

**HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY OF LEON VALLEY  
MAY 25, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

The Hike and Bike Trail Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in the Large Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

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

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

Chairman Matthew Hodde called the Hike and Bike Trail Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:31 p.m., with the following committee members in attendance: Chairman Matthew Hodde, Vice-Chairman Henry Diecker, Belinda Benavidez, Roger Christensen, Josue de la Torre, Ray Hendricks, Cynthia Koger, Patricia Manea, and Darby Riley. Absent was committee member Diana Frazier. Also in attendance was City Councilors Benny Martinez and Monica Alcocer; IDS Engineer, Jess Swaim; and City Staff members Megan McLeod and Melinda Moritz.

**2. Discuss and Consider action to approve the HBAC minutes from March 16, 2017 and May 09, 2017**

Minutes for the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and Chairman Hodde made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Diecker and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Discuss and Consider action on proposed route from Shadow Mist Trailhead to under-bridge crossing at Bandera Road**

Chairman Hodde shared his concern related to routing the proposed trail along top of slope, explaining that a 100-yard stretch of this trail option hugs El Verde Road with very little room for a landscape buffer. Chairman Hodde disclosed that his preference would be for the trail to align with top of slope, but with the condition that the trail cut down into the bank along this particular 100-yard stretch. Chairman Hodde further explained that with proper care and landscape screening, this option seems most beneficial for both hike and bikers, as well as residents of El Verde Road.

Committee member Christensen made a motion to recommend the trail be located at top of bank where possible. The motion was seconded by committee member Riley with the friendly amendment to cut into the bank along the stretch of trail adjacent to 5713–6009 El Verde Road. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Discuss and Consider action on proposed trail end destinations on northeast side of Bandera Road**

Vice Chair Diecker shared concerns regarding the option to dead end the trail at Bandera Road, as it posed safety concerns for bikers by placing them in a drainage canal without safe exit routing. Mr. Diecker further explained that bicyclists will eventually run out of sidewalk

once they reach Inn Town Suites, forcing them onto Bandera Road, but at least the bicyclist would be safely out of the drainage canal.

Chairman Hodde shared that he does not feel the option to dead end the trail is a rational option and asked if there is any option to merge with the sidewalk on the south side of Bandera Road. Staff member Moritz informed the committee that the property on the south side of Bandera Road is privately owned, and the owner is not interested in making a property agreement with the City.

Committee member Christensen asked if the option to merge with existing sidewalk on north side of Bandera would pose any encroachment issues. Staff member Moritz shared that this option is in the TxDot right-of-way. Staff member McLeod reminded the committee that TxDot is the funder for trail development and trail plans will be reviewed by TxDot before construction.

Chairman Hodde shared that he wants to ensure emergency access for the fire department, and asked if it would be possible to create an access point near the drainage canal between the fire station and the adjacent private residence. Staff member McLeod shared that this can be discussed at a later date with input from Fire Department staff.

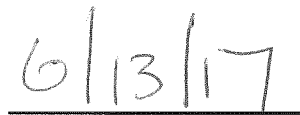
Committee member Riley made the motion to recommend merging the proposed trail with the existing sidewalk on the north side of Bandera Road. The motion was seconded by committee member Manea with the friendly amendments to ensure trail does not encroach on the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, that is does not interfere with the goals of the Park Commission, and that we verify that this can be completed in coordination with Bexar County's LC-17 project. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Chairman Hodde to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second from Member Manea and was passed unanimously.



**Matthew Hodde – Chairman**



**Date**