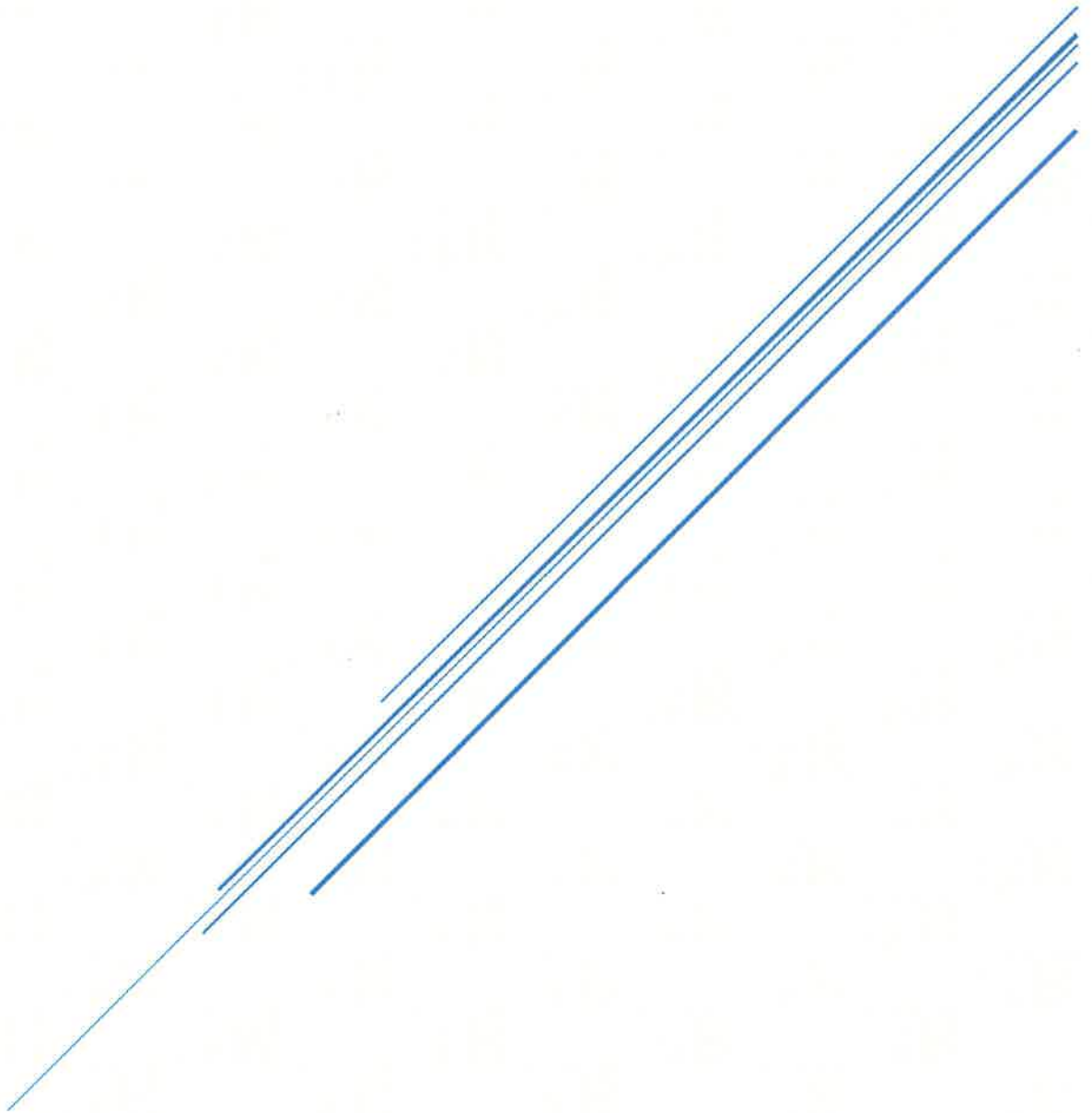


BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
City Council Chambers 200 Lincoln Ave. Santa Fe
June 21, 2017 – 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Frank Herdman was asked to Chair the meeting tonight. The meeting of the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:38 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll call constitutes a quorum.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Frank Herdman
Shelley Robinson
Gretchen Grogan
James Ronald Pacheco
Tomas Rivera
Jennifer Wellington

Excused:

Councilor Joseph Maestas, Chair
Joseph A. Abbatacola
Paul Cooley

Staff & Others Present:

Leroy Pacheco, Staff Liaison
Thomas Holzer, Resident
Tim Rogers, Santa Fe Conservation Trust
Matt Kriemen, Resident
Howard Turner, Resident
Stephen Newhall, SF Cycle Adventures
Lynette Guevara, Resident
Frances Parker, Resident
Jennifer Jenkins, The Reserve
Oralynn Guerrero Ortiz, Engineer
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Several concerned citizens

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Herdman stated he would allow those here for public comment on the Canada de Rincon project may comment after they discuss that item.

MOTION: Mr. Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Ms. Grogan which passed by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 17, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Rivera moved to approve the minutes from May 17, 2017 as presented with a second from Ms. Grogan which passed by voice vote.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Thomas Holzer (1010 Velarde Road) spoke about a situation he encountered on a trail connection on March 5, 2017: On that morning, Mr. Holzer was on his scooter on his way to his dentist's office. He caught the end of a trail connection near Otowi to Montano when he was attacked by a dog owner and two dogs. The dog owner told him he was not going to use the trail. A police report was made and a meeting with the Parks Director was held. There should be signage that a portion of that is a true trail. There are signs banning use of motorized vehicles. Mr. Holzer has clarified with NMDMV that his scooter is not considered a motor vehicle due to the weight etc. Several kids use that trail connections and many have motor powered bikes they should feel safe on that trail and avoid the busy streets. He would like to see that part of the trail connection clarified and signage.

Marcy (last name not given-SF Resident) reported the Alta Vista Street bump outs placed. They are dangerous, now bicyclists have to maneuver around them and get in the street. She nearly got hit on that street.

Mr. Matt Kriteman (no address given -SF Resident) also voiced his concerns with Alta Vista Street. That street is on the bike map as slow traffic and the bike lane was wide. The recreation center has added 46 new parking spots and there is more parking by the soccer field. There is two pedestrian crossings and one ends with a fence. When they approve projects like do they take into account the amount of pedestrians that use it? This will cause problems for bicyclists.

Mr. Stephen Newhall (601 West San Mateo Unit 2) also informed BTAC that Alta Vista is part of the Route 66. This will not help with the application. Mr. Newhall explained to Mr. Herdman the exact improvements they are making in that area.

Mr. Pacheco stated this project never came through BTAC it must have gone through Parks. Mr. Herdman suggested it get placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Mr. Rogers passed out his report (See Exhibit A). The tasks and promotional activities for bike month were busy and there several field trips. Mr. Rogers reported 14 field trips so far, they brought kids from the Southside schools to the trails. Saturday was take a kid hiking day and it went well. There has been more work done to Dale Ball Trail.

Mr. Rogers forgot to mention the Rt. 66 bike ride with some BTAC members. Part of that ride is on Alta Vista Street where the curb extensions are 9 feet out. This makes it difficult and not comfortable.

Mr. Rogers received an email from a citizen on the construction on West Alameda where a nice wide shared lane has turned into a conflict zone. He will try to work with John Romero and the on road subcommittee on this.

Mr. Rogers discussed the application and the portion he is working on. One question on the application asks within 5 years have they removed a facility without a replacement? West Alameda and Alta Vista are all examples. There are comments on the Canada Rincon Trail. If the agreement is made and the West Side alignment is chosen perhaps his group can build the dirt trail under the professional services agreement.

Mr. Rogers asked about the bridges projects. Mr. Pacheco stated they were awarded on Wednesday.

Mr. Rogers discussed his preparation for the application, he revisited the bike master plan project list to see what has been done. There is a summary at the end of the report.

Mr. R. Pacheco thanked Mr. Rogers for all his work.

7. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION

A. Bus Pass Rebate

Mr. Wilson explained his role in Transit and the MPO. The original resolution (See Exhibit B) explained the money set aside for the Bike Share Program. There was \$50,000 in the CIP funds for the program. The Councilors came up with the idea to have an incentive for transit. If residents buy a new bicycle or volunteer at Chainbreakers they can take a receipt and get a bus pass. Since then 331 bus passes have been given.

There is still \$20,000 left to use up and once that ends they will need to have City Council pass it again. Mr. Rivera explained how Chainbreakers calculated the time volunteered on their receipts.

B. BTAC Committee Terms and Appointment

Mr. Pacheco clarified Councilor Maestas requested this be on the agenda because some of the member's terms have expired. (See Exhibit C) There has been mention of a County member which is mentioned in the Resolution. It may be time to bring in new members. A press release would have to be done and then resumes sent in and reviewed. Any comments would go to the Councilor.

A brief discussion was held about the terms and how they are staggered. Mr. Pacheco will email the bylaws to the members.

Ms. Robinson discussed having each district represented and how difficult it was to find representation.

Mr. R. Pacheco explained they were all called to serve by the Councilor. He is happy to support someone if they are interested. There are members who have stayed on and are committed to see projects complete.

C. Canada de Rincon Trail – Discussion of final design alignment alternatives

Mr. Pacheco discussed his role in facilitating an alternative alignment for this project. City staff was advised to proceed after the ENN to work on the 30% design of the Eastern alignment. They paid for a conceptual design on the western side. (See Exhibit C)

The project was funded with \$200,000 of 2012 CIP funds. So far it has expended \$72,000 with 30% design and public involvement.

Mr. Pacheco discussed the right of way and easements for the western alignment. The Reserve board can do the work for an easement for the City. He received a letter from Janet Ahern for the Board at the Reserve, the bylaws empower them to execute the easements.

There have been three different engineering firms who have look at the plans and given an estimate for each alignment. Two of them gave proposals for final design. The eastern alignment was 20-25% less expensive. The range of cost is within the budget to get the final design. Although, they are not final.

Ms. Robinson asked to clarify design costs. Mr. Pacheco explained it is taking off and no cost for public involvement and right of way. Ms. Robinson asked if there was an estimate done without the structure. Mr. Pacheco stated one firm stated the engineers could try to design it a different way.

Mr. Rivera asked how much of staff's time already spent on this project. Mr. Pacheco stated it is difficult to answer.

Mr. Rivera asked about the incline on the ramp is it similar to the slope near Santa Fe High. Mr. Rogers stated it is not more than 5% and is ADA compliant. It is not as long, maybe 100 feet.

Ms. Grogan asked what surface the trail would be. Mr. Pacheco stated concrete for less maintenance. She would like to see an alternative to the ramp, perhaps a series of switchbacks. Ms. Grogan expressed her concern with the costs spent so far and the fact that construction costs haven't been calculated yet.

Mr. R. Pacheco discussed his concern with the two arroyos to cross and the cost to engineer those. This project should improve the existing trail and still please the residents.

Mr. Herdman stated one of the firms did not state an opinion on savings. Mr. Herdman would like to see a cost breakdown. Mr. Pacheco stated the costs usually correlate with construction costs.

A discussion was held about the ramp and the idea of removing it from the plans and designs.

Mr. Rivera states if the ramp is ADA compliant and if its not a long distance it shouldn't be a problem. The important thing is to have a healthy trail system for cyclists and pedestrians. The east side alignment is an

easier choice. This project has taken up a lot of City Staff's time.

Mr. R. Pacheco discussed the importance of aesthetics and the importance for the residents.

Mr. Herdman commended The Reserve for granting the easement and engaging in the process. He would like to allow them to make comments.

Mr. Rivera asked if this was advertised as a public hearing for comments. Mr. Herdman will be flexible on it and allow comments.

Ms. Jennifer Jenkins thanked Mr. Pacheco and his staff for offering the alternative. Ms. Jenkins would like their engineer Ms. Guerrero Ortiz to answer some questions after she makes her comments.

Ms. Jenkins stated she and some residents walked and staked out the West alignment and they are incredibly excited. The connection to Calle Mejia is at grade and the connection to Calle Francisca is a gentle climb. There is money earmarked for railing.

Ms. Jenkins stated they have provided a cost estimate even if there is an alternative. They would happy to pay for another engineer to re-examine the project. This project would please the stakeholders and there would be more sidewalk gained on Camino Francisca. There would be no FEMA study. There are arroyo crossings but not flood plains. A trail that runs parallel to the arroyo requires maintenance and there could be erosion issues. *plains*

Ms. Jenkins stated the ramp is a concern, an alternative to it could be a dramatic impact.

Ms. Guerrero Ortiz discussed the arroyo issues. As long as they keep the grade natural it isn't a maintenance issue. When they change the grades that's when it has problems. The crossings aren't a concern.

Ms. Grogan asked if the East side alignment has another way to make the crossings.

Ms. Guerrero Ortiz states a bridge may be possible as long as it sits above the water level.

Ms. Grogan asked what the trail material will be. Ms. Guerrero Ortiz stated the different materials used and the costs however the trail must remain ADA compliant.

Ms. Guerrero Ortiz discussed her cost estimates the railing she added was what she felt comfortable with.

A brief discussion was held about flooding and the arroyo flows.

Lynnette Guevara a stakeholder commented on the review of the engineers. An important piece is the ramp and the wall Zocalo built. There will be more sidewalks and the idea of switchbacks is not practical. She herself would be hauling children in a trailer. She likes the description of the east side and wanted to express her personal opinion.

Howard Turner (1031 Calle Dorothea) stated he walked both alignments this morning and counted the arroyos. Rain and wash could be an issue. It is much flatter on the east side.

Mr. Tim Rogers would like to add some additional points. His role is to plan towards the safety of the trail. The west side trail requires more climbing and more use of the streets. The access is better on the east side for the residents. The natural surface trail along it would be a great job for volunteers. Perhaps the ramp could be moved north and to the side.

Mr. Pacheco explained there is about 12 feet that the city owns north of Calle Francisca.

The Reserve along

Ms. Frances Parker explained the trail in question is in the master plan, when The Reserve was Shadow Ridge Apartments. It should still be on it. The sidewalk doesn't go up to Calle David, it goes nowhere. The cost of the ramp wouldn't be necessary if it started at the steps at The Reserve and went down into the arroyo. It would have to have easement but the small strip right up to it would make it easy to get down the 12 feet. It would eliminate problems. There is a sign now forbidding use right now. Its walkable but its not inviting to non Reserve residents.

Mr. Rivera would like to see this item move on.

MOTION: Mr. Rivera moved that the BTAC recommends the east side alignment. Ms. Grogan seconds the motion and would like to see the sign removed and have Ms. Parkers suggestions looked into.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Herdman discussed the estimates from the engineers and the one who did not offer cost differentials. They have high regards for Mr. Rogers comments but it is the desire to make compromises for the community concerns and find the most direct route.

Ms. Grogan stated if the structure isn't needed and there is another idea they should explore it.

Mr. Herdman would like to clarify if The Reserve is offering the easement go up to the street as opposed to the north side.

Ms. Jenkins stated there has not been a formal request. They may grant i if the west side is selected.

Mr. Rivera withdraws his motion.

MOTION: Mr. Rivera moves that BTAC recommends to move forward on the east side alignment and directs staff to meet with The Reserve to discuss the north curve approach, if easement is necessary to start looking into it.

NO SECOND, DISCUSSION:

Mr. Pacheco stated there is City property between the property lines, it is 12 feet. Is it necessary. Mr. Herdman briefly discussed the issue of money and funds.

Not sure if
to have
another
easement?

Mr. Rivera restated his motion.

MOTION: Mr. Rivera recommends BTAC present to City Council they pursue the option on the east side and have City staff look into an alternate easement if deemed necessary, Ms. Grogan seconds the motion. Mr. Herdman requested a roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Herdman NO
Mr. Pacheco YES
Ms. Wellington YES
Ms. Grogan YES
Ms. Robinson YES
Mr. Rivera YES.

The motion carries 5-1.

8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

A. On Road Subcommittee

Mr. Abattacola was not here to report.

B. Off Road Subcommittee

Mr. Herdman did not have a report.

C. Going for the Gold

Ms. Grogan Gretchen reported their last meeting went well. They met with SFPD to help with the enforcement section. Each member has taken a section to review.

As a group the education section will be done together. They would like to get the application complete by July, it is due August 17.

Mr. Rogers discussed his work on the application. He will need to meet with the MPO on a few things.

Ms. Grogan asked about information that may have been on the prior application.

Mr. Newhall stated his entity is still offering a riding class which is great for the application. BTAC members can call Ms. Wellington or Mr. Newhall for the dates and times.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pacheco reported that the bridge on Onate was awarded. The Rail Trail underpass is needing the planting done. He suggests BTAC support it, the plants will be good for drainage and aesthetics.

10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Wellington would like to re-emphasize the information given by Mr. Newhall.

Mr. Rivera discussed the bus pass rebate and the work the volunteers did at Chainbreakers. The rebate helped hundreds of people and is a great program.

Ms. Robinson informed Mr. Rivera that the enforcement section of the application spoke very highly of Chainbreakers.

A discussion was held about Alta Vista and how to bring it to the attention of City Council. Mr. Pacheco will send out the contact information to the proper districts.

Mr. Kriteaman stated he and Bike Santa Fe have already written a letter to each Councilor.

Mr. Herdman called to Mr. Pacheco's attention the bridge near Gonzales elementary is still in need of dire repair. Mr. Pacheco will look into it.


11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Board adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

SIGNATURES

Councilor Joseph Maestas, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer