

Minutes for: Corrales Bosque Advisory Commission (CBAC)

Call to order

A meeting of CBAC was held February 8, 2024 at Corrales Library. It began at 6:30pm and was presided over by Joan Hashimoto with Alexander Price as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members attending:

- Joan Hashimoto
- Mary Chappelle
- Alexander Price
- Pam Garfield
- Joan Morrison
- Lonnie Peets
- Sonia Bettez

Voting members absent

Guests & Permanent Liaisons:

- Chief Anthony Martinez – CFD
- Harry Touloumis,
- Diana Kelleher

1. Approval of January minutes

Joan M. motioned to approve the minutes; seconded; all were in favor.

2. Approval of February agenda

Joan M motioned to approve the agenda; seconded; all in favor

Discussion with guests: there is a rumor in existence that Corrales is against using goats in the bosque. The Chief discussed past pilot projects and noted there were concerns raised by a State Forester at the time that the goats were unable to kill the roots of a weed. The goats removed substantial top growth from Ravenna grass. They likely cannot be utilized in all areas of the Preserve such as the USACE Restoration areas because of their indiscriminate eating habits.

3. Items from Chief Martinez

The Bureau of Reclamation windrow project at Siphon Rd. is complete and danger signs have been put up around it. Levee toe work has also begun at the Siphon. A ten-foot distance has been cleared except for mature cottonwoods and some willows with a further ten feet involved in invasives clearing. Most dead and down wood is being removed. Next week work will continue with clearing shaded fuel breaks.

The Harvey Jones Channel bioswale silt plug at the blocked outflow was removed on Monday. The water that has collected where the levee path usually crosses the channel may drain.

Santo Domingo Pueblo members received many loads of firewood from the wood removal and more this week.

The gate at the Via Oreada irrigation ditch entrance has been damaged and will need to be replaced.

A person was observed doing laundry in the river at the Siphon.

A new gate was placed by SSCAFCA at the Harvey Jones and Corrales Rd. to allow horse access but block vehicles.

4. F/U on need for: no camping, no fires, etc. signs for select entrances

MRGCD plans to place new signs along ABQ and Corrales sections of the Rio Grande. CBAC will need to see the design before deciding if we should move forward with our own signs. Pam stated that if we have our own signs, "no unauthorized vehicles" should be added to it. Joan M. moved that this be included; Alex seconded; all voted aye.

5. F/U of Feb.3 wood removal event, should we have another in March?

Eight citizen volunteers along with six board members, six Fire Dept. crew plus the Chief operating heavy equipment, and four Public Works people with trucks and a power shovel made up the workers. Wheelbarrows were not helpful. Intel needs much advance notice to participate. A 501C3 status was suggested by Diana for recruiting volunteers who need to meet community requirements.

Next dead and down clearing event planned for March 16, 10a-12p south of Andrew's Lane.

6. 6. Discussion of UV protection for Cabezon animal mural (Mary)

The sign is in Mary's garage, The question is how to add UV protection. It could either be added to the plexiglass covering, or in the ink of a new sign. A printer in Rio Rancho could be consulted.

Joan M. also has a sign, but it could be too old to be useful. Conversation deferred to next month. Joan H. will forward a photo of the sign to CBAC members.

7. 7. Ideas for CBAC table for Rides, Strides & Giddyap event on 4/28

Event put on by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

. Alberto from Game and Fish will likely be attending with fishing information and possibly an air rifle range. Mikal Deese will be contacted by Mary about attending. Need ideas for encouraging more interest.

Event in May with Viva Corrales.

9. Section reports

Alex: Fishermen active around Alameda section. No homeless camps noted.

Mary: Lots of dog poop noted on trails.

Joan H: Recent hail knocked down many Russian Olive berries

Joan M: Amount of dog poop is moderate.

Pam: Less motorcycle activity noticed. Wondering if CBAC needs to be more involved in the activities of the interior drain committee.

Lonnie: Homeless camp at Paseo del Norte. Seeing more guinea fowl and bobcats.

Sonia: Siphon Rd. access closed and unable to visit due to getting a flat tire on the dirt road.

Meeting adjourned 1950