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Pedestrian Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 3:30pm at Village Hall

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian Smith at 3:30pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairperson Brian Smith called for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call
Present at the meeting were Diane Mereness, Carolyn Smith, Robin May, Brian Smith, Jo Mixon and Charles Earhart. Also present was Tracy Orr. Lisa Morgan and Katrina White were absent.
- IV. Approval of the February 5, 2014 Agenda
Carolyn Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Jo Mixon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Approval of the Minutes from the December 4, 2013 Meeting
Brian Smith made a motion to approve the December 4, 2013 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Diane Mereness and passed unanimously.
- VI. New Business
 - A. New Brochure with Snowshoeing and Cross Country Information
Tracy Orr stated that she is working with Janet Sailor and Jimmy Linton on a new trails brochure design incorporating both cross country and snowshoeing. Once the design is ready, she will forward it to the Committee for their suggestions, approval, etc. Once completed, the new cross country and snowshoeing information will be included on the website.
 - B. Bench on Oesta Vista
Terry Maxwell, representative of the Trekkers, joined the meeting and updated the Committee on the bench to be placed on Oesta Vista. Because Oesta Vista is on Resort land, the bench must match the Resort's other benches and be purchased from the same company that manufactured the other Resort benches. The benches and shipping are much more expensive than Trekkers were prepared to pay. AAFPO is prepared to help the Trekkers pay for the bench however, the cost is still too much, especially the shipping charges. The bench will have a generic plaque placed on it. Diane Mereness made a motion that the Trekkers and AAFPO work through the Resort to obtain the bench. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Smith and passed unanimously. Regarding placing the bench, it could go on other Resort trails besides Oesta Vista. The Committee also discussed putting the bench on one of the Village's trails.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Update on Sendero South-Building the trail on the east side of Highway 434
Tracy Orr met with Gary Krueger from the Resort and they drove the potential trail route looking at both the east and west sides of the highway heading south. The east side of Highway 434 (Oesta Vista) side is far too narrow to build a trail on. The west side of the highway (Golf Course side) would work easily for a trail. Tracy Orr will talk to Mark Rivera about what steps we need to take to work with the NM Department of

Transportation on the right-of-way/easements needed to construct a trail. Building this trail is still several years away. There are still negotiations and permissions needed from the Resort for areas of the potential trail where we get close to the golf course. Also discussed was a trail from Olympic Park to the corner of Country Club Drive and Highway 434 that would access Oesta Vista and the new trail running south along Highway 434 towards Monte Verde Lake. A crosswalk would be necessary crossing Highway 434 at Country Club Drive.

VIII. Reports and Updates

- A. Sendero North-New easement letters are needed for CS Ranch and Angel Fire Resort as we changed the direction of the trail slightly. Tracy Orr will be working on those shortly.
- B. Sendero South-This was discussed under New Business.
- C. Bobcat-There are still two trail signs down. Tracy Orr reported that Frank Salois is aware and will get them out sometime soon
- D. Sage Lane-Tracy Orr will get with the Maintenance Department and discuss once the snow melts this spring.
- E. Lady Slipper-This trail is in good shape.
- F. Trailhead Parking-Currently no issues.
- G. AAFPO-Charles Earhart reported there has been a budget increase and some of the funds will be used for trail signage this summer. Brian Smith asked about greenbelt access to trails off the ski slopes. Robin May stated that some of that is private property and should not be used as a hiking trail. The Resort should consider making some hiking trails at the top of the mountain. Bob Lagasse would be a good source to talk to about greenbelt trails up top.
- H. Kiosks- He and the Smith's have been stocking the brochure boxes in the kiosks.

IX. Other Business-None

X. Requests and Responses from the Audience-None

XI. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date for the Pedestrian Trails Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 3:30pm. Robin May made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Smith and passed unanimously.