

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
MINUTES

February 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Aztec Trails and Open Space met at the Aztec Commission Room on February 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Vice President Kelly Townsend called the meeting to order and introductions and affiliations were made. Those in attendance were Eleanor Townsend, Sally Burbridge, Ed Cooper, Dennis Carruth, Pete Shirk, Ed Strauss, Don Corbeil, Landis Ehler, and Ralph Winebarger.

Housekeeping

The January minutes were presented and approved with a motion from Dennis Carruth seconded by Ed Cooper. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Election of Board Secretary was tabled until the next meeting. Ed Strauss offered to look into finding someone who may be interested in the Secretary position.

Old Business

RTCA-Sally informed the group that they needed a list of talking points. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/22/10 at 3:00 at the Public Works building. Several more people will be contacted to see if they are interested in becoming partners with ATOS on this project. People in the health industry will be the main focus at this time. Some of the benefits of the grant are health, educational and economic development.

Pedestrian Bridge Landing-The cost is estimated between \$6,000 and \$7,000. No further report.

Recreational Area Trails-Don Greenwood is working on some proposed landscaping around the reservoir.

Sally stated that Josh the new City Manager has included the proposed engineering of the North Pedestrian Bridge in the 2010 budget which would connect Martinez Lane and the Aztec Ruins.

Elementary Class working with ATOS-Tabled

Grants & Assistance

Park Service Grant-Don Corbeil will make an effort to talk to Don Greenwood about the specifics of the grant.

Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program-Sally stated that one of Senator Jeff Bingaman's priorities is trails. His office has been sending Sally grants that may be of interest to ATOS. Sally will forward this information to those that are interested.

Promotional Efforts

Aztec Media Promo-Sally reported that she had met with Dale Anderson and the video is almost completed. The video will be placed on the ATOS website with a link to the cities website as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Eleanor will follow up with Dale Anderson.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Aztec Ruins "Web of Life" Earth Day Celebration-is scheduled for April 24 from 10:00 to 3:00. Hopefully the Aztec Media video will be completed and we will be able to use the video for a presentation at Earth Day. There was a strong interest in setting up a booth for this event.

Alien Mountain Bike Race will be May 2, 2010. Ed Strauss gave a report on the progress of this race. BLM has a new Manager and is working on the permit. They are also looking at a secondary date for the race.

2009 Durango Century-The race is scheduled for July 26, 2010. ATOS is still going to work 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.

Open Discussion

Kelly informed the group that the corporation report had been submitted to the State of New Mexico.

Sally and Pete volunteered to look into a state program called No Child Left Inside.

Ed Strauss volunteered to talk to LeeAnn from the library to see if they could find someone who is interested in writing articles for the TALON.

It was also discussed to write a letter of support to the Aztec Ruins to be included in their visionary plan. A copy will be sent to Dennis Carruth with the Ruins. A thought was to propose a trail above the ruins on the north side overlooking the Ruins.

The next ATOS meeting will be March 6th.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Townsend
Acting Secretary