

Animas River Trail Extension Project  
Steering Committee Conference Call  
Group Memory  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

#### Participants

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#### Discussion Topics

- Revisit and agree on roles and responsibilities
- Draft list of talking point bullets
- Identify topics for next meeting
- Discussion and agreement on future (animas river trail extension committee) meetings.. Do they coincide with ATOS meetings?

#### Project Leadership

The Animas River Trail Extension project committee has not defined a chairperson or “point person” to lead this project through a community based planning process. Aztec Trails & Open Space (ATOS) requested technical assistance from RTCA for engaging landowners along the river corridor, developing a public involvement process and trail design issues. The project acceptance letter from the NPS indicated ATOS would provide leadership and project coordination.

#### Issues:

- Confusion between ATOS regular meetings and perceived “RTCA project meetings”
- ATOS needs to be driving project from community level
- Communication between Aztec Ruins staff, RTCA, ATOS, City needs to be more effective.

#### AGREEMENTS

- ✓ ATOS will provide leadership to the Trail Extension Project. RTCA will support ATOS president with agenda setting, communication and general project progress.
- ✓ Animas Trail Extension Project meetings will coincide with ATOS membership meetings .

#### Talking Point Bullets

For Animas River Trail Extension committee representatives to effectively communicate the goals and objectives of the project, talking points are needed for us. These talking points would outline project goals, community involvement strategies, community benefits, proposed timeline etc.

#### ACTIONS:

- ✓ Attila will develop format for collecting committee input and share with Ed.
- ✓ Attila will provide Ed with templates and ideas for “project fact sheet.”
- ✓ Ed will draft and distribute to everyone and create a routing checklist.
- ✓ Everyone provides input by April 16<sup>th</sup>

#### NEXT MEETING

April 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

*Draft Topics*

*Brief ATOS members on Animas River Trail Extension Project*

*Discussion and Agreement on Talking Points, Fact Sheet format*

*Landowner Updates*

*NPF Grant status*

*Civic Engagement Priorities (national trails day events)*

*Connect Trails To Parks Grant opportunity.*