

San Miguel County Open Space Commission (OSC) Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Date: Monday, July 25, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM MST (via Zoom)

Attendance:

OSC Members Present: Chairperson Susan St. Onge, Sefra Maples, Angela Dye, Roger Wickham

OSC Members Absent: Jason Merritt, Yvette Henson, Laura Kudo

SMC Staff Present: Janet Kask, Deanna Drew

Call to Order: 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson St. Onge. A quorum was established.

Approval of 6/27/2022 Meeting Minutes: After a minor wording correction was made to the draft minutes, Roger made motion to approve as amended, Angela seconded the motion, and all voted in favor to approve.

Agenda Items:

Mill Creek Park: An aerial view plan of the conceptual layout of the proposed Mill Creek Park was presented. Although the project will be phased, some tree maintenance work will begin soon. Estimated budget costs identified by SuperBloom consultants have come in between \$212K-\$370K, depending on some services being performed in-house as well as contracted out. Increase size of shaded picnic area. Add parking areas on the map. Dog entrance may be separate from park entrance and add a waiting room. **OSC members will email comments to Janet for consideration. Janet will send the budget estimates to OSC.**

E-bikes: USFS policies have not changed and e-bikes are still considered motorized and not allowed on non-motorized trails on public land but as of the end of June, the TelSki trails on the USFS lands are now permitted for class-1 e-bike use, except for Boomerang and Wasatch. No changes to County trails are proposed at this time, but enforcement of e-bike policies remains a concern.

OAG Management Plan: A draft and temporary use plan has been prepared by POS staff until a more permanent management plan is approved by BOCC. **OSC members will review and comment on the plan. POS will circulate the closing documents, and other pertinent written documents for review.** Camping shall be in designated camp sites. Who gets permitted access? Permits would have conditions, could consider something similar to the Valley Floor permitting system.

DVCT: Contract with trail consultants has been finalized. Kick off meeting coming in early August and then the project study group meeting will take place.

Perimeter Trail: Phase 1 of this proposed trail is 1.9 miles in length, starts at Bear Creek in Town Park and goes to BVT. Idarado has not signed off yet, but met with them last week to discuss areas of concern and places where bridges or re-routes may be required. Next step is a site walk visit to walk the proposed alignment, to be scheduled soon.

Crossover Report: A refurbished Bear Creek entrance sign and kiosk was installed; a new trail on the west side of Bear Creek is intended to take downhill bike traffic off main trail but is open to all and will be signed accordingly; sprayed herbicide on a small area of white top on Valley Floor. TOT has lots of pheromone packets left; East Bear Creek trail debris placed by persons unknown was likely to

discourage bikes; SMC OSC should stay involved with tailings removal project on Valley Floor to ensure success of revegetation efforts.

DVCT: Roger, Susie, Laura are on the study committee, Angela is on the kick off committee.

SJSSBC: John Wontrobski of the County's Historical Commission and Angela will develop an inventory of the status of the County's San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway interpretive signs and bring the information to the OSC for a future work plan.

Next meeting Monday, August 22, 2022 @ 4:00 pm (via Zoom or in person)

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson St. Onge @ 5:15 pm