

Town of Silver City Trails & Open Space Committee Regular Meeting Record

Wednesday, February 25th, 2026 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (MDT)

Members Present

Harry Browne
Bob Schiowitz
Bruce McKinney
Patricia Stoller

Others Present

Susan Mittlestadt
Vickie Toney
Emily Hickie

Members Absent

Amy McLane

Call to Order 5:30 pm

Approval of Agenda –

Patricia moves, Bob seconds. Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

Public Input –

None

Approval of Minutes – December 17th, 2025

Bob motions to amend and approve the agenda to update Bruce Coate and Bruce McKinney's names and correct the spelling of Mangas Valley. Patricia Seconds and the motion passed unanimously 4/0.

Staff Reports –

Susan updated the committee on Bruce Coates' work that week. She detailed Bruce's routine and accomplishments for the week. She then went on to remark on the previous site visit. She then went on to explain the committee's budget and funding sources.

- Patricia – asked for clarification on the ICIP budget list.
- Harry – asked if the new finance director would be able to explain the budget.
- Patricia – asked if the committee could see the historical records.

Vickie then updated on a new report of dogs off leash in an open space chasing a cadet at the WNMU Police Academy.

- Bob – asked if the dog was a stray.
- Harry - asked if the cadet could write citations.
- Patricia – asked if there are any off leash spaces in town.
- Bruce – asked if the off leash dog group had reached out to the Town Council.
- Harry - asked if someone from the group could speak at the next meeting.

New Business-

Recommendation of new committee members

Sam Schramski introduced himself to the committee, detailing his background in hiking and his status as a stakeholder for a portion of the San Vicente trail. John Titus then followed with his introduction. He gave a brief

summary of his living arrangements, hiking history, and interests. He offered his own opinion of what the committee could focus on and why he cares about the trails and open spaces offered in Silver City.

- Bruce – asked Sam if he could give any updates to the committee on the organization he is affiliated with.
- Susan – asked the prospective members to list some ideas to improve the trails.

Committee Reports –

None

Old Business-

Schedule Committee Toss No Mass Day

Harry informed the Committee that Toss No Mass organized events every 3rd Saturday of the month. The March event will take place on the 21st.

- Bob - asked if the Chair had any location picked out.
- Harry – asked if the Committee had any recommendations.
- Patricia – asked what time the event would start.
- Harry – asked where the group would like to meet.

Continue ranking the goals and priority projects for the year

Harry began by reminding the committee that the town would handle the Pinos Altos Creek trail and the Scotts Park trail head; they would not need to be included in the ranking.

- Harry – asked if the town staff had any priorities besides the Pinos Altos Creek and Scott Park Trailhead.

After discussion, the committee decided to rank the priorities in the following order:

1. Removing access to motorized vehicles at the Scott Park Trailhead
2. The Proposed Pinos Altos Trail.
3. Fairway Drive trail access.
4. Trailhead kiosk signage improvement.
5. Spring Street Trailhead plan.
6. Market Street Trailhead.
7. The Continental Divide Trail.

New Business-

Proposed Trail Race –

The committee decided that the historical data that Bob had detailed should suffice. The Trail race organizers would be contacted and informed of the easements and agreements.

Adjournment 7:07 pm