

Town of Silver City Trails & Open Space Committee Site Visit Meeting Record

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (MDT)

Members Present

Harry Browne
Bob Schiowitz
Patricia Stoller
Bruce McKinney
Amy McLane
John Titus
Sam Schramski

Others Present

Susan Mittlestadt
Vickie Toney
Bruce Coates
Emily Hickle

Members Absent

Call to Order 9:02 am

Committee Chair Harry Browne reminded attendees that the purpose of the meeting was to verify property lines and view the trails for clarification and understanding of the various easements and property arrangements. Public input was requested to be held at this time and everyone was invited to give feedback and relevant information at the official meeting on April 22, 5:30 pm at the Town Hall Annex Building.

Community Development Director Susan Mittlestadt lead the group along the trails and provided information about property ownership and easements as well as some of the town's perspective and ideas.

Mapper/Planning Technician Emily Hickle provided a large map to allow the group a broader overview of the touring area.

Director Mittlestadt noted that the city proposes erecting up to 4 signs at locations within the Mobile Dr Trailhead/Chinese Gardens trail area:

1. At the Mobile Dr kiosk noting that trail users should park in front of the kiosk and not further along the access road.
2. At the actual trailhead by the pipes noting the entrance and the need to stay on the designated trail.
3. At the south end of the beginning of the easement through the Chinese Gardens area, noting the need to stay on the trail and not wander onto private property.
4. At the north end of the easement trailhead where the trail leaves the easement to cross the San Vicente creek and join the town "sill" trail, and to provide direction/stay on the trail.

Another N/S easement trail was noted used for the Tour Divide biking path as well as hiking.

Participants walked a short distance to view the various points mentioned.

Discussions are underway between the town and property owners to strike a balance between trail users, commuters and property owners while avoiding trespass and property damage concerns.

Adjournment 10:00 am