

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE MINUTES

April 21, 2009

The regular meeting of Aztec Trails and Open Space Committee met at the Civic Center on April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. President Kelly Townsend called the meeting to order and introductions and affiliations were made. Those in attendance: President Kelly Townsend, Vice President Dave Porter, Treasurer Eleanor Townsend, Paul Merrett, Joe Hubbard, Secretary Tara C Townsend, Ian Doig, Margie Townsend, and Darrel Workman.

Eleanor Townsend made a motion, seconded by Sally Burbridge, to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Eleanor Townsend gave the treasurers report. Currently there is \$360.00 in the checking account housed at Four Corners Community Bank. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Following the agenda the group addressed 2009 priorities. First being the landing sites for the foot bridge. Ideas were discussed by the group. No concrete plans have been made as of yet.

The next topic on the agenda discussed was the website. Sally Burbridge requested that members please submit their biographies for the website.

Sally Burbridge updated the group regarding the KOBF thirty second promo, in which she appeared.

Kelly Townsend then began the report on the April 18th work day at Riverside Park. A trail was mulched with much success. The next work day was scheduled at this time for May 16th. Possible future projects for work days: Graffiti clean up; brush clearance and more mulch were all identified.

Sally Burbridge provided photos of possible examples for future kiosks. Kiosks would be used to give information and maps of trails in the Recreational Area (Former BLM property). The idea was discussed at length including possible sources of funding for said Kiosks. The price was estimated to be around \$1,000 dollars per unit. Possible sites could be the landing site of the foot bridge and the Recreational Area. An idea for possible funds from the state of New Mexico was presented by Joe Hubbard. Eleanor Townsend made a motion to apply for the funds from the City of Aztec. The motion was seconded by Joe Hubbard. Kelly Townsend volunteered to fill out the required request for funds.

A thank you card for Sunland was passed around and signed by all members present. It was decided to also remind Sunland that the 501c(3) had been approved and the donation could be tax deductible.

Lower Animas Ditch Meeting Report was provided by Joe Hubbard. There was no commitment from the Lower Animas Ditch company. They were not completely against continued discussion about using the ditch banks as possible trails but there is understandable concern about liability. In summery there was no opposition and no headway.

Dues structure for membership was again brought up for discussion. A simple three tiered form of dues structure was decided upon. Joe Hubbard motioned to enact the new dues structure. Tara Townsend seconded the motion. It was also decided upon that a bike license plate and email notifications would be included in the membership. License plates will be provided to new members only.

New business was then discussed beginning with Earth day Activities: booth at Aztec Ruins. The tent will be provided by Kelly and Eleanor Townsend. Every one agreed to be there at 0730 to set up. The next topic of discussion was Fiesta Days. It was decided to participate in the parade and have a booth. It was agreed upon that the bicycle rodeo would be postponed for another year as we do not have enough members to man it.

The discussion was then open for any concerns. Joe Hubbard mentioned the eventual project of linking Farmington to Aztec by a trail on the old railway grade. Joe also brought it to the groups attention that highway 550 is officially NM bike trail number five. Joe Hubbard also expressed that he would keep up contact with the ditch companies. Margie Townsend expressed concern regarding the 44 acres. It was agreed upon that a sign if not a barrier was needed until the acreage could be utilized.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19th of May.

No further discussion was presented and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Townsend, Secretary