

Minutes for: Corrales Bosque Advisory Commission (CBAC)

Call to order.

A meeting of CBAC was held March 14, 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
- Joan Morrison
- Lonnie Peets
- Sonia Bettez

Voting members absent

- Pam Garfield

Guests & Permanent Liaisons:

- Chief Anthony Martinez – CFD

1. Approval of February minutes

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

2. Approval of February agenda

Alex motioned to approve the agenda; seconded; all were in favor.

3. Items from Chief Martinez

The work at the siphon area is ongoing. Dead and downed wood is being removed. State Forestry is performing inspections. The wood chips produced by clearing needs to be less than 2” deep.

The Bureau of Reclamation may be ready to begin preliminary talks regarding the River Mile 199 project. This project involves work on both the east and west side of the Rio Grande.

Plans continue with the replacement of the Boy Scout bridge with a structurally sound wooden bridge

Volunteer fire patrols might need to be organized now for fire season, which has already started. Fire control is also managed with code enforcement when there are complaints. This focuses on education by Sherri Rice, Code Enforcement Officer.

4. Wood removal event this Saturday on 3/16/24 10am-12pm

There is concern about how many may show up to volunteer. Janet placed info on horse related social media. Message sent out by Mary on Facebook and NextDoor apps. PSA didn't

appear in the Comment. Would it be useful to have an app like the one used for Albuquerque open space volunteers?

Local businesses may be interested in keeping a certain section or shaded fuel break in good shape in exchange for recognition by the Village but without posting signs in the Preserve.

5. Do we want to purchase UV coated acrylic cover for second Cabezon animal mural?

Joan M. spoke with the salesperson at Eplastic and received a quote for \$330 with 5-7 days for delivery. The mural artist is not local anymore. The art was purchased by the village in 2004. Lonnie motioned to approve \$330 for purchase of acrylic sheet; second by Alex; motion passed 5:1.

6. Ideas for CBAC table for Rides, Strides, Giddyap event?

The event will be Sunday April 28 at the Corrales soccer fields. Stickers could be made from the animal pictures taken. Last year's poster, trifold brochures and banner can also be used. NM Game and Fish can likely attend. Mikal Deese needs to be contacted

7. Bosque management

To clear up some confusion, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), does not have a role in management of the Corrales Bosque Preserve. MRGCD is the fee simple owner of the Preserve. In 1984, TNC entered a partnership with Corrales. At some point shortly thereafter, the "Friends of the Corrales Bosque" non-profit group gave TNC a sum of money to be invested for the CBP. When TNC and Corrales parted ways in 2009, 25 years later, that sum with interest earned was given to the CBAC to be used to benefit and protect the Preserve. This summary was recounted to CBAC members by former member Jack Burgess in 2015.

TNC presently helps manage the Harvey Jones Channel Bioswale along with SCAFCA and other partners. The Harvey Jones Channel is also owned by MRGCD.

8. Section reports

More doggie bags are being used throughout the bosque and the number of dog walkers has increased. Many dogs are off leash.

Meeting adjourned 1955