

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
MINUTES

October 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Aztec Trails and Open Space met at the Aztec Commission Room on October 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. President Kelly Townsend called the meeting to order and introductions and affiliations were made. Those in attendance were Kelly Townsend, Eleanor Townsend, Paul Merrett, Sally Burbridge, Ed Cooper, Dennis Carruth, Joe Hubbard, Don Greenwood, Dave Porter, Vicky Ramakka, Ralph Winebarger, Crasanda Boss, Pete Shirk, Kenny Wehn, Ed Strauss, and Delwyn Werito

Old Business

The September minutes were presented and approved with a motion from Eleanor Townsend, seconded by Paul Merrett. The motion was unanimously passed.

Eleanor Townsend, Treasurer presented the Treasurers Report. The balance of the checking account is \$521.86 and memberships to date total \$475.00. 98 tickets were sold for the raffle at Oktoberfest (\$197.00).

2009 Priorities

Pedestrian bridge landing planning-There was no report.

ATOS Website-Sally Burbridge passed out reports detailing information from the website. There were a few updates made to the website.

Riverside Loop-No Report

'29 Bridge Access-No Report

Recreational Area Trails-Don reported that he is working the waterline at the reservoir. Sally informed the group that a trail has formed behind the reservoir allowing a great view and an opportunity to see what is going on around the reservoir.

Aztec Media Promo

Eleanor reported that she had spoken to Dale Anderson who had made several changes to the script of the video he was shooting for ATOS. Most of the shots have already been shot and Dale will keep the group informed of his progress.

Grant Updates

RTCA Grant-Dennis Carruth informed the group that ATOS was awarded the grant. The grant will allow ATOS to work with the National Park Service in planning future trails and most importantly connecting Aztec Ruins National Monument to Aztec trails. He will keep the group informed of further details on the grant as he gets them.

Park Service Grant-Dennis informed ATOS that he was working on a small Youth Grant that would be awarded in November.

Consortium Tourism Grant-Vicky Ramakka from the Aztec Museum informed ATOS that this grant would have to be revised. The present amount of the grant is \$13,900. They are hoping to put together a pamphlet detailing a walking tour of the historical homes in Aztec, which would also focus on ATOS. They are also hoping to have a rack card mentioning the Aztec Museum as well as the Aztec Ruins. The Aztec Museum is the fiscal agent of the grant and many challenges have presented themselves including a 50% match requirement. Vicky is currently working with the state on the details and will keep ATOS informed. Kelly volunteered

ATOS to get solid information on Aztec Trails. It was noted that there is a great need for quality maps detailing areas of interest in Aztec as well as trails in the area.

Oktoberfest-It was decided that ATOS would have a booth at Oktoberfest and be in the parade. It was also determined that tickets for the raffle to raise funds for ATOS would also be sold at Oktoberfest. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize-New Adult Bicycle
- 2nd Prize-Backpack and 4 Outdoor Guide Books
- 3rd Prize-10x25 Travelite V Binoculars

Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 donation per tickets. Drawing will be held on December 3, 2009 at the Holiday Light Parade and Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. Tickets were passed out to members to assist in the sale of the tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the Aztec Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsoring or Co-Sponsoring a Tour or Event

2009 Durango Century Event-This event is held the 3rd Sunday in July. ATOS has been asked to help out with this event. ATOS would be handing out water bottles to participants. It was decided that ATOS could help in order to get more exposure.

Alien Mountain Bike Race-Ed Strauss from the Alien Mountain Bike Race attended the meeting to ask ATOS to assist with the now 2 day event to be held in the Spring 2010. Joe Hubbard made a motion to assist with this event as well. Dave Porter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ed will keep ATOS informed.

Cycle Cross Race in Riverside-Several interested participants asked ATOS to assist in this first time event on November 21, 2009 at Riverside Park. A video of the event was viewed by ATOS. This event is a winter sport to keep bike riders in shape. ATOS was invited to assist with this event as well. ATOS decided to assist in the event.

New Business

Letter to County Commission to Preserve Rail Bed ROW and Bridge-Joe Hubbard discussed the details of this agenda item. It was decided that Joe would write a letter on behalf of ATOS in support of preserving the rail bed. All comments should be submitted to Joe as soon as possible.

SRTS Mini Grant Opportunity-This is a \$1,000 grant sponsored by Safe Routes to School which would not need the superintendents approval. The money would be used to print brochures and distribute to schools. Dave Porter and Joe Hubbard will get together to write the grant. The deadline for the grant is 10-30-09. They will keep ATOS informed.

Tennaco property on S. Rio Grande and Park Avenue-Joe explained that there is an empty lot (1/10 acre) north of the Aztec post office that is available and may be given to the city. A letter requesting the property will be written by Joe and sent to Sally to be processed.

Trail Work Day-It was decided that a work day would be on November 7, 2009 at 8:00. ATOS would re-chip the first part of the trail at Riverside Park.

Open Discussion-Vicky Ramakka informed ATOS that she went to a Public Hearing concerning the electric transmission corridor from Waterflow to Ignacio. The proposed routes were discussed at the meeting. All comments need to be submitted as soon as possible. For more information please read on their website: sjbenenergyconnect.com

For more information about BLM giving land to the city or county to put in a park south and west of the Pepsi plant please see: sanjuancountyplanning.com

Dennis Carruth would like some feedback about Earth Day. Kelly filled out a postcard with comments and gave to Dennis.

Don Greenwood informed ATOS that catwalks from the sewer plant would be used for bridges across Estes Wash.

Joe Hubbard stated that Royce Brewer has volunteered to plot a mountain bike route to Bloomfield. Thanks to Royce for his help!

The next ATOS meeting is scheduled for November 17th.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Townsend
Acting Secretary