

Aztec Trails and Open Space

January 27, 2009

6PM

Aztec City Commission Room



Those attending:

Dave Gilkey Ed Cooper Sally Burbridge Rob Heyduck Dave Porter

Don Greenwood Deb Kritchels

Dave Gilkey called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table.

There was not a quorum at the November or December meetings, and so there are no minutes to approve. While October minutes had been sent out, they were not available for review and so approval was tabled until the next meeting.

The group's 501(c)(3) filing is still in the pipeline. Articles of Incorporation filed with the state, and subsequently refilled pending amendments to the document, have now been accepted by the state, and they have been sent in for an up to date filing with the IRS.

Sally was hoping to have internet access to show the group the website she has been working on, but brought print outs of the web pages for the group to see. The website is packed with information, but it was agreed that the site needs a few things: links to equestrian trails/information, and more pictures to name the most pressing. Everyone with additional information will email Sally the links to that information and get them added to the site.

Don gave an update on the pedestrian bridge (from Hartmann to Riverside). The bridge has been built, footings are poured in place, and the bridge is set to arrive in February when two large cranes will hoist it into place. Afterwards, the project will continue with construction of ramps/walks to access the bridge, which is expected to open in July.

Under new business, the group brainstormed top priority projects for the coming year. At the top of the list is to complete the loop trail at Riverside. Don will be working with the YCC (Youth Conservation Corps) to clear vegetation and construct a trail on 'Beaver Island' which would be a spur/additional loop which would return to the current wood chip trail. The part of the loop to be completed runs from near the pond, past the BMX track, to where pavement trail begins closer to river. This will involve addressing car traffic, trail, and drainage needs in the area. Another priority is to start coming up with concept plans for landscaping at the landing of the aforementioned pedestrian bridge. Work will continue on web and map development, and a new area of focus will be the proposed Recreation center which may be located near the new ball fields and reservoir being constructed east of town near the proposed arterial route.

Sally asked for those that do not yet have bio blurbs on the webpage submit them to her soon so that she can add them to the site.

Sally also presented a sample of a dues structure for the group. As things are becoming more organized and official, we need to define what membership is, what it requires, and what the potential 'perks' of membership may be. This will also be crucial to create at least a baseline fund so that the group can begin to engage in projects on a different level than has been possible in the past. Along with this, the bylaws state that officers are to be elected in January, but since this was not promoted before the fact, it was decided to put off the nomination and voting process until February, and that Rob will get the message out to all 'members' to encourage participation in the process.

Sally mentioned that it may also be necessary to change the meeting date/time to accommodate potentially changing city commission schedule. However, the next meeting is currently slated for February 24th, at 6pm at the city commission chamber.