

**East Mountain Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan
Steering Committee Meeting Summary
December 9, 2003, 4-6 p.m. Los Vecinos Community Center**

Agenda

Introduce Project and Team Members

- Confirm contact information

Review Project Scope, Schedule, Role of Steering Committee

- Future Meeting Dates

Add to Stakeholders, Media Lists

List Project Concerns, Ideas, Potential Goals

Mapping Exercise

Next Steps

Materials

- Project scope summary, schedule
- Steering Committee List
- Relevant Document List
- Stakeholder Mailing List
- Media List, Website Links List
- Issues and Concerns survey
- Color base maps of East Mountain Area (1"=500'); aerial map
- Comment sheet

Summary

Seven members of the initial Citizen's Steering Committee for the project came to the first Steering Committee meeting for the Master Plan process. Project planners Clay Campbell, Bernalillo County, and John Barney, Sites Southwest, described the project scope, presented the schedule, and described the role to be played by Steering Committee members. They then asked the Steering Committee to list and discuss issues and concerns of various regional user communities; these are listed in the following section.

For the remainder of the meeting, the Sites Southwest team led the group through an exercise designed to elicit and group into categories various issues and concerns the project should take into account. Following that, Steering Committee members helped map existing trails and potential conflicts or problem areas.

It was pointed out that the constituency for motorbikes is different from that for ATVs and that ATVs need to be represented on the Steering Committee.

The second Steering Committee meeting (to be combined with the Technical Team meeting) was scheduled for February 24, 2004, at 5 pm. at Los Vecinos.



Issues and Concerns

The following is a list of issues and concerns noted by technical team members and grouped into categories at the meeting.

Trail Design

- One-way trails
- Posting/Signage on trails, routes, mileage, boundaries, etc.
- Motorbikes want multi-use trails because cover a lot of ground in one ride (50 miles south of I-40)

Trail System

- Connect Pa'ako, San Pedro Creek Estates and proposed Campbell Ranch development to Forest Service Trail System
- Link open space parcels
- Trail connecting Sandia Mtn. (south end at I-40) to ridges W and S of cement plant so one could go from Placitas to David Canyon and Isleta Pueblo land (across Sandia Ranger District)
- Be able to go from Sandoval Co. to south end of area east of NM 14 and NM 337 (County line)
- Albuquerque population and East Mountain population—we're all bunched in one area.
 - Expand miles
- More loop trails
- Trail on North side of I-40 connecting city to East Mountain.
- Investigate Otero Canyon withdrawal area: trails here are important to people and base is proposing to close off for security reasons

Management Issues

- Quad vehicles tearing down single track trails and trashing vegetation and trails

User Conflicts

- Motor vehicles allowed on Forest Service land but not on City or County open space: how to handle trails that travel through both?
- Respect wildlife crossings
- Keeping motorized bikes on 2-track roads. Not as destructive as 4-wheel
- Mixing motorized and non-motorized. Addressing blind spots etc.
 - One way
- Enforcement
- Motorized vs non-motorized
- Acquiring easements on private land

Limits to access

- Need parking/staging areas
- Limited access:
 - Wildlife sensitive areas
- Trail connect between N and S 14 over / under the highway
- Safe highway crossing(s)
- Obtain private property easements for connections and from new developments

List of Attendees

Steering Committee

Atilla Bality, Facilitator for East Mountain Open Space Management Plans, National Park Service

Don Carnicom (Hiker)

Sam Beard (Hiker, Cross-Country Skier)

Jackie Bouker (GARTC, Equestrians)

John O'Malia (Motorbikes)

Greg and Sue Fleming (Motorbikes)

County Staff

Clay Campbell, Senior Park Planner and Co-Project Manager

Nathan Masek, Senior Park Planner and Co-Project Manager

Consultants

John Barney, Community Designer and Project Manager, Sites Southwest

Barbara Herrington, Planner, Sites Southwest

Maura Lewiecki, Designer, Sites Southwest

Karen Aspelin, Engineering Sub-Consultant, Parsons Brinkerhoff

Diane Scena, Trails Sub-Consultant