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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

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

June 19, 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 [leaving early]
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair [arriving later]
Joseph Abbatacola
Gretchen Grogan
John Longworth [leaving early]
James Ronald Pacheco [leaving early]
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Lisa Miles
Tomás Rivera

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Longworth moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Herdman was not present for the vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 15, 2013

Mr. Longworth moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013 as presented. Mr. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Kat Downing stated the fencing at Gabe Rogers Park was great. She asked how they could get the trails coordinator position up and running. She offered to be a liaison.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was in Parks now.

Chair Bushee talked about putting the position directly under the City Manager. She asked Mr. Siqueiros to check with City Manager about that.

Mr. Longworth thought that was a great idea. The Committee discussed it further.

Ms. Margaret Alexander said there were issues with the BMX area to keep construction within that line. She felt it was a bad way to go La Tierra Trails had 2 unfinished trails. The eastside trail did not exist. And neither was the connector trail that would join the trail to the dog park. La Tierra needed special event parking. She added that the signs on the Dale Ball trails on north side were horrible.

Chair Bushee asked that she send an email to her regarding this.

Stephen Newhall invited BTAC members and staff to the traffic skills class on July 23, 25 and 27. He also wanted to know if the City was doing anything with the bond money designated for striping on streets to put bike lanes on them.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

1. Northwest Quadrant La Tierra Trails Ribbon Cutting (Margaret Alexander & Bob Ward)

Ms. Alexander did not have the information and Mr. Ward was not present.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to coordinate this and get a date. She thought it needed to be in the latter part of July.

Ms. Robinson asked that it be before school started

Economic Development Manager, David Griscom, said their five-member committee was up and going and would interface with BTAC. They were looking at how they could enhance trails. Work on the Old Santa Fe Bike Trail with the County was in the works now. They were working on finishing the bike lane engineering. They needed for this committee to endorse and push forward from the city side.

Chair Bushee asked that he email her the information.

Ms. Betty Booth, POSAC Chair, said POSAC voted unanimously at their last meeting that before the money was let from the 2008 Park Bond that the independent audit be done. Expenditures from the

previous bond were almost spent and they needed to get to the next bond. POSAC campaigned on this. She gave a presentation and asked that BTAC put this on their agenda for the next meeting.

Chair Bushee said they would get back to her and would put it on the next agenda.

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

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

Mr. Gallegos said he discussed this presentation with the Fire Chief. The Forest Service was going in to full closures on June 24th across the entire forest. He recommended that the trails stay open with two trigger points. If the Forest Service saw hikers going into the Forest and the amount of fires it wouldn't be good.

Chair Bushee asked if there would be signage.

Mr. Gallegos said the Forest Service was sending in crews to close and patrol those areas and there would be signs.

Chair Bushee said there should be temporary signs at trail heads.

Mr. Gallegos said if they close the trails they remove the hikers and bikers. The Forest Service has to keep track of the entire forest. He thought it was not a bad idea to post signage at trails that lead into the forest.

Chair Bushee suggested they could work with the city's sign guys. And if they needed the City to pass an emergency something we could do that. She asked him to make sure people were aware that this was a privilege and comes with some responsibility.

Mr. Gallegos admitted their resources on signs and getting the word out were all tapped out with these fires.

Chair Bushee asked if Mr. Gallegos would work with the Chief and Mr. Siqueiros and the City Manager for a program so they could put in resolution form for the next Council meeting. She thanked him for doing the work and being open minded.

Mr. Longworth asked if there were any concern from the committee about increased traffic like at Dale Ball.

Ms. Grogan said short of asking Fat Tire to not schedule rides at 5:30 she didn't know.

Mr. Longworth said he was not just talking about Fat Tire but whether they had trail stewards to go to

Dale Ball.

Ms. Robinson thought it was a good point about how this was communicated to the public. She had not known about any closures.

Mr. Gallegos said the news just came out today. Notification was to try to get something ahead of time, however difficult.

Ms. Robinson said it should be 5 days before so we could communicate before Monday.

Chair Bushee said the City could not extend the City's liability.

Mr. Pacheco that trail was a great mountain bike ride but there might be alternate sites. He asked if BLM would be closed.

Mr. Gallegos said no.

Mr. Longworth asked for suggestions on how to promote that so everyone did not just go to Dale Ball. He was up in the mountains and it was mobbed.

Chair Bushee said the City had a PIO who would put a press release in to communicate this and they could do a resolution but had to be careful that it was what the fire department wanted.

Mr. Longworth asked if there was a way to put something about alternate trails in the press release.

Chair Bushee suggested he work with Mr. Siqueiros, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Grogan and the PIO to do the press release.

Ms. Grogan said they could be working on signage.

Chair Bushee said they could work on the press release but legal and fire were going to control this immediate issue.

Ms. Robinson thanked Mr. Gallegos for listening to BTAC's wishes.

Chair Bushee the outdoor enthusiasts would be willing to help to put up signs.

Ms. Grogan said they should get press release to the sports shops also.

2. Update Regarding the La Tierra Trails Master Plan and Trails GO Bond - Design and Construction (Engineering Staff)

Eric Martínez presented this item. He reported that they recently finished some improvements. They were in the process of completing the NM 599 project and starting to draw down the funds. A few things

were still remaining to be done on the Master Plan.

Chair Bushee asked about the dirt trail to the underpass or whatever.

Mr. Martínez said they were waiting on Finance to give them some numbers. Our estimate was \$140,000 left in the construction budget that the City could do something with.

Chair Bushee asked if that amount would cover that trail.

Mr. Martínez said it depended on what they would do. The mountain bike trail could probably be done but maybe not widened. They were working now on the remaining money and recommendations for usage. He wanted to listen to BTAC regarding what they wanted.

Chair Bushee suggested if the Committee could get details on it or on other options it would help.

Chair Bushee said they were going to lose our quorum and could listen to more but BTAC could not take action. She asked Ms. Robinson to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Longworth and Mr. Pacheco and Chair Bushee left the meeting and a quorum was lost.

Ms. Robinson asked if Mr. Martínez could speak to Margaret Alexander's concerns.

Mr. Martínez said staff was looking into her concerns regarding the BMX issues.

Ms. Grogan said it sounded like they were doing an analysis on the 2008 bond money on all counts.

Mr. Martínez agreed. As they got closer to finalizing the projects the city manager asked them to do that analysis and put forward recommendations for worthwhile projects.

Ms. Grogan felt that would tie in nicely with the audit Ms. Booth and POSAC suggested.

Mr. Martínez agreed in a way, however the work needed to be finished first before the audit could start. He felt it was appropriate to wait until projects were complete so that the audit could look at all that.

Ms. Grogan asked if the audit would then confirm that the balances were correct.

Mr. Martínez agreed and it would determine if the monies were spent in keeping with the purpose of the bond.

Ms. Grogan asked when their internal work would be complete.

Mr. Martínez estimated July or August Parks was wrapped up. Trails still had some work to wrap up. It was hard to set a firm time when easements were being negotiated.

Ms. Claudia Horn said, regarding the update on the map that they were getting the final proof tomorrow. Then they would print and distribute it within the next few weeks.

Mr. Abbatacola asked what the maps were for.

She said it was a revision of the Dale Ball map and connecting trails with suggested hikes and rides.

Mr. Abbatacola asked if it was possible to have these maps at the visitors' center.

Ms. Horn agreed. They would identify a point location.

Ms. Grogan asked if the map included the multi-purpose trails.

Ms. Horn said it didn't. They were showing the Santa Fé National Forest land and systems. She agreed that she could show a sneak preview to them.

3. Continued discussion and action regarding BTAC's Traffic Calming Design Guideline Recommendations.

Mr. Herdman arrived but there was still no quorum.

Ms. Grogan said the subcommittee was to go back and look at recommendations and amendments and the "A" Recommendations and come up with a recommendation for the BTAC committee.

Mr. Martínez agreed and added that any revisions needed to go before the committee and then to the Governing Body for ratification.

Ms. Grogan looked at the amendments. She felt that BTAC had put a fair amount of work into drafting the amendments and that BTAC should go with what they recommended. She had not heard from Mr. Rivera and didn't know what Mr. Abbatacola thought.

Mr. Abbatacola said he came into this late in the game to comment on this but generically he would like something specific to their area.

Mr. Martínez said the evaluation of this issue was in 2008. Until now nothing evolved to the committee and City Council level. This was a second bite at the apple. AASHTO guidelines and standards have been improved since 2008. BTAC might want to incorporate them. He was asked to provide suggestions at the last meeting. In his point of view take the AASHTO ideas took those into consideration and incorporated them. His suggestion was that the revisions upon the traffic calming manual would have to go through the regular process to get approval. They wouldn't have to do that with AASHTO because there were references on the updates. He was here to ask how to better proceed with this.

Ms. Grogan said the On-road Subcommittee recommends that BTAC use their amendments and not

AASHTO's.

Mr. Abbatacola asked how different they were. AASHTO had incorporation issues included and were more specific.

Ms. Robinson asked if Mr. Wilson had any comments on this.

Mr. Wilson said AASHTO provided general guidance to accommodate bicycles but the guidelines did not get into specific design. Both were guidance. He would agree that Mr. Martinez and staff would be looking at that.

Mr. Wilson said the design elements have moved forward since 2004. He was not quite sure what the need was to amend the traffic calming ordinance. They could have discussions when the city did additional traffic calming efforts.

Mr. Herdman said Santa Fé was a much more bicycle friendly and conscience community than in 2008. The Osage issue brought this up again with the abrupt cuts that were hard for bicyclists. The created hazards. Some people had some concerns that traffic calming would come up again and we may have issues. The committee has done a great job. These conditions may recreate themselves.

Mr. Jim Harrington gave some comments. He said bicyclists wanted to ban bulb outs because they were hazardous for the bicyclists and impeded on their space.

Mr. Herdman's concerns were that people were not thinking about bicyclists when designing traffic calming. He continued to be concerned that the policy needed to be in the documents.

Ms. Robinson thought if the bike lane was there it had to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Herdman thought it worked in some places and not in other places. He had concerns whether they actually worked at all.

Ms. Grogan clarified that BTAC was trying to decide if do they should use the AASHTO guidelines for traffic calming or do use the amendments done before or a third option.

Ms. Grogan asked if Mr. Harrington could summarize what the difference was between the old and new AASHTO and what he was recommending.

Mr. Harrington said the AASHTO guidelines didn't put any restrictions on when you could use these. The amendments prohibited the bulb outs unless that roadway was not used by bicycles.

Ms. Grogan said also speed bumps and vertical stuff as well.

Mr. Harrington agreed. But bulb outs were the focus. He had never had problems with speed bumps.

Ms. Grogan noted that the AASHTO guidelines did not say where these devices should be installed.

BTAC went to a lot of trouble to do the amendments. She thought they should go forward with them. It worried her that the work they did here was not taken seriously and there was no follow up. Something should be done with them. They were approved by Public Works and should have gone to Council and get put into the manual.

Ms. Robinson asked if that was the same time that traffic calming as a department got resolved.

Mr. Martínez said it got moved to another location within the department so it was not resolved. Over the last several years it has not been funded.

Ms. Robinson recalled there used to be more meetings and construction.

Mr. Martínez agree, but it was no longer.

Ms. Robinson thought maybe BTAC's request got buried during that time.

Mr. Martínez said they could only go forward now. The City used the AASHTO guidelines whether they were in the manual or not. They used it regardless because it was required. Either we do the amendments or we don't.

Ms. Grogan asked what the difference would be if BTAC made the revisions and staff was using AASHTO guidelines.

Mr. Martínez said they used AASHTO as a guideline. It was an official document used for how to implement the program and evaluate the program. The bulb outs on Guadalupe were a concern then that was brought to staff by the bicycling community and the staff set them back. The guidelines have come a long way to accommodate all users. Horizontal was out. The fire department did not like vertical. The manual said horizontal devices should be looked at first because of problems with vertical and their response time.

Mr. Herdman thought as a third option that BTAC could revisit the old amendments to see if they were needed and if they still worked. He want a reminder for the future street work that they had to look at bicycle issues when they were designing. Statistically good traffic calming was good for bikes. Bad calming was not. He suggested deferring this to next meeting.

Ms. Grogan asked if there was anything the Committee members could look at between this meeting and next.

Mr. Herdman suggested looking at the previous amendments.

Ms. Robinson asked if there were any projects coming up that BTAC could talk about and consider pro bike.

Mr. Martínez said nothing that comes to mind but staff could think about that. He liked what Mr. Herdman said. There was nothing wrong with bicyclists' needs to be taken into consideration but they needed to be careful when deleting things. They might make a few tweaks and then come back when

BTAC had a quorum and see how to proceed.

Mr. Herdman agreed and recommended doing that. He reminded the committee that we could recommend all we want but the engineers could do what they needed to do.

Ms. Grogan wondered where the resistance to that was coming from back when and now. Mr. Martínez had shed some light on it and his suggestion was a good one. Maybe they should schedule a meeting with him before the next meeting and see how everyone could move forward together. We only know that the amendments never went anywhere. Maybe then the subcommittee could come back with recommendations for the next meeting.

Mr. Martínez didn't know that there was any resistance. He was asked to make suggestions. If it was the will of the committee to move forward with the amendments from before he would do that.

Ms. Grogan thought the City should adopt a Complete Streets ordinance.

Mr. Wilson said that was done through the Bicycle Master Plan. Chapter 14 was Complete Streets. The reconstructed Cerrillos Road was a good example. He added that the AASHTO standards were an integral document that they referred to at all times.

Ms. Grogan asked Mr. Martínez to send her some suggested meeting times. Mr. Martínez agreed.

Mr. Abbatacola thought if they had a matrix of categories and recommendations it would be helpful.

Mr. Herdman didn't think it would work.

Ms. Robinson asked if traffic calming was funded now. Mr. Martínez said no.

Everyone thanked Mr. Martínez.

4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

The subcommittee reports were all either shared earlier in the meeting or had nothing to report to the BTAC.

The Committee members updated Mr. Herdman on what had transpired at the meeting before he arrived.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

This matter was not considered.

I COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Abbatacola said it would say a lot if some of the BTAC members would attend the traffic safety class.

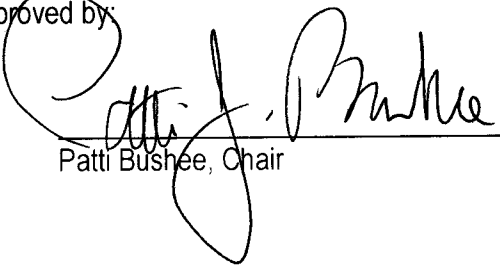
Mr. Siqueiros said July 16th was the application date.

Mr. Herdman said it seemed to him that this was becoming more of a bike commuting community.


J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by:


Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer