

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
MINUTES

April 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Aztec Trails and Open Space met at the Aztec Commission Room on April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. President Dave Porter called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Those in attendance were Dave Porter, Kelly Townsend, Eleanor Townsend, Sally Burbridge, Jeff Marlar, Ed Cooper, Paul Merritt, Steve Christensen, Dale Brooks, Ed Strauss, Dennis Carruth, Ed Kotyk and Ian Doig and Attila Bality.

Housekeeping

The March minutes were presented and approved with a motion from Kelly Townsend seconded by Ed Cooper. The motion unanimously passed.

Eleanor Townsend, Treasurer presented the Treasurers Report. The balance of the checking account is \$873.91. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and expenses by Sally Burbridge seconded by Dennis Carruth. The motion unanimously passed. Sally will check with Pete Shirk about the Cyclo Cross money and the City of Aztec "invoice".

2010 Priorities

Attila Bality from the National Park Service attended the meeting and briefed the group on the River Trails and Conservation Assistance Grant-RCTA Grant (Trail Extension to the Aztec Ruins Project). A list of the items discussed and prepared by Attila is made a part of these minutes. Attila stressed that as a group we must get involved in the process and become "trail ambassadors". We must identify property owners concerns. It was noted that ATOS met with Dale Brooks on April 20 and he has agreed to represent the property owners along the river. Legal/liability issues were also discussed. We will have to meet with these property owners one on one to determine their concerns. It will be our responsibility to coordinate Civic Engagement.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Connect National Park to National Trails-connect trails to grant money up to \$100,000 (Old Spanish Trail)
2. Need Civic Engagement
3. Comment on talking points to be done by May 1st (Attila), comments from ATOS to Attila by May 3, final to be finished by May 14th by Attila

National Park Grant Update-Dennis Carruth informed the group that he had purchased less than 500 seedlings of which there are 12 varieties which were purchased by the grant. He is storing them at the Ruins. Dennis offered to purchase equipment to assist in picking up trash with the grant.

Elementary Class working with ATOS-A motion was made by Dennis Carruth and seconded by Kelly Townsend to purchase supplies to make signs to identify plants that Mrs. Russell's class had offered to construct for ATOS. Dave Porter will follow up with Mrs. Russell on this project.

Pedestrian Bridge Landing-Eleanor Townsend reported that she had set up a meeting to meet with people from Devon Energy, Josh Ray, Mayor Burbridge, and Kelly Townsend to discuss a donation for ATOS. This meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2010.

Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program-No Report

Sally Burbridge informed ATOS that she would like to talk to Municipal Judge Aldaz to see if we could coordinate Community Service recipients to assist ATOS in covering up graffiti around Aztec. However if Judge Aldaz agrees to this proposal ATOS would be responsible to have people to oversee these individuals. It was discussed and agreed that ATOS member would take turns on weekends.

Promotional Efforts - TALON Articles-Dave Porter should have more time during the summer to write articles for the TALON.

Upcoming Tours & Events

Aztec Ruins "Web of Life" Earth Day Celebration-is scheduled for April 24 from 10:00 to 3:00. The booth was discussed for Earth Day and volunteer times were assigned.

Alien Mountain Bike Race will be May 2, 2010.

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.

There will be a ATOS Bike Ride on Friday May 21 during Aztec Fiesta Days. It was decided to try to gather a group of people to walk in the parade on behalf of ATOS. Please round up people to walk with us!

Open Discussion

Ian Doig presented a CD of the ATOS logo. This will be his last meeting as he is moving back to Canada. He has offered to work with ATOS as time allows and gave the following contact from Fort Lewis College:

Internship Opportunities: 15 hour internships-unpaid-Senior student of all disciplines including graphic design.
Contact: Amy Wendland: wendland_a@fortlewis.edu

American Institute of Graphic Artists-Fort Lewis Student Group (do pay jobs)
Contact: Paul Booth: booth_p@fortlewis.edu

THANKS AGAIN to Ian for all the hard work he has done for ATOS with our logo as well as help on the trails and in ATOS booths! It is greatly appreciated and we will miss you! Good Luck to you on your new ventures in life!

Marcy Montoya a leader with the Girl Scouts has offered to help ATOS with a project on September 18th for about 4 hours. There will be approximately 75 girls helping. ATOS will determine what assistance will be needed at a future date.

The next ATOS meeting will be May 18th.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Townsend
Secretary