

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
MINUTES

January 27, 2010

The regular meeting of the Aztec Trails and Open Space met at the Aztec Commission Room on January 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Vice President Dave Porter called the meeting to order and introductions and affiliations were made. Those in attendance were Dave Porter, Eleanor Townsend, Sally Burbridge, Ed Cooper, Dennis Carruth, Don Greenwood, Pete Shirk, Ed Strauss, and Don Corbeil.

Housekeeping

The October and November 2009 minutes were presented and approved with a motion from Sally Burbridge, seconded by Dennis Carruth, a motion made by Dennis Carruth and seconded by Eleanor Townsend respectively. The motions were unanimously passed.

Eleanor Townsend, Treasurer presented the Treasurers Report. The balance of the checking account is \$898.86.

Sally Burbridge presented a bill that she had paid in the amount of \$14.95 for the website. She also mentioned that the first year was free.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and expenses by Sally Burbridge seconded by Dennis Carruth. The motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Ben Hatch was on the agenda to make a presentation/request. He was not in attendance.

Pete Shirk informed the group that Fort Lewis College needed an invoice from the City in order to pay ATOS for the Cyclocross race that ATOS had assisted with in November. When this process was completed ATOS would be presented with a check in the amount of \$590 for their part in the race. He also said that the organizers were very pleased with the Riverside Park track where the race took place.

Joe Hubbard was not available to make a presentation about the Tenneco property. Sally informed the group that Joe would no longer be able to serve on the ATOS Board.

2010 Priorities-It was decided to move the 2009 priorities that apply up to the 2010 priorities which are as follows:

1. Trail Extension to Aztec Ruins (RTCA)
2. Pedestrian Bridge Landing
3. Riverside Loop- (YCC Project-Summer Project)
4. '29 Bridge Access

5. Recreational Area Trails

Sally did inform the group that the City does want to develop a plan for the Townsend Property and would include ATOS in that planning process.

Election of Officers

After much discussion a partial slate of Officers/Board members was presented as the following:

Officers:

President-Dave Porter
Vice President-Kelly Townsend
Secretary-No candidates
Treasurer-Eleanor Townsend

Board Members:

Sally Burbridge
Ed Cooper
Dennis Carruth

Sally made a motion seconded by Eleanor to approve the slate as presented and wait to see if anyone would volunteer to be the Secretary. Eleanor volunteered to take minutes until that time. The motion unanimously passed.

Old Business

2009 Priorities moved to 2010 priorities.

Don reported on the Pedestrian Bridge landing and informed the group that the total price of the project would be between \$6500 and \$7000 to complete the project as planned. When the time comes it was suggested that we ask for donations from local businesses.

Don also reported that the landscaping on the Hartman side would be placed on hold due to lack of funds until it was determined if monies could be moved from other line items in the current budget.

Sally reported that ATOS now has a Facebook page and that herself and Pete Shirk were placed as administrators of the page. Ian Doig is presently working on a logo for ATOS.

Don reported that the YCC grant would be worked on again in the summer with students. He will keep us informed of the work and progress.

Recreational Area Trails-Sally reported that in the spring that any unused funds from the Reservoir Project would be used to landscape the park using native vegetation. There would be a ½ mile loop around the reservoir with grass and picnic tables.

Suzanne Russell was not present to discuss the Elementary Class project in conjunction with ATOS.

Fundraising Projects

RTCA Grant: Sally stated that ATOS would need to come up with talking points detailing what the benefits of the program would be to Aztec by improving local trails. She mentioned that Ed Kotyk was making a list of land owners between Riverside Park and Aztec Ruins. There will be a meeting on February 22, 2010 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the Park and Public Works Building to further discuss the grant. Members who were present at the RTCA meeting in January were waiting to receive the minutes from that meeting to clarify what each entity is expected to bring to the next meeting on February 22.

Park Service Grant-Dennis reported that the \$8,650 grant would be submitted to the National Park Service who would administer the grant and would be deposited into their account and would distribute the funds. He stated that there would be no funds for overhead. There would be one press release about the grant and the National Park Service would also be responsible for the annual reports as stated in the grant. Don Corbeil would be responsible for the administration of the grant.

Federal Highway Administrations Recreational Trails Program-Sally informed the group that Senator Bingaman's pet project was trails in New Mexico. His office will be sending Sally funding opportunities as they come available.

Safe Routes to School Mini Grant-Sally reported that this grant was denied.

Consortium Tourism Grant-Sally reported that this grant has not been funded. This is a grant in conjunction with Aztec Museum and the Aztec Chamber of Commerce. Apparently the funds will be used for a "walking trail brochure".

Drawing Fundraiser Update- Eleanor reported on the Oktoberfest drawing results. They were as follows:

Bicycle-Nick McMurray
Nature Guide Books-Janna Zink
Binoculars-Lashae Snyder
Backpack-Monty Saiz

Total profits from the Oktoberfest Raffle were \$421.00.

Promotional Efforts

Aztec Media Promo-Sally reported that she had been in contact with Dale Anderson and will shoot the video in the near future.

President Dave Porter has volunteered to write articles for the TALON. The deadline for the next article would be on February 8th.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Alien Mountain Bike Race will be May 2, 2010 as reported by Ed Strauss. It will be a one day event. Ed also brought a letter asking the BLM to designate the Mountain View trail as a recreation site which would make it an official trail.

2009 Durango Century-Pete informed the group that he would be the Ride Director for the race and would like ATOS volunteers to do the Aztec portion of the race which would include the first rest stop from about 9:00 to 10:30 at the junction of 550 and Ruins Road. The race is slated for July 26, 2010. This is a 100 mile race.

Open Discussion

Sally reported that the annual Earth Day at the Aztec Ruins will be on Saturday April 24. We need to be thinking whether we want to have a booth at this event or not.

The next ATOS meeting will be February 16th

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Townsend
Acting Secretary