

AZTEC TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE
MINUTES

September 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Aztec Trails and Open Space met at the Aztec Commission Room on September 15, 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, Sandi Harber, Ed Cooper, Dennis Carruth, Steve Christensen, Darrel Workman, Mary Workman and Joe Hubbard.

Old Business

The July minutes were presented and approved with a motion from Steve Christensen, seconded by Sally Burbridge. The August minutes were also presented and approved with a motion from Sally Burbridge, seconded by Paul Merrett. Both motions were 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.

2009 Priorities

Don will have the final costs for the pedestrian bridge landing by the October meeting. No new news on the website. The website is still getting hits, with more hits on the walking and jogging trails. We are still missing the bio's for Tara Townsend, Joe Hubbard and Dave Gilkey. Please get this information to Sally as soon as possible.

The Riverside Loop is planned for YCC employees next summer. The Island Trail bridge has been completed by the Eagle Scouts and are working on a ramp. The City approved a grant application to do the hydro mulching which was done today. The City continues to spray for noxious weeds at Riverside Park.

The Recreational Area Trails out at the reservoir were discussed. No plans have been made for this area. The plans are to have a Community Day to install the sprinkler system around the pond, plant trees and bushes. Of course this would depend on the weather. No immediate plans for Spring or Fall at this time.

Bicycle Cruise Night times were changed to 6:30 instead of 6:00. The number of people attending the cruise nights has decreased significantly.

No report on the Aztec Media promotion.

The results of the RTCA Grant should be announced on the first of October.

Oktoberfest was discussed. It was decided that ATOS will sponsor a booth and sell raffle tickets to raise money for projects funds in the future. We will also walk/ride bikes in the parade as well. It was also discussed riding on a bike through the High Noon Shootout.

Dennis Carruth informed the group that Walmart had donated a \$100 gift certificate. The Aztec Ruins Employee association donated 4 books, binoculars and a back pack. These prizes will be used at the raffle at the new few City of Aztec events such as Oktoberfest with prizes to be drawn in December at the Christmas Parade. The price of the tickets will be \$2.00/ ticket. Sally made a motion to purchase a bike with the proceeds of the Walmart gift certificate and it was approved to spend up to \$50.00 ATOS funds to purchase a better bike. Brian seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

New Business

Dennis Carruth with the National Park Service informed ATOS that he had written a Grant in the amount of \$8,650 for grants under \$10,000 which will be awarded in November.

The Island Trail is 1500 to 1800 ft. of trail down at Riverside Park. The Eagle Scouts completed their project of at 60 ft x 6 ft. bridge across the ditch. It is at ADA level with the assistance of the City. They placed large boulders to block off the use of ATV's on the trail, replanted grass and added more chips. Apparently there is a beaver problem down by the river.

Don has asked ATOS to purchase trees for the Island Trail area. Discussion ensued. This is a project that ATOS will need to raise some funds to complete.

Joe Hubbard presented ATOS with several events that they could sponsor or Co-sponsor or at least assist with the events. All of the events mentioned were events in and around the Aztec area such as the 10 year anniversary of the Alien Run (2 day event), and the 2009 Durango Century Run. Joe will get hold of Ralph and talk to the various organizations having these events and see what we can do to help. It was also mentioned that there was a need to address San Juan County Commission about the old railroad right of way access. There is also a need for someone to get GPS coordinates from Aztec to Farmington, and Aztec to Bloomfield. Also the New Mexico Bike to Route #5 signs from the State of New Mexico must also be set up. Joe will report his findings on these topics at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 20th.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Townsend
Acting Secretary