

**HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF LEON VALLEY
MARCH 16, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

The Hike and Bike Trail Advisory Committee met for their inaugural meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2017 in the Large Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:00 P.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Determine if a Quorum is Present

Staff member Megan McLeod called the Hike and Bike Trail Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., with the following committee members in attendance: Committee Members Josue de la Torre, Henry Diecker, Diana Frazier, Ray Hendricks, Matthew Hodde, Cynthia Koger, Patricia Manea, and Darby Riley; City staff members Kelly Kuenstler, Kristie Flores, and Megan McLeod; City Council member Monica Alcocer; and citizen Bert Thomas, Al Uvietta, and Roger Christensen.

2. Election of Committee Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Riley moved to nominate Matthew Hodde as Chairperson. Mr. Hodde accepted the nomination. Mr. Diecker seconded to the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Frazier moved to nominate Mr. Henry Dieker as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Diecker accepted the nomination. Mr. de la Torre seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Discussion and Action on Meeting Days, Time, & Location

Committee members discussed schedule conflicts and determined the most convenient time and day is 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. Committee agreed that a meeting in April is unnecessary, as the committee is just getting started. Committee agreed to resume meetings on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The committee also unanimously agreed that meetings should occur in the Large Conference Room at City Hall, with the exception of occasional fieldtrips.

4. Discussion and Consideration of the committee's goals regarding the proposed Hike and Bike Trail

a. Review Resolution No. 15-016R

The committee reviewed Resolution No. 15-016R. Ms. McLeod provided a summary, stating that the intended purpose of the committee by Resolution is to work with and advise the City on efforts regarding the development of a proposed Hike and Bike Trail. She explained that the trail is funded by MPO and TxDOT, and will provide access for transportation, recreation and linkage to San Antonio's Leon Creek Greenway Trail System. Additionally, McLeod suggested members review the minutes and poll results from Hike & Bike discussions that occurred at the January 2016 Town Hall meeting. McLeod noted that 80% of Town Hall attendees expressed strong preference for the trail going under Bandera Road, as opposed to over Bandera Road.

In effort to clarify a potential timeline, McLeod shared that Bexar County's LC-17 project has an anticipated completion date of August 2018, which would give the committee a little less than eighteen months before trail development can begin. City Manager Kuenstler added

that committee members may want to consider the 2017 summer budget process when setting timeline goals and further suggested submitting recommendations to Council by July. The Manager also suggested that the Hike and Bike Trail Advisory committee consider presenting at the January 2018 Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Riley recommended that the committee consider route, materials, amenities when setting goals. Mr. Diecker shared that goals should also be actionable, and should include reasonable timelines. Mr. Diecker added that the committee should consider existing opportunities, such as the parking lot installed by San Antonio at the dead end of Shadow Mist.

Mr. Hodde observed that the committee must also be responsible when planning trailhead locations and amenities when determining what's best for the community, while balancing requirements set by the funding. Mr. Diecker suggested that committee goals must consider sustainability. He noted that the design should be easily maintained by Leon Valley Public Works department.

Ms. Frazier requested that the committee be provided with information regarding the two funding sources for the proposed Hike and Bike trail.

b. Concept of Hike & Bike Trails – Review San Antonio Area Examples

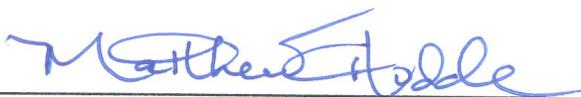
Ms. Manea suggested that the committee extend an invitation to trail administrators from the City of San Antonio to provide an educational tour along Howard E. Peak Greenway, which may help to avoid duplicating efforts. Mr. Hendricks noted that committee goals must carefully consider the proposed route's relationship to the floodplain. Ms. Frazier suggested reviewing examples of trails subject to closures as a result of flooding.

c. View Site Plan from Previous Trail Discussions

Staff member McLeod projected images of trail exhibits drafted by IDS Engineering in 2014.

5. Adjourn

Patricia Manea made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Koger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



Matthew Hodde – Chairman



Date

