

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S(2) R-15-171 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS AND
3 EXPENDING FUNDS WITHIN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK BY THE
4 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

5 WHEREAS, the Bosque Action Plan was developed through a formal planning
6 process with citizen and multi-jurisdictional agency input, and is a long-range Rank 2
7 plan subject to the land use authority of the City Council; and

8 WHEREAS, changes to a Rank 2 plan are subject to Council approval; and

9 WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Albuquerque in 2013 proposed
10 physical changes and improvements within the Rio Grande Valley State Park
11 in the Bosque; and

12 WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2015 the City Administration constructed
13 Phase 1 of a compacted gravel and crusher fines trail in the Bosque; and

14 WHEREAS, the Administration of the City now intends to construct a
15 second phase of the project; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque committed to work with stake holders
17 of the Rio Grande Valley State Park to develop a process for public discussion
18 prior to constructing improvements in the Bosque; and

19 WHEREAS, the Bosque Working Group was formed to reach a cooperative
20 agreement to guide the public process for the continuation of work in the
21 Bosque; this group consisting of the City of Albuquerque's Parks and
22 Recreation Department, Open Space Division, City of Albuquerque's Mayor's
23 Office, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), The Bosque Action
24 Team (BAT), The Sierra Club, a representative of the ADA community and a
25 representative of the Greater Albuquerque Recreation and Trail Committee
26 (GARTC); and

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- 1 WHEREAS, the Bosque Working Group has reached such an agreement.
- 2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
- 3 ALBUQUERQUE:
- 4 That the City of Albuquerque shall not commence any further construction or
- 5 improvements within the Rio Grande Valley State Park until the following
- 6 steps are completed:
- 7 a. The Bosque Working Group, led by the Parks and Recreation
- 8 Department, Open Space Division, will work together to prepare alternatives.
- 9 b. Alternatives will be based on the baseline alignment illustrated as
- 10 "existing trail / Monitoring Corridor" in illustration Figure 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 in
- 11 the Environmental Monitoring Report conducted by SWCA, but may vary from
- 12 that alignment.
- 13 c. Alternatives with plan details, including with respect to trail
- 14 alignment, route, width, materials, and any related infrastructure (such as
- 15 boardwalks, bridges, viewing platforms, and signage), will be presented to the
- 16 public in a meeting to be followed by a 30 day comment period.
- 17 d. Alternatives and public comments will be provided to the
- 18 environmental consultant, SWCA, for review and analysis of the environmental
- 19 effects of the proposed project alternatives.
- 20 e. The environmental review and analysis of environmental effects of
- 21 alternatives including a summary of public comments and responses will
- 22 recommend a preferred alternative and will be presented to the public in a
- 23 meeting, followed by a 30 day comment period.
- 24 f. No later than the time of presentation to the public, the
- 25 environmental consultant will present preferred alternatives to relevant
- 26 agencies which may include but are not limited to Fish and Wildlife, EPA,
- 27 BOR, Army Corps, Open Space Advisory Board.
- 28 g. SWCA and the Open Space Division will review final comments,
- 29 make necessary adjustments to the preferred alternative and release their final
- 30 recommendation.
- 31 h. All materials presented to the public during the above process and
- 32 the final study and selected recommendation will be published widely and
- 33 archived on the City website.

- 1 i. The start date and scope of work will be published to agencies, The
2 Bosque Working Group, and the public.
- 3 j. The scope of work will be presented by the Bosque Working group to
4 the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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