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Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission Southside Library, 6599 Jaguar Drive Tuesday September 18, 2012 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission Field Trip **Immediately Following the Commission Meeting** (The Public May Be Present at the Listed Park Locations)

- 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Review and Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2012
- 4. Approval of the Agenda
- 5. Old Business
  - Parks Department Update
  - Strategic Planning Next Steps
- 6. New Business
  - **New POSAC Commissioner**
- 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: October 16, 2012.
- 10. Field Trip Tour of the Following Parks:
  - Current and Future Parks Including the Proposed Southwest Activity Node (SWAN) 4:10 4:25pm
  - Colonia Prisma Park 4:35 4:45pm
  - Existing Arroyo Sonrisa, 4:50 5:00pm
  - Los Milagros, 5:05 5:15pm
  - Rancho del Sol 5:20 5:30pm
  - Southside Library 5:40 5:50pm
  - Valentine Parks. 5:55 6:05pm

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION AND FIELD TRIP September 18, 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 Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at approximately 3:00 p.m., by Patrick Torres, Vice-Chair, at the Southside Library, 6599, Jaguar Drive.

# 2. ROLL CALL

# **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Bette Booth, Chair

# **STAFF PRESENT:**

Ben Gurule, Acting Director, Parks Division Jesse Esparza, 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: AUGUST 21, 2012

**MOTION:** Tom Agard moved, seconded by Sandra Taylor, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2012, as presented.

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

# 4. APPR0VAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Tom Agard moved, seconded by Anna Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

# 5. OLD BUSINESS

# PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ben Gurule, Parks Division Interim Director reported as follows:

# a) 2008 Implementation Plan

- Cielo Vista Park is 90% complete, work continues. They drill-seeded two weeks ago and it has germinated. The Orchard is in. The only thing lacking is the perimeter pathway and the hard surface, asphalt, for the basketball court. The perimeter pathway will be asphalt. The goals are up, the subgrade is installed and compacted and has been tested. The basketball goals will be on the southwest corner of the property. Once this is done, the park will be complete.
- Monica Lucero Park. They are waiting for parts for the playground upgrade. There will be concrete steps and pads for tables and benches which is going in next week. There will be seeding of the ball field this week.
- MRC. The soccer pathway in soccer valley is complete. The problems with the irrigation system were fixed by a gentleman from Albuquerque, and everything is working.
- Herb Martinez. The perimeter pathway is scheduled to be done this week, and most of the elm trees in the arroyo will be cut and stump-treated, and the park will then be complete. He noted there are erosion problems in the arroyo.
- Torreon Park. The backflow preventor has been installed and the drinking fountain will be installed
  by the end of next week. The sand from the playground equipment will be removed this week, and
  the new equipment is scheduled in 3 weeks. The engineered wood fibers follow.

The Commissioners commented and asked questions as follows:

- Ms. Guerrerortiz asked what happens with the old playground equipment. Mr. Gurule said it is taken to the salvage yard, and the money is deposited to Santa Fe Beautiful, the non-profit. He said they recycle what is usable, such as the poles and such.
- Mr. Gurule said Torreon, Atalaya [which has complete schematics], Los Milagros, Ranchos del Candelera and the Archuleta property are the parks which remain to be completed from the 2008

bond proceeds, will be completed by June 2013. They then will begin the 2012 bond implementation plan in July 2013, which will be complete in June 2015.

- Ms. Hanson asked about the Pino property which was purchased with 2008 bond money, noting it is to have trails through it with a bridge into Ashbaugh Park. She said the property will become its own park because it has two acequias running through it, noting it is 1½ to 2 acres.
  - Mr. Gurule said he doesn't have the pertinent information on that property, and Eric Martinez would know more about that.
- Ms. Guerrerortiz said we need to get the City map updated to show that is part of a park, and Mr.
   Gurule said it is duly noted and he will follow up..
- Ms. Hanson said it is an adjunct to Ashbaugh and she doesn't know what it will be named. There is an access point on Otowi where there is an easement into the Pino property from Otowi and San Jose. She said it is a beautiful, riparian, perfectly preserved piece of land, and doesn't need a lot except the trails and continued maintenance of the acequias by the Acequia Association Acequia Pino and Acequia Madre run through the property. Mr. Gurule noted that the main Mayordomo is Phil Bové.

Mr. Gurule said he has an implementation plan for 2012, and he recently sent in his spreadsheets to the person who is working on it who is "filling in the blanks." He said the hitch on the Trails portion is that they wanted to prioritize the spending of the dollars, and that is now done.

# b) Arterials

Mr. Gurule said there have been a lot of complaints on the arterials and we have a crew of 5-6 guys who work Saturdays and Sundays on overtime, and they are targeting areas with a lot of weeds in the medians and intersections, and visibility issues. He has another group which took care of areas for the Fiestas – the parade route, Cross of the Martyrs, and downtown where the events are held, and they also are assisting with the medians, roadsides and visibility concerns.

Mr. Gurule talked about the issues on Valentine Way and in Tierra Contenta where the streetscape is the property owner's responsibility which is unique to this area. He said to make sure there is no liability to the City they have gone in and cleaned all the intersections to clear the visibility. He said there is a movement to change the rules so the City can come in and do vegetation management.

Ms. Taylor asked if property owners in this area, Tierra Contenta, are informed that they have this responsibility. She asked if the City can bill Tierra Contenta for this work.

Mr. Gurule said this is being handled through Code Enforcement with the Tierra Contenta Neighborhood Association and discussing how to get past this.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she has been on the Tierra Contenta Board for 15 years, and she will work on corrections. She said from the curb and planters to the sidewalks is City right of way. She said because the City didn't want to take on all of the planters they tried to make the covenants read that the homeowners would take care of it. She said it works well in some places, but it really fails on some of the arterials because the back of the house is to the arterial, "then a wall, a sidewalk, a planter and a street, and supposedly the homeowner is supposed to take care of the planter." She said, however, their front door is on a different street and they don't look at that, and the reason it isn't working in Tierra Contenta.

Responding to Mr. Gurule, Ms. Guerrerortiz said it is important to remember that Tierra Contenta is a non-profit that was put into place when the City purchased the land, and signed a contract to do a lot of things, most of which haven't been done

- Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Gurule if he is keeping track of the man-hours devoted to that effort, and if not, she would suggest strongly that he do so. She believes there is a case to bill that to Tierra Contenta.
  - Ms. Taylor asked if Tierra Contenta committed to taking care of certain areas.
- Ms. Guerrerortiz said Tierra Contenta committed to developing the land as cheaply as possibly, so at least 30% would be sold as affordable housing and to not make a profit. It was a partnership between a non-profit created by the City and the City to create affordable housing in Santa Fe.
- Ms. Taylor said property values decrease when there are weed and chamisa infected areas, as well as being unattractive and unsafe.
- Mr. Gurule said all of these areas, Paseo del Sol West, Apache Knoll, Camino Rosa, Mesa de Loro, Valentine Way, are being looked at carefully and closely by Code Enforcement, and there probably will be citations issued to people who are responsible for maintaining the streetscapes.
- Ms. Guerrerortiz suggested in the future, that they do not approve the planting of chamisa. Mr. Gurule said, prior to Fabian Chavez, the Parks Division wasn't part of the approval process, and certain plans weren't approved by him, and we are now having to deal with some of those. He said it is important that we be part of the approval process.

Ms. Hanson said this Commission are advocates for you to be part of that approval process, because it is extremely important.

#### c) Other

- MX Track. Parks staff and Daniel Coriz have been shaping the track, and installed a trash receptacle. The signage has been ordered which was recommended by Mr. Coriz. The ribbon cutting is October 20, 2012.
- The Plaza. We still have turf and grass. The flowers look great. Ms. Guerrerortiz said the
  planters look great. Mr. Gurule said the medians in Montrose, Colorado are spectacular, noting

they have a perennial hibiscus, and said they planted a few at City Hall and will be planting some more in the big, removable pots because they need a lot of soil. He said the hibiscus go dormant in the winter, but will be back in Spring.

- Goats grazing. He is waiting for a proposal to use the goats in Arroyo Chamisa to deal with the out-of-control vegetation between Avenida las Campanas east to Yucca, which is a fire hazard. He said the removal is labor intensive and this is a perfect place to use the goats, "especially if they do what the people said they would do."
- Parque del Rio has been delayed because they did not get a Cultural Resources Report, noting
  the work was done, but the Report doesn't have all of the required signatures, which will delay it
  about a month. Mr. Lehm said he met with Chris Ortiz today there was an archaeological concern,
  so they will do core drilling through the concrete. He asked if an archaeological assessment was
  done before that park was originally built.
- Cathedral Park. An automobile ran into the big historical wall facing west, and the crack is getting wider, so we need to find a funding source to repair that wall. Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if there is insurance coverage. Mr. Gurule said he is unsure, but "there's nobody to charge it to, because whoever hit it, didn't stay." He said the longer we wait to repair it, the crack will get worse and worse and then it will be much more expensive.
- Financial Report from the Sports Leagues. The deadline is October 31, 2012, for the Sports Leagues to submit the Financial Reports, and every League is required to provide revenue and expenditures for its League to the City. Mr. Agard asked the reason the City needs this information and what will be done with this information. Mr. Gurule said, "I have no idea." Mr. Agard said it is up to the Leagues as to whether they will comply.
- St. Michael's Drive Revitalization Event is happening this weekend, noting it is supposed to be for the expanse of St. Michael's Drive. The Commission discussed the upcoming event, and the proposed revitalization.
- Integrated Pest Management Ordinance. There will be a presentation to the Governing Body on September 26<sup>th</sup>, with regard to the Ordinance.

Mr. Agard thanked Ben, Joe Lovato and staff for their work cleaning up at Ragle Park following the Mexican Independence Day celebrations on Saturday. He said Ragle might not be big enough for this celebration and perhaps it should be moved to the MRC.

Mr. Gurule said they normally permit this for the MRC, but because of the construction they went to a different venue this year. He said the report from that group is that they loved Ragle, commenting, however, it was a parking nightmare. He said it needs to be held where there is tons of parking.

Mr. Agard said there were complaints from the neighborhood about the parking.

Mr. Gurule said staff will be having a post-event meeting in this regard sometime this week. Mr. Agard said he would like to attend the meeting.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said there are insufficient trash cans along parade routes and asked if we can increase the numbers.

Mr. Gurule said one of the ways they helped to reduce the litter in previous years, they would hand out plastic bags around the route and then come back and pick up the bags. He said other years they have used barrels along the parade route. However, neither one of these things happened this year, and it is on his radar for next year's Fiesta.

Vice-Chair Torres thanked Mr. Gurule for his report.

# STRATEGIC PLANNING NEXT STEPS

Vice-Chair Torres said Chair Booth said we still need to meet with Councilor Ives.

Ms. Hansen said she spoke with Councilors Calvert and Bushee and will work on setting up a meeting with them ASAP.

# 6. NEW BUSINESS

# NEW POSAC COMMISSIONER

Vice-Chair Torres said Chair Booth said the City has published an open request for people who are interested in becoming a Commissioner, but she has received only one application. He said she will be discussing this in more detail at the October meeting. It was suggested it might be good to republish the request.

# 7. POSSIBLE REPORTS FROM POSAC COMMISSIONERS

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

Ms. Guerrerortiz said she has no report.

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

Mr. Lehm said he met with Chris Ortiz at Franklin Miles Park today to identify some of the areas that need repair, noting down by the ledge it is all "dinged-up," and they agreed that probably could be done in-house. He said they will be talking to Mr. Gurule about the source of funding.

Mr. Lehm said De Vargas Park has been fenced, and he has been explaining to people that the fencing means it is being handed over to the contractor. He can now tell them that there also are archaeological concerns which must be addressed before they can proceed.

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

Mr. Coriz said the International Mountain Biking Association [IMBA] will be in Santa Fe. He said they are working on the Motocross Track getting ready for the ribbon cutting on October 22, 2012.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said there were concerns about the access road, and asked if those issues were addressed.

Mr. Coriz said yes. He said it wasn't a big area that needed to be filled.

Mr. Lehm said he knows the people who own BTI and they are involved with the IMBA planning, and asked if the Motocross Track will be used during the IMBA event, and Mr. Coriz said no, it's totally fenced off.

Mr. Agard asked where we can get tickets for the one public event for IMBA, and Mr. Coriz suggested contacting BTI which is heavily involved, or the Fat Tire Society.

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

Mr. Agard said the compliance dates for the Leagues has been extended to October 31, 2012, and he has been in correspondence with some of the Leagues encouraging them to "comply with the numbers," commenting everyone is in shock that this resurfaced. He is unsure where this is going or the reason it is necessary. It would be nice if Councilor Ives can move ahead with this and get it fixed.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if the reason is they wanted to see whether or not the non-profits were making a profit, and whether they were flush with money had the funds to pay the fees. She said there is no extra money to pay for this.

Ms. Taylor said it is important to demonstrate this, commenting the Leagues see this as a punishment, which she doesn't think they should. She said it is part of the Ordinance and if they comply, the facts and numbers should show anyone who reads them that they don't have any extra money and that it would be burdensome to increase fees.

Mr. Agard said the financial reports aren't an issue, because it already is public information, and the League participation numbers are as well. However, there is concern about the reason it is being enforced now, when it hasn't been since it was written in 1996.

Mr. Agard said they want to do everything they can to encourage kids to be outside and engaging in the parks, and these organizations are doing this and utilizing the space in a fun, safe, exciting environment. He has been involved with 5 Leagues in different meetings at different times, and he doesn't think "any of them are sitting on Ft. Knox." It is all volunteer activity, and said it doesn't make any difference if one year they make a little money and they can buy new uniforms, as long as they're in compliance.

Mr. Agard said their concern is they don't know where this is going, and why the City needs this information all of a sudden. He said staff has been directed to collect this information.

Ms. Guerrerortiz asked if staff has been asked to collect the fees, and Mr. Agard said no, commenting that the fee structure is confusing in the Ordinance as well.

# PAT TORRES: EXTENSION, TREE CITY, COMMUNITY GARDENS

Vice-Chair Torres said Mr. Gurule and the crew are doing their best to keep the turf areas in good condition, noting since the last meeting, a turf specialist from NMSU came to Santa Fe to consult with Mr. Gurule.

Mr. Gurule said staff is implementing all of the ideas that they discussed both at the Golf Course and on the Plaza.

Vice-Chair Torres said the Municipal Tree Board met after the last meeting. He said there was concern by the new members that they hadn't received letters advising of their appointment. He spoke with Chair Booth who told them it doesn't require official notification from the Mayor. He said Chair Booth said she can make those appointments as the Chair of POSAC.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said they probably need to sign the disclosure sheets.

Responding to a question from the Commission, Vice-Chair Torres said the appointments were approved in July. He said the new appointees are Tracy Neal, Paul Navrot and Zander Evans. He said Tracy Neal is a certified arborist, and the other two have knowledge about tree care.

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

Anna Hansen mentioned that her name is spelled correctly at the beginning of the previous minutes, but it is misspelled later in the minutes.

Ms. Hansen said the Chair asked her to find out why there hasn't been a celebration at Ragle. She said Debra Garcia told her there has been vandalism on the electrical and lights around the sculpture which needs to be repair, noting Debra said she would get back to her when that was done. She believes everything is done except the lights.

Mr. Gurule understood it was finished, noting he had no idea until "right this minute," that there had been vandalism. He said they will move forward and repair the damage from the vandalism. He asked who would be scheduling the dedication.

Ms. Hansen said she doesn't know, but presumes it's something with which Councilor Trujillo would like to be involved. She said he could organize something with Joyce and Debra at the Arts Division. However, she thinks we need to speak with Debra Garcia and Councilors Trujillo and Dimas before moving forward on this.

Ms. Hansen said the Chair spoke with her about planning the celebration at Cielo Vista Park when it is complete. She said Mr. Gurule said it is 90% complete, and suggested we look at the status in October. She also will speak with Chuck Higgins of the neighborhood, noting he and his partner have been working on that park.

Mr. Gurule said he has the same question as Ragle, and asked who would be spearheading the dedication.

Ms. Hansen believes it is the neighbors and Parks Division, noting there haven't been City Councilors involved with that, but Councilor Dominguez knows where it is. She said this doesn't involve a  $400^{th}$  Anniversary sculpture purchased by the City, it's just a park which was built and completed in-house. She will work with Mr. Gurule in this regard – make the phone calls and do the legwork.

# SANDIE TAYLOR: DISTRICT 2 PARKS HISTORY, TREE CITY

Ms. Taylor said she has no report.

 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

Vice-Chair Torres said Chair Booth had asked us to spread the word about the Southwest Trails Conference when she sent out the flyer. He said this is part of the IMBA, the one event open to the public which is on Wednesday.

# 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

# 9. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 16, 2012

The next meeting will be October 16, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Frenchy's Park.

The meeting was recessed at 4:00 P.M., and the Commissioners and staff boarded the van for the field trip.

The members of the Santa Fe Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission made a field trip to various parks, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The following were in attendance for the field trip:

Patrick Torres, Vice-Chair
Tom Agard
Daniel Coriz
Oralynn Guerrerortiz
Anna Hansen
Joe Lehm
Sandra Taylor
Ben Gurule, Interim Director, Parks Division
Jesse Esparza, Parks Division
Mary MacDonald, Parks & Trails
Elizabeth Martin, for Melessia Helberg, Stenographer.
Dave Pfeiffer, Facilities Director, joined the group for the first two parks only.

Ms. Guerrerortiz provided a map of Tierra Contenta and the SWAN Park areas, which are incorporated herewith to these minutes collectively as Exhibit "1."

# FIELD TRIP TOUR OF THE FOLLOWING PARKS:

# CURRENT AND FUTURE PARKS INCLUDING THE PROPOSED SOUTHWEST ACTIVITY NODE (SWAN)

The Commission discussed the funding for construction of the SWAN Park. Mary MacDonald said the funding is in flux right now, and the construction dollars are being sorted out.

# COLONIA PRISMA PARK

Mary MacDonald said there is good neighborhood participation. She said there is no lighting by design, which was decided while Fabian Chavez was the Director. She said it was thought, without lighting, that the park wouldn't be used at night and that would cut down on the noise. She said Mr. Chavez had suggested that we leave it like this for a while and see how it works for the neighborhood.

Ms. MacDonald said an RFP and bids will be coming in for this park.

# EXISTING ARROYO SONRISA

This is a very small pocket park which is under-developed. Mr. Gurule said money will be going to this Park for an irrigation systems. Responding to a question from Mr. Agard, Mr. Gurule said the area floods when it rains.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said rocks have been thrown on top of the shade cover. She said it needs more trees.

Ms. Hansen said more people would use the Park for barbecues and such if there was more shade.

#### LOS MILAGROS

Mr. Gurule said this park is on the schedule for work - planting trees and installing the irrigation.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said there is a lot of vandalism at this park.

Responding to a question from Ms. Taylor, Mr. Gurule said some of the parks will be getting the surveillance cameras, but he doesn't know about this one.

#### RANCHO DEL SOL

The group did not visit this Park.

#### SOUTHSIDE LIBRARY

Mr. Gurule said it needs funding for the sculpture.

Ms. Guerrerortiz said we need a pool again.

The Commissioners discussed the lack of water, and how that could be addressed.

#### VALENTINE PARK

Ms. Taylor said the park is cute and colorful. It was noted that the pump track for bikes is complete and people are using it.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Bette Booth, Chair

Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

# DAR WEST

PARK MASTER PLAN

# LEGEND

City Courty Boundary

Building Footpart

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Open Space, Estating Native Landscape
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Park Landscape

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双键弧 Grass, Irrigated Turf Lawn

Tree, Evergreen - Pinon + Juniper

Tree, Deciduous - Streetscaping

Tree, Deciduous - Riparian

Multi-Purpose Sports Field (Artificial Turt)
 Playground

3 Hillside Adventure Playground
4 Baskethall Court
5 Fruit Tree Orchard
6 Community Garden

9 Tennis/ Pickleball Courts

Maintenance/ Restrooms/ Concession Buildin

11 Water Playground12 Community Lawn13 Skate Park/ Plaza

16 Dog Park 17 Park Overlook

# ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN

PARK MASTER PLAN



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