it from Santa Fe Southern.

Chair Bushee said artists were preparing designs already. She thought they got into trouble when they started honoring people.

- Mr. Abbatacola asked what the purpose of this discussion was.
- Mr. Pacheco said it was to make BTAC aware that the Railyard committee was now involved.
- Mr. Abbatacola thought the volume of traffic on the Acequia Trail compared to the Rail Trail.
- Mr. Herdman was looking at the map of the Railyard and saw a city facility in very close proximity to Cerrillos Road. There were existing designs in the Railyard that put facilities close with traffic. He would like to see a sitting area. He asked if this reflected the current deign.
- Mr. Pacheco said it was a placeholder. There was a concern that there would be homeless people congregating in that area which was a problem shared at the meeting.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said they experienced that at the park now.
  - Chair Bushee asked if this was moving forward.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said they just wanted information for BTAC.

Chair Bushee thought they had a right to continue the Railyard Park in some fashion. There was no money for building it but design money was there.

- Mr. Herdman asked if there was a purpose for this overlook
- Mr. Pacheco thought it was another place holder.
- Mr. Siqueiros said the biggest issue was exporting the dirt. If they didn't have to do that it would save a lot of money.
- Ms. Grogan suggested the members should individually think about it and ideas could be sent to Mr. Sigueiros.
  - Chair Bushee asked what the deadline was.
  - Mr. Sigueiros thought they would come to this committee.
  - Mr. Pacheco said the deadline was 60 days.
  - Mr. Sigueiros explained that dirt coming from the Railyard was not usable because of rocks.
  - Ms. Grogan asked if this had gone to POSAC.
- Mr. Siqueiros said this would not go to POSAC because it was not a city park. The School for the Deaf owned some of it
- Mr. Herdman was a little concerned about the linkage and it would be regrettable if the construction on the overpass got linked and it became more expensive. He asked if that linkage was occurring.

Chair Bushee there was a lot of interest that this was the rail yard's purview but the acequia goes through there. They needed to be consulted too. She suggested they harken back to people connected to Railyard Park and talk with the acequia folks.

- Ms. Grogan said they had very detailed drawings on this project and it was being conceived as a real gateway project to Santa Fe.
- Mr. Herdman said that meant it would never happen. His priority was linkage. It needed to stay as an underpass project.
  - Ms. Grogan wasn't sure this was the appropriate forum to discuss this.
- Mr. Herdman didn't want the public to get the impression that this was the project and not the underpass.
- Mr. Pacheco agreed that first of all design the underpass. The way they looked at it was to put some bells and whistles in at the same time.
- Mr. Herdman said BTAC wanted to as well but as part of a long term plan when money becomes available. The message should be that this was an underpass plan.
- Mr. Pacheco said the problem was that people didn't all agree with an underpass. They needed to weigh in on money resources.
  - Ms. Grogan recalled it was budgeted at \$3 million.
  - Mr. Pacheco said that was why they needed to get rid of the bells and whistles...
- Mr. Herdman said this had been in the works since he was born and the other one since his dog was born. The need for the other one was zero. He understood that it was a done deal with the assumption that the City had said they wanted this. The City objective was to have the underpass.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said they were going through the options.

Chair Bushee said the Committee couldn't blame staff. She was the only Councilor that voted against it because of the process. If you want to take it beyond lament you need to find the political will on the Council.

Mr. Herdman asked if those funds could be reallocated.

Chair Bushee said the first project had to be stopped first.

Mr. Pacheco said Ms. Grogan made a good point. Maybe it was too late for BTAC to accomplish it. He wanted the record to say that.

- Ms. Robinson said if their only option was to bring it to Council and have it voted on again that's what BTAC should do. She asked what they had to lose. Mr. Herdman said, "Nothing."
  - Mr. Herdman said the message from staff was that they had been given our direction.
  - Chair Bushee asked why they had public hearings then. She thought a lot of folks didn't want it.
- Mr. Herdman thought the hearings were to say this was what it was going to be and the public could give input. Staff had been given a direction and they were following that direction as they should. It was up to them to facilitate that alignment.
  - Ms. Grogan agreed. As the study progresses it would become clear that there was no money.
  - Mr. Herdman asked if they could put this on the agenda for next time, subject to reappointment.
  - Mr. Siqueiros and Chair Bushee agreed.
  - Mr. Herdman suggested maybe two months from now when all appointments were made.
  - Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to keep after the City Clerk to get the appointments finished.
  - 2. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Status of the Existing 2012 CIP and the Proposed 2014 CIP (Gretchen Grogan/Bob Siqueiros).
- Mr. Siqueiros said they were working on the 2014 CIP and they had monies left over. The money was still there.
  - Ms. Grogan asked how much remained.
  - Mr. Sigueiros said it was \$67,000.
- Ms. Grogan asked if the projects were all done. She thought they had spent the \$67,000 now and that they had not completed all the projects like bicycle striping and the bridges.
- Chair Bushee said staff did not indicate that there were funds remaining or projects remaining to be done.
  - Chair Bushee said they should consider the details of the new bridge at the next meeting.
- Ms. Grogan had a conversation with John Romero and she thought there could be as much at \$130,000 left to be spent.
  - Chair Bushee said BTAC needed to know that money existed.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said he would find out for sure. The money needed to be spent by June 30.

Ms. Grogan added that they also needed an inventory of sharrows that were sitting in a warehouse somewhere and what was remaining to be done. She asked Mr. Siqueiros to find out and confirm if the bike striping projects were done for the next meeting. She assumed that would have CIP money.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to have that answer for BTAC.

Chair Bushee noted that soon the new CIP bond discussions would take place.

Ms. Grogan asked when BTAC would they have to have suggestions submitted. She asked if it was CIP funds that they could not use for educational things.

Mr. Siqueiros thought they could do an economic study on the trails.

Chair Bushee said she could get an answer from legal.

Mr. Siqueiros if the Committee wanted to go for BFC gold they needed some education.

Ms. Robinson concluded that by the end of the fiscal year they at least would have it allocated

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC agreed on this as a committee

Chair Bushee agreed.

Ms. Robinson so if they find out it was legal to wrap a bus they could get that done

Mr. Siqueiros clarified that Mr. Martínez was probably putting in a request for CIP funds. This for BTAC was for existing things. He suggested he could meeting with Chair Bushee.

Chair Bushee they could have out subcommittee.

Ms. Grogan suggested finding out the answers to her previous questions and let everyone in BTAC know and then decide about meeting.

Mr. Rivera understood they needed to be appointed as new members.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to make sure the end of year business was on the agenda and also bike sharing.

# 3. Review, Discussion and Action regarding the Current Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee Powers and Duties and Resolution 2010-33 (Bob Siqueiros)

Chair Bushee said these were all in the packet. She asked if this meant there was a change or leave as it is. They started that discussion once but not everyone was present.

Mr. Siqueiros they were talking about changing the numbers of members...

Chair Bushee suggested filling the seat with a COLTPAC member.

Mr. Siqueiros said they could have non-voting members.

Chair Bushee said she invited Mr. Erick Aune.

Mr. Pacheco said Mr. Aune was not with the County anymore

Ms. Grogan said the On Road Subcommittee had citizens that were not BTAC members on it and they were valuable. Having citizens on subcommittees was good. She wondered if the sub committees were relevant and if BTAC wanted to change them.

Chair Bushee thought the mountain biking was one they might have to beef up.

Ms. Grogan thought the mountain biking was really multi use trail subcommittee.

Chair Bushee thought La Tierra could go away.

Mr. Herdman said they had one remaining thing to get done. BTAC was due for a report back from staff if there were any remaining funds. It would be premature to disband now. He would like to keep in existence until that was completed

Chair Bushee went to the resolution for BTAC and asked if anyone saw a reason to change the resolution.

Mr. Herdman said on page 3, section 3 on lines 8 and 9 they needed to add bikeways master plan. In Section 4 B they should change to "review and advise on all phases,"

Mr. Siqueiros suggested "planning, design..."

Mr. Herdman pointed out on G they didn't seek funding and it should say "advise on identifying and obtaining funding."

Chair Bushee said they did have times of lobbying the legislature for funding.

Mr. Herdman they were really not authorized to do that unless independently

Mr. Herdman said F referred to the parks master plan updates. He didn't know that they ever did that.

Chair Bushee said the Railyard Park had a trail through it. That existed.

Mr. Herdman recommended it say "all relevant master plan updates" and eliminate "parks."

Mr. Rivera asked if this was a motion.

Mr. Siqueiros said they would have to act on the revised resolution. He thought they should also really

look at the bike ordinances.

Mr. Herdman agreed.

Mr. Rivera said on Section C that it seemed like something effective and functional should be added that it actually works.

Chair Bushee said this would be direction to staff to come back with a revised resolution and not make motions at this meeting.

Mr. Herdman asked about evaluating actual expenditures.

Chair Bushee proposed adding specific language for review at end of year of all expenditures on trails and also before May or mid-year.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would help refresh your memory and it would help him too. He agreed to add that as part of the revisions.

Mr. Pacheco asked on page 2 if there was any interest in extending those further south.

Chair Bushee thought they probably should not have specific project language. To beef that up they could add that connectivity to all parts of Santa Fe was a goal of his committee.

Mr. Herdman proposed moving that down to the first reference to master plan.

Chair Bushee wanted some language like all Santa Feans deserve and desire with an emphasis of connectivity of all parts of town and safety and extend to the county. It was an easy way to get to the community college included. She said the good news was that she was on the MPO too and was hearing about new projects. She also thought they should include walkability.

Mr. Rivera offered to help Mr. Siqueiros with the rewrite.

Chair Bushee asked the members to take this home, read it and think about it. He wanted as close to a full committee as possible to talk about this.

Chair Bushee suggested including people commuting to work.

Ms. Robinson suggested something about reaching the awards and maintaining them.

Chair Bushee suggested language about creating a whole new subset to the economy.

Mr. Pacheco said it needed more work

Mr. Rivera suggested the last whereas might be able to include commuter as well.

Mr. Herdman said if this was read as an educational piece for new Governing Body, whereas the city recognized etc. should be added.

- Mr. Siqueiros agreed.
- Mr. Herdman thought the new members of the Governing Body would be impressed and should be aware of this work.
  - Mr. Rivera asked about a BTAC day for its ten years of work.
  - Mr. Siqueiros agreed they should have a proclamation or something.
  - Ms. Robinson asked if they could have a piece of a city council meeting to present this proclamation.

Chair Bushee suggested a Council meeting in May.

- Mr. Siqueiros said the next Council meetings were 14th and 28th of May and BTAC was on the 21st.
- Mr. Herdman wondered if they approved this if there would be sufficient time to get it on the Council agenda on the 28th.
  - Mr. Siqueiros said Councilor Chair Bushee would introduce it.

Ms. Robinson who was going to read it

The Committee briefly discussed who would read the proclamation and how to prepare councilors for approving it.

Chair Bushee said they should get the language the way they wanted it. It was difficult to get beyond 9 members.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was difficult for a quorum also.

Chair Bushee said she was actively looking at someone to fill the vacancy.

The Committee briefly discussed who could be recruited.

# 4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

#### a. On-Road

There was no subcommittee report.

#### b. Mountain Bike

There was no subcommittee report.

#### c. Bike Education and Outreach

There was no subcommittee report.

#### d. La Tierra Master Plan

There was no subcommittee report.

# H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

# 1. BTAC Request for Information Log

Mr. Siqueiros announced that repaving of the Arroyo Chamiso Trail would start tomorrow.

Chair Bushee asked if they were doing anything with the tree trunks.

Mr. Siqueiros offered to find out. He said the work was being paid from the most recent bond money. He agreed to get more details for the Committee.

Chair Bushee asked if they were going to widen it at all.

Mr. Siqueiros said no.

Chair Bushee said BTAC needed to pull together for Bike to Work week. There would be a BTAC table at the event.

The Committee liked the presentation and the sign. Ms. Robinson thought they should make a shirt from it.

Mr. Siqueiros said they could buy more of them at \$150 per sign.

Ms. Robinson hoped they could get more before Bike to Work week. Mr. Siqueiros thought it was too late.

Chair Bushee asked that staff get the map holders up.

# I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pacheco pointed out that there was no bike trail on Gonzales Road, from Alameda.

Chair Bushee said there was no room for one.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed - and also no right of way.

Ms. Robinson had heard some talk about a connection between Gonzales School and Zocalo and asked if that was happening.

Chair Bushee thought it stalled out. They didn't have the Zocalo connection.

Ms. Robinson asked about the construction at Zia and St. Francis.

Ms. Grogan on the east side she thought it had to do with drainage.

Chair Bushee asked if that was going to be a perennial problem.

Mr. Siqueiros said it could be.

Ms. Robinson asked if there was an actual shirt for Bike to Work week.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed and it would be available tomorrow.

The Committee discussed the branding for the Bike to Work Week, the police department personnel issues, and the Zia/St. Francis intersection.

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros if he could report on the funds expended for La Tierra and any remaining funds. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Rivera said Chainbreakers were planning for their 10 year anniversary and he would keep BTAC in the loop.

Chair Bushee requested that someone clean up the bike lanes. Mr. Siqueiros agreed to follow up.

Mr. Abbatacola asked where to complain about broken glass.

Mr. Siqueiros asked that they be sent to him.

Chair Bushee asked him to find out whose terms were up soon. Mr. Siqueiros would find out.

#### 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 7:30 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.