

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-171 ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-059

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton, by request

1 RESOLUTION
2 CONCERNING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF CANDELARIA NATURE
3 PRESERVE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE 2020 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
4 PLAN.

5 WHEREAS, Candelaria Nature Preserve (CNP), formally known as the
6 Candelaria Farm Preserve, is a 167-acre area purchased by the City of
7 Albuquerque in 1978 as part of the Bosque Open Space Land Acquisition
8 Project in 1978 using a combination of federal, state and city funds; and

9 WHEREAS, the CNP is managed by the Open Space Division of the City of
10 Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department; and

11 WHEREAS, the use of federal funds from the Land and Water Conservation
12 Fund (LWCF) requires a current management plan and full compliance at CNP
13 with applicable LWCF rules and regulations; and

14 WHEREAS, Resolution R-16-147 directed the OSD to convene a Technical
15 Advisory Group (TAG) to complete a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for
16 the Candelaria Nature Preserve to clarify and update previous plans and to
17 comply with the LWCF rules and regulations; and

18 WHEREAS, Resolution R-17-159 directed the Open Space Advisory Board
19 (OSAB) to have oversight of the RMP process; and

20 WHEREAS, the OSAB, working through the TAG and with the Open Space
21 Division, has engaged in an extensive planning process over three years with
22 significant public input and has completed a new RMP for the Candelaria
23 Nature Preserve; and

24 WHEREAS, when implemented, the RMP will result in improved ecosystem
25 health and increased biodiversity for the wildlife preserve, while supporting
26 appropriate nature study and outdoor wildlife-oriented recreation for the

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1 public that complies with LWCF guidelines and fulfills the requirements of City
2 Council Resolutions R-16-147 and R-17-159; and

3 WHEREAS, interested parties including the “Friends of the Preserve”
4 group or other individuals should contact the Open Space Division, participate
5 in Open Space Advisory Board meetings, or contact the City Councilor’s office
6 in which the Candelaria Nature Preserve is located with questions or concerns
7 about the management of the area or the implementation of the plan; and

8 WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Board approved the RMP on January
9 28, 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) considered the
11 RMP on December 10, 2020 and on January 21, 2021 via Project# 2020-004639
12 and then forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
14 ALBUQUERQUE:

15 SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque hereby approves the 2020 Resource
16 Management Plan as depicted in Exhibit 1 to this resolution for the Candelaria
17 Nature Preserve and directs the Open Space Division of the Parks and
18 Recreation Department to implement the plan.

19 SECTION 2. The Open Space Division shall provide an annual report to the
20 Open Space Advisory Board and to the Councilor’s office whose district the
21 Candelaria Nature Preserve site is within, available to the public, regarding the
22 status of RMP implementation. The annual update shall specifically include
23 the scope of use of herbicides and outcomes from using herbicides during the
24 previous year. In addition, the Open Space Division shall, with the involvement
25 of the OSAB, complete an in-depth review of the RMP every four years, for 20
26 years, to evaluate progress and consider potential updates in accordance with
27 the RMP goals of wildlife habitat protection/restoration, nature study and
28 outdoor recreation.

29 SECTION 3. The TAG shall be disbanded. The Open Space Division shall
30 work with the existing Middle Rio Grande Habitat Council to support the
31 implementation of the RMP. The Council is comprised of professionals with
32 expertise in biology, wildlife, habitat restoration, and land management and
33 advises the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, the Whitfield Conservation

1 Area, and Candelaria Nature Preserve. The Open Space Division shall meet
2 quarterly with the Council. The Open Space Division shall also continue to
3 keep neighbors, other stakeholders, and the general public regularly updated
4 on the management of CNP and the implementation of the RMP.

5 SECTION 4. NO INTERFERENCE. Nothing in this resolution is intended to
6 limit or interfere with projects intended for the repair, maintenance or upkeep
7 of the CNP.

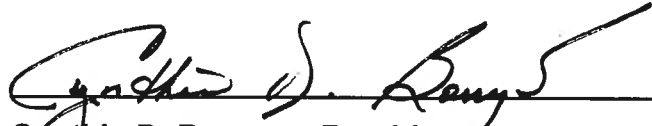
8 SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
9 word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or
10 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
11 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council
12 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,
13 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase irrespective of any provisions
14 being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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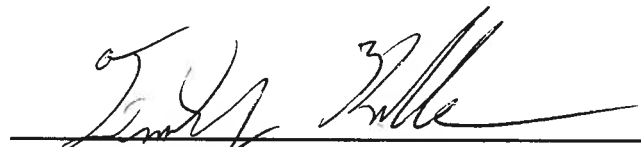
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF September, 2021
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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4 Excused: Harris
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8 Cynthia D. Borrego, President
9 City Council

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12 APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF September, 2021
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16 Bill No. R-21-171
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21 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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