

# Conference Report

Advisory Committee Meeting 2



Project No.: 20-0348.001  
Project: **Elena Gallegos Open Space Visitor Center Feasibility Study**  
Date: June 4, 2021  
Place: Virtual

Attending: Colleen Langan-McRoberts, CABQ Open Space Division Superintendent  
Christina Sandoval, Program Manager, CABQ Parks and Recreation  
Jim Sattler, OSD Assistant Superintendent, CABQ Parks and Recreation  
Dave Simon, Director, CABQ Parks and Recreation  
Ken Romig, Landscape Architect, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini  
Kate Maliskas, Urban Planner, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini  
Will Gleason, Planning Principal-in-Charge, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

John Goodwin, Open Space Alliance  
Rachel Swanteson-Franz, The Wilderness Society  
Art Gardenswartz, High Desert Neighborhood resident  
Donald Meaders, Open Space Advisory Board of Directors  
Richard Shackley, Trail Watch  
Colleen Shackley, Trail Watch  
Aziza Chavez, City Council Office, Trudy Jones

By: Kate Maliskas, Will Gleason

Copies To: Parties Present, Parties Absent  
Issue Date: June 9, 2021

**Discussion Items: Purpose of the meeting was to present a project overview, share progress, and gather feedback from Advisory Committee members on Site Analysis, Site/ Building Programming, View Analysis, and anticipated plan for Public Engagement.**

1. Introductions
2. Viewshed Analysis
  - a. Impact of Additional Traffic on Simms Park Rd
    - i. Road conditions, bike lane, hiking trail improvements
    - ii. Limit or not have large increase in parking at the site so that it regulates amount of traffic, with remote parking at vicinity of Tramway Blvd and Simms Park Rd
    - iii. Will provide exhibit with parking dimensions on map
    - iv. Education center will have trainings, will provide shuttle services
      1. Potential for shuttle to run on an "as needed" basis
      2. 150-160 parking space total
    - v. Education Center
      1. Central piece is education center, supporting piece is the road conditions and improved access. Opportunities and constraints of Simms Park Rd are not part of scope of this study. More study needed on road improvements.
3. Recap of Project
  - a. Compelling Reasons for Education Center in Foothills
    - i. In addition to Pueblo history, there is also Paleo-Indian and archaic, basidium arrowpoints found here
    - ii. Add Rio Grande Rift – unusual geological feature, excellent place to view
  - b. Timeline
    - i. Extends to Early Fall for Completion of Study

- c. Ad Hoc Questionnaire
    - i. Richard and Colleen conducted ad hoc questionnaire with hikers who overwhelmingly say this type of facility is needed
  - d. Precedent Projects
    - i. Add visitor counts
    - ii. Add budget
  - e. Site/Building Programming
    - i. Classroom Space adjacent to deck
      - 1. Deck needs to be accessible from lobby so that when classes are happening, other visitors can still use deck
    - ii. Inside and Outside Stairs
    - iii. Restrooms
      - 1. Upper and lower floors, lower floor restrooms still accessible when building is closed
    - iv. Staffing
      - 1. 1-3 people
    - v. APS Partnership
      - 1. Possibility to have an educator out of this building
    - vi. Utility Availability
      - 1. Ideally, building should generate its own power
      - 2. Fire hydrant requires a minimum 8" line
        - a. Water supply currently coming from well, with 2" PVC pipe running to water fountain at Pino Trail. Will not be enough to cover the Education Center.
        - b. Water Utility Authority has maps with extensions
          - i. OSD to contact Water Utility Authority for maps
4. Public Outreach
  - a. Website
    - i. Ready to launch
  - b. Posted Flyer Draft
    - i. Translate to other languages
      - 1. Spanish at minimum, Swahili, Vietnamese
      - 2. Office of Equity and Inclusion can translate our materials
        - a. Christina to coordinate
    - ii. Text edits
    - iii. DEI – Diversity, equity, and inclusion
      - 1. Desire to make this available to whole community, not just Foothills residents
  - c. Public Meeting
    - i. Date/Time/Place
      - 1. Timing
        - a. Two weeks lead time to get everything printed
        - b. Two weeks required for noticing deadline
      - 2. Material translation
        - a. Need these materials in week/10 days from today (Friday, June 4)
      - 3. Hybrid
        - a. Technology aspect of meeting is desired. Outdoor meeting would make this a challenge
      - 4. Accessibility
        - a. Should be near public transit stop
        - b. Possible Locations
          - i. Bear Canyon Senior Center
            - 1. Venue may be limited in space
          - ii. Juan Tabo Library
            - 1. Very nice venue
          - iii. Holiday Park Community Center
      - 5. Follow-Up Site Visit

- a. Potential for shuttling with OSD vans to a staff-led site visit with survey available
- 6. Evening Meeting or Saturday Morning Preferred
  - a. Possible week of July 19-24
- 7. Agree on date/time/place with Colleen and then run it by the Committee
- ii. Advertisement
  - 1. ONC can send out this to surrounding neighborhoods or neighborhoods for the entire City.
  - 2. Aziza can aid in getting this information out
  - 3. Sandia Pueblo
    - a. They were invited to Advisory Committee, should be invited to Public Meeting
  - 4. Inclusion
    - a. Rachel has contacts in Westgate and International District that we could invite. Virtual meetings and emails don't work as well to these areas.
  - 5. Valle de Oro
    - a. Jennifer Oren-White has done excellent job with outreach in that area
- 5. Schedule
  - a. Public Meeting
    - i. Tentatively scheduled for mid-July
      - 1. Will need to confirm date/time and location

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End of Report