

ECIA Conservation Committee Minutes Sept. 5, 2017

Attendees: Jim Daniel, Tom Bredenberg, Tom Brimacombe, Jerry Gulseth, John Parker, Paul Butt, Mary Clark,, John Henriksen (ECIA Board Liaison), Rob Egemeier (secretary).

Guests: Carol Beidelman, Paul Fink

1. Minutes Accepted for August 1,2017 meeting.
2. University of New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is offering help with any Preserve conservation projects. Jim will check with Jan Willem to see where they might best be used.
3. Greenbelts- Though he was unable to attend the meeting, Cecil forwarded a written update to the proposed Gallena Park-Playground trail for consideration by the ECIA board .
4. Trails workday Oct.14 - Work is planned on the upper half of trails 302 and 303. Extra rock should not be needed for the project. Tom Brimacombe felt that there is enough native rock in the area to for the work needed. November 11 workday to be determined, depending on what is accomplished on Oct. 14.
5. Library Trail – Survey day will be on Sept. 14 at 9AM. Meet at Senior Center. After the Library Trail survey, some members will bike over to the Pueblo Canyon Trail to assess Cholla hazards.
6. Walkability Proposal – Since John Reynolds was not able to attend, the proposal will be discussed at the Oct. meeting.
7. Trail Signs – Paul Butt brought one of the finished trail signs, “Use Dirt Trails and not Mud Trail”. Signs will be installed at the entrances and at the most traveled areas in the Preserve. Gates - Paul has not heard from ECIA as to whether the gates have been ordered. John Hendrickson will check into this.
8. Jim Daniel prepared and presented a final budget. It has been sent to ECIA.
9. Previously \$2000 has been budgeted for weed control in the greenbelts using goats. This was discontinued recently because the contractor was not self-insured. Jim will check with Mark Young to see if there are any suitable insured contractors.
10. Cattle in 400 trails area-Tom Bredenberg noted that the fence protecting ECIA lands from cattle intrusion has still not been repaired. John Hendrickson will check with ECIA to see if there are plans to do the repair.
11. Isabel would be willing to meet with the Conservation Committee chair for in a short (1/2 hour) prior to CC meetings. Jim with check to see it that is necessary.
11. Change of CC structure and chairmanship. A proposal was discussed on whether to have a vice-chair and or a co-chair and what specific duties this person would have. This matter will be discussed further at the October meeting.
12. Tom Bredenberg proposed and 2nd by Jerry Gulseth that Carol Beidelman be accepted as a CC member. Vote was unanimous in favor.
13. New Business – Paseo Biblioteca trail was getting overgrown. Tom Brimacombe weed-whacked it.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.