

## Aztec Trails and Open Space Minutes

July 14, 2009

The regular meeting of Aztec Trails and Open Space committee met at Aztec City hall on July 14. Dave Porter Vice President Called meeting to order. Introductions were made and affiliations were stated. Those in attendance: Vice President Dave Porter, Treasurer Eleanor Townsend, Secretary Tara Townsend, Sandi Harber, Bryan Harber, Sally Burbridge, Ian Doig, Joe Hubbard, Dennis Carruth, Don Greenwood, and Ed Cooper. Minutes were approved with noted changes.

Treasures report was given by, Eleanor Townsend. As of the July meeting there was 1,053 dollars housed in the checking account housed at Four Corners Community Bank. There was stated to be one outstanding check of 581 dollars. Sally Burbridge moved to approve the treasures report and Tara Townsend seconded.

2009 priorities were addressed as follows:

Pedestrian bridge landing planning was the first priority discussed:

It was agreed that basic ideas for the landing are still needed. The discussion was then opened to the group at large. Ed Cooper presented a site sketch to the group that was then passed around. Dave Porter suggested that tables would be a good addition to the site. Kiva style structure was put up for consideration by Ed Cooper. Addition of grass to the site was suggested by Eleanor Townsend. Stage at the site also suggested by Eleanor Townsend. Grass agreed upon by general group due to mud prevention. Eleanor Townsend suggested some form of water feature. Don Greenwood stated that the site could support any of these ideas easily.

Don Greenwood also stated that the slope near to this area is a maintenance issue. Dave Porter suggested that fill dirt and grass would help with that area. Sally Burbridge suggested that native grasses could be used in this function.

Don Greenwood stated that YCC grant proposal to commission will include possible additions to the pedestrian bridge landing to each side. Sally Burbridge stated that YCC involvement as well as the budget for the site will have to be revised and considered by the city commission.

Don Greenwood suggested that a time line would assist in the general guidelines of the plan. He also suggested that we need to keep it reasonable for city finances. He also reiterated the need for grass to start. Also mentioned was the need to define the road near the site. Eleanor Townsend Suggested Bike stands as a barrier would be a creative way to keep cars off of the grass. Water accessibility was brought up by Joe Hubbard.

Responsibility for material and labor costs was questioned. Sally Burbridge mentioned that it would be good for ATOS to assume at least some of the cost and labor. Also she stated we need a plan, so we can get cost and start fund raising towards those costs. Dave Porter suggested that a work day could towards labor at the site.

Eleanor Townsend suggested that dimensions of the stage need to be agreed upon. Discussion ensued. Safety concerns as far as height and handicap exec ability were addressed by several members of the group.

In synopsis of an excellent brain storm session Dave Porter Vice President stated that we need to have a plan in a price in place as a basis for further ventures.

Second Priority discussed was ATOS website:

Website information was presented by Sally Burbridge. Events listed were added to website. Maps presented to Sally Burbridge for website from Eleanor Townsend. Sally Burbridge presented visits and view of the website and individual pages, pages were passed around.

River side loop was the next topic discussed:

Trail behind the BMX to be one way only not just blocked off, per Don Greenwood. This info came from the Aztec City Commission meeting. Purely maintenance reasons are the only reason to actually keep the road passable per Sally Burbridge. ATOS is not needed to improve this section of the loop at this time. Sally Burbridge asked if there is anything ATOS can to speed up the process of making this a complete trail (riverside loop). Don Greenwood stated that railing would help towards that end. Railing would be needed on most likely both sides of the trail. Possible pipe donation from Devon per Eleanor Townsend. Two inch pipe per Don Greenwood.

Recreation area trails Discussion.

This question was presented to the group by Sally Burbridge: What does ATOS want from the new Recreation area. Dave Porter Suggested a Sunday visit to the site to better understand it. Don Greenwood suggested that there needs to be a under walk for the truck over pass. Sally Burbridge Suggested possible pedestrian activated signal. Pedestrian safety as a concern was expressed by all members. Ian Doig suggested that we need to see some sort of info on the sports complex. Sally presented map of purposed sports complex and truck bypass. She also stated that we need to have a plan in place as ATOS for trails before its all said and done. The entire group was agreement.

Bicycle cruise nights:

Ed Cooper stated that the last two bicycle cruise nights were successes. He proposed that they need to incorporate an alley ride.

Aztec Media Promo:

Script written by Ian Doig was presented to group. Dennis Carruth suggested that images need to be family and everyday oriented. Dave Porter asked if there were any specific things we need to state that we want in it. Deadline to be Friday the 17th. Ian Doig stated he would do a rewrite on the script and send it to Eleanor who will get it into Dale Anderson.

RTCA Grant

The grant is to be emailed to group by Sally Burbridge. Her question to the group was do we want it to be a water ring corridor (big project) or do we focus on the smaller trail segment? The group consensus was that we need to present the bigger picture of the

river corridor to RTCA. .75 miles to be developed from the bridges along the river to the city property at the ruins is the smaller picture" This would be the suggested smaller project fro the RTCA grant.

Letters of support have been obtained by Sally Burbridge from the Kiwanis club. Letter read aloud by Sally B. Letter was signed by Debbie Klien They volunteered to provide lunch at a "work day". Letter also obtained by Lions club and read by Sally Burbridge.

List of other partners for the project were proposed. Elidge ditch was. Contact to Elidge ditch and possible letter to be obtained by Don Greenwood to contact. Also the Aztec Museum needs to be contacted. Joe Hubbard volunteered to contact the Boys and Girls Club as well. Eleanor Townsend volunteered to contact San Juan Regional Hospital. All letters need to be obtained by August 1st.

#### Membership Drive

Dave Porter volunteered to write an article that will be submitted to Aztec Talon in order to encourage membership. Sally Burbridge volunteered to add membership form to ATOS website.

New Business was addressed as follows:

#### National Night Out

Discussion was opened by Kelly Townsend. A bike ride that night was suggested by Kelly Townsend and a flier for the night was presented to the group. The group approved a ride for that night August 11th.

#### Open Discussion:

Joe Hubbard presented topics for next month's meeting: Possible presentation of information to San Juan County Commission, New Mountain Bike Trail, and Sponsorship of Autumn bicycle tour. Possible affiliation with a horseback riding group was presented by Kelly Townsend. Sally Burbridge also suggested a possible affiliation with Aztec Speed Way.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 18th, 2009.

No further discussion was presented and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Townsend, Secretary