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County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

BCC Agenda

Parks and Recreation Board

*Melanee Hand, Chair; Paul Cook, Vice-Chair: Dana Dattelbaum;
Robbie Harris; Stephanie Nakhleh; Dina Pesenson; and John
Russell, Members*

Thursday, August 10, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue
Room 110

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. [9744-17](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting

Recommendation: I move that the Board approve the attached minutes

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [A - July 13, 2017 Minutes](#)

2. STAFF AND OTHER ATTENDEES:

Others in attendance included

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This section of the agenda is reserved for comments from the public on items that are not otherwise included in this agenda.

Please Limit Public Comment to 3 Minutes.

4. BUSINESS

- A. [9743-17](#) Review and Discussion of the Draft Tennis Courts and Site Assessments Document

Presenters: Christopher Wilson and Jeff Humpton

Attachments: [A - Los Alamos County Tennis Courts and Site Assessments May 2017](#)
[B - Los Alamos Tennis Club Survey](#)

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- A. [9745-17](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Melanee Hand

- B. [9746-17](#) Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Attachments: [A - PROS Program Report](#)

- C. [9759-17](#) Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report
Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh
- D. [9762-17](#) Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report
Presenters: Dana Dattelbaum
- E. [9761-17](#) Ice Rink & Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Report
Presenters: Dina Pesenson
- F. [9760-17](#) Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report
Presenters: Paul Cook

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. [9763-17](#) Council Liaison Report
Presenters: Pete Sheehey

8. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - September 14, 2017

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Agenda No.: A.

Index (Council Goals):

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Legislative File: 9744-17

Title

Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting

Recommended Action

I move that the Board approve the attached minutes

Body

The July 13, 2017 Minutes are ready for consideration and approval

Attachments

A - July 13, 2017 Minutes



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

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Melanee Hand, Chair; Paul Cook, Vice-Chair: Dana Dattelbaum; Robbie Harris; Stephanie Nakhleh; Dina Pesenson; and John Russell, Members

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Dattelbaum (via conference call). Member Pesenson arrived after role call.

Present 5 - Member Russell, Member Nakhleh, Member Dattelbaum, Member Hand and Member Pesenson

Absent 2 - Member Cook and Member Harris

A. [9655-17](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 8, 2017 meeting

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [A - June 8, 2017 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Nakhleh, seconded by Member Russell, that the Minutes be approved as presented. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Member Pesenson arrived after the vote.

I move that the Board approve the attached minutes.

2. STAFF AND OTHER ATTENDEES:

Chris Wilson, Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division Manager
Linda Lindstrom, Board Secretary

Other Attendees:

Pete Sheehey
Robert Hull
Erik Loechell

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. BUSINESS

A. [9686-17](#) RV Storage and Camping Update

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Attachments: [Los Alamos Town Site Parks Map](#)
[White Rock Town Site Parks Map](#)

Chris Wilson updated the Board on the staff's review of available RV storage and camping in both White Rock and Los Alamos. White Rock has no County property available for RV storage and camping next to the visitor's center.

Los Alamos townsite discussions included Femaville up by the North Mesa stables & soccer fields. The property is zoned for recreational and park development: RV storage didn't fit into this category. He also mentioned the RV storage waiting list on North Mesa, the size of the current spaces and explained that the County surveyor is coming in and realigning the medium size lots in hopes of adding an additional 5-7 spaces.

He also discussed camping at Main Gate, Camp May and White Rock. Main Gate Park camping improvements were not approved for funding. He update the Board on the following work being done at Camp May:

Camp May has had many road improvements with the help of Traffic & Streets. Parks & Open Space crews have been working together to improve the sites and pull-ins Other improvements included numbering, removal of old restroom buildings, improvements around the pavilion, and discussions about self-pay station and kiosks.

Member Russell asked about completion and camping updates on the County's website. Chris Wilson replied that the Camp May page will be updated to include the new information.

Member Russell also asked about space that is behind Credit Union in White Rock and questioned whether it could be used as RV storage. Chris Wilson will check into who owns the property and if it can be used for RV storage.

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

A. [9656-17](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Member Hand updated the Board on the presentation to County Council on June 13 and said it was well received.

B. [9657-17](#) Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Chris Wilson provided the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Program Report. In addition to what is provided in the Program Report, mentioned the following highlights, :

- The newspaper spoke with Jeff Humpton about the algae problem in Ashley Pond.
- Successful Little League tournament.
- The work that is being done at the North Mesa stables parking lot, in tandem with Traffic & Streets for better drainage in the area.
- Aquatic Center busy with events.
- Shark Week coordination with Nature Center and PEEC.

C. [9658-17](#) Open Space Minutes: June 13, 2017

Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh

Member Nakhleh went over the minutes from the Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report. In addition to the attached minutes, she discussed how much Eric Peterson has to do and the concern about him getting to all the needs of Open Space with just himself and two temporary employees.

Councilor Sheehey, through public comment, mentioned that some have heard the procurement process is moving forward on the proposed Flow Trail. Chris Wilson explained there is a request for proposal for a schematic design and probable cost, including a mandatory pre-bid walk through and the process of next steps.

Councilor Sheehey asked about the grants the Fire Dept received and asked if the Fire Department comes to the Open Space Subcommittee meetings. Chris Wilson stated that Ramon Garcia, Wildland Fire Chief, has attended meetings and confirmed they have received 2 grants for thinning trees within the county. Councilor Sheehey asked if Ramon Garcia has been working with Eric about which areas to thin. Chris Wilson confirmed that they have been working together to create a plan.

Councilor Sheehey and the Board discussed the strategy for the thinning of trees in the County. Chris Wilson elaborated on the on-going plan, as well as the pilot Canyon Restoration Project.

Councilor Sheehey provided direction to the Board, that by next year's budget time, to work with Eric to get things moving as this is something that can't wait and appreciated all the hard work.

D. [9659-17](#) Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Paul Cook

Paul Cook was not present. Chris Wilson mentioned that during the last meeting they discussed the Rec Bond not passing and the next steps. Capital Improvement Projects are to be discussed on August 8th at the County Council meeting.

E. [9660-17](#) Ice Rink & Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

Member Pesenson said that there was no July meeting, but a very productive June meeting which included keeping the positive momentum moving forward. She also mentioned that Dianne's subcommittee was tasked on the Tennis Court evaluations and recommendations.

Chris Wilson clarified that they are continuing to work on this evaluation and hope the subcommittee will have insights to discuss at the next meeting. He also mentioned they are holding a meeting with LA Tennis Club and the Pickleball Group.

Member Pesenson also mentioned the 100 Days of Summer brochure has been well received by those she has spoken with.

F. [9661-17](#) Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Dana Dattelbaum

Dana Dattelbaum, via conference call, could not be heard on the video. She did mention that they did not meet in July.

Bob Hull, as public comment, asked if there was an Open Space Report. Clarification was made regarding the order of the agenda.

Chris Wilson mentioned that the Art In Public Places dichroic art panels out at the Golf Course clubhouse will be installed after July 18 and the best time to see the current one is either at 6AM or 6PM.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dina Pesenson had a follow-up question about the probable cost for the Flow Trail. Chris Wilson summarized the plan to update Council with next steps.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. [9662-17](#) Council Liaison Report

Presenters: Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey mentioned that, informally on the Flow Trail Project, he agrees with Chris that the probable cost could be greater than 50K. He likes the idea if we could keep it around \$100K, but if it will eat up the entire \$500K budgeted for trails up at the ski area then more thought will need to be placed on it.

Chris Wilson clarified that the RFP is only to develop a schematic plan and find out costs, while then moving forward with a planning process once enough information has been collected.

Councilor Sheehey mentioned that during the upcoming County Council session on August 8, he is not sure what Councilor's Chrobocinski and O'Leary will present regarding the Rec Bond moving forward and gave his opinions on the next steps for the projects.

8. **PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - August 10, 2017**

A. [9663-17](#) Action Items for Next Month

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Action items for next month:

Tennis Courts
Trails on North Mesa
Strategic Plan Tourism Wayfinding Projects

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Nakhleh and seconded by Member Russell that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

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Title

Review and Discussion of the Draft Tennis Courts and Site Assessments Document

Body

County Council requested the Parks and Recreation Board to take on the tennis court project via a public process of investigation and evaluation. Council further directed to complete this project by November 1, 2017.

Staff has initiated this project via the Tennis Courts and Site Assessments draft and user group meetings. These groups are presently reviewing the document so that their insights and perspectives can be included in the final document.

In addition, the Los Alamos Tennis Club will be providing a history of tennis court usage, present day participation numbers and conducting a membership survey to assist with our strategic planning effort.

Pickleball enthusiast although not as formally established as Los Alamos Tennis Club were also contacted and included in our discussions. Some reports point out that this activity is growing more than any other sport at this time. Additional pickleball court lining has occurred at the Myrtle Street tennis courts and there are plans to line an additional (2) court tennis location to meet this growing demand.

The Athletic Director at LAHS has been included in these discussions as have the tennis coaches. Through these ongoing discussions, we will develop a more comprehensive understanding of the requested eight (8) court complex and potential partnerships. Certainly if this were to move forward a joint use agreement could be established between Los Alamos County and the School District to meet the five (5) court tournament complex preferred by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and Los Alamos Tennis Club.

An important element of this discussion is the site assessment. These sites are often the only park facility in a neighborhood while others are co-located with other park amenities. They are being used by our community and visitors alike as trailheads/corridors, open space and for pick-up games of pickleball and tennis. Many communities are looking at putting their older tennis courts into other uses; such as basketball, bike riding, skateboarding, roller blading and pop-up parks.

Although tennis popularity is on the upswing since 2000, we are a long way from the tennis heyday of Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert. Repurposing of these courts and their associated sites will need further public discussion.

Through this interactive community discussion, a strategic plan will be brought back to the Parks and

Recreation Board in September.

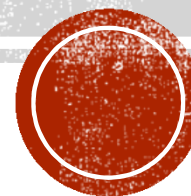
Attachments

A - Los Alamos County Tennis Courts and Site Assessments May 2017

B - Los Alamos Tennis Club Survey

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY TENNIS COURTS AND SITES

ASSESSMENTS MAY 2017



LOS ALAMOS
where discoveries are made

BARRANCA MESA TENNIS COURTS

- THREE CONCRETE SLAB COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE IN POOR CONDITION
- FENCING GREEN VINYL COATED IN VERY GOOD CONDITION
- POST AND NETS IN GOOD CONDITION
- PARKING ON STREET OR AT TOT LOT
- TWO SMALL HITTING WALLS
- RESTROOMS, PAVILION, TOT LOT, SOCCER FIELD, AND PARK

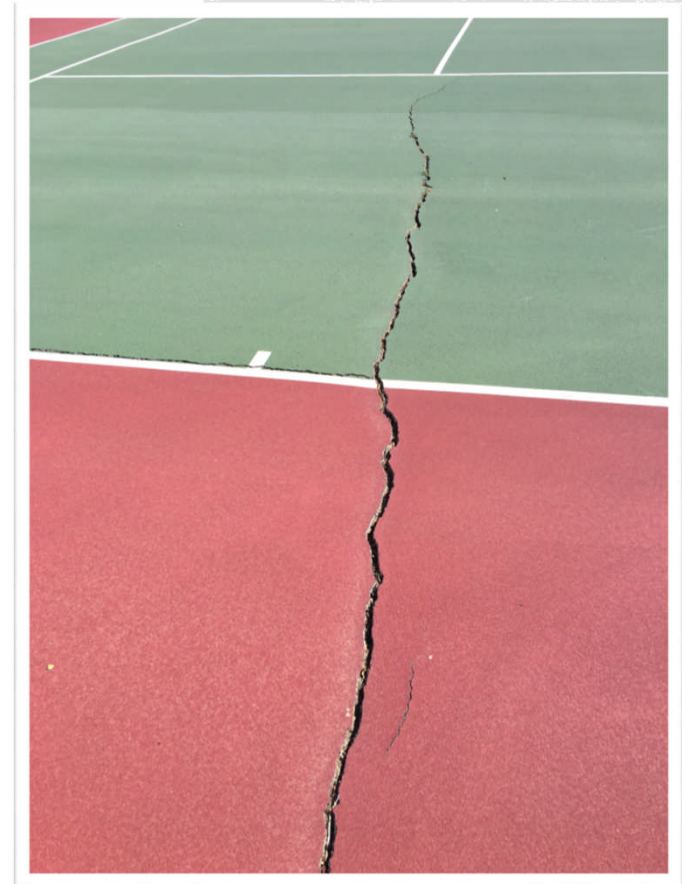


BARRANCA MESA TENNIS COURTS

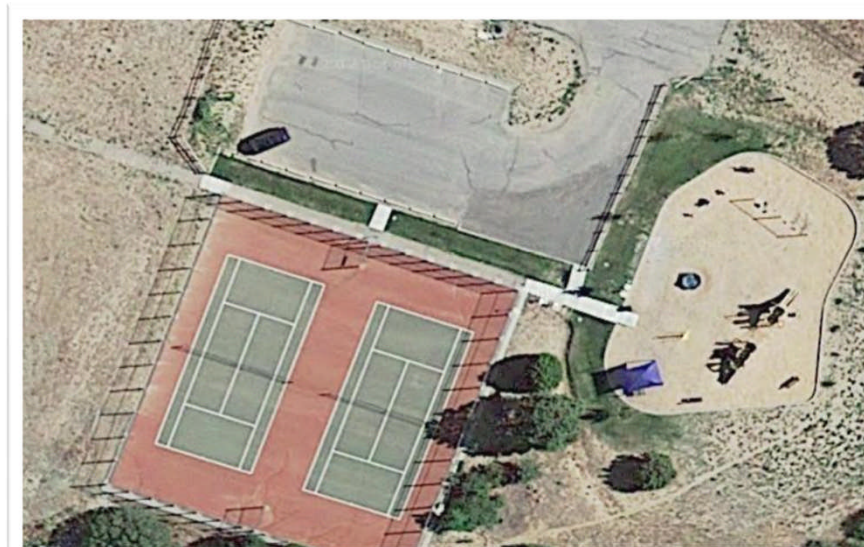


NORTH MESA (FEMA-VILLE) TENNIS COURTS

- TWO ASPHALT BASE COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE FAIR
- FENCE IS GOOD NEEDS SOME HARDWARE
- POST AND NETS ARE FAIR
- DEDICATED PARKING
- TOT LOT / BMX / TRAIL HEAD
- FOUR FUTURE PICKLEBALL COURTS (SUMMER '17)



NORTH MESA TENNIS COURTS

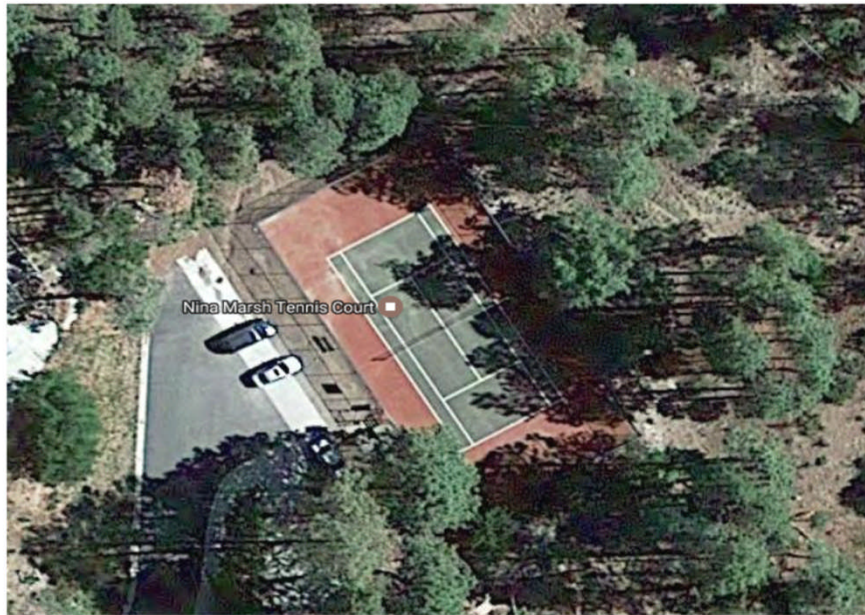


NINA MARSH (36TH STREET) TENNIS COURT

- ONE CONCRETE COURT
- PLAYING SURFACE IS FAIR
- NINA MARSH AND 36TH STREET SIGNS
- NEWER FENCING IN GOOD CONDITION
- POST AND NETS IN GOOD CONDITION
- TRAIL HEAD
- TWO FUTURE PICKLEBALL COURTS (SUMMER '17)



NINA MARSH (36TH STREET) TENNIS COURT

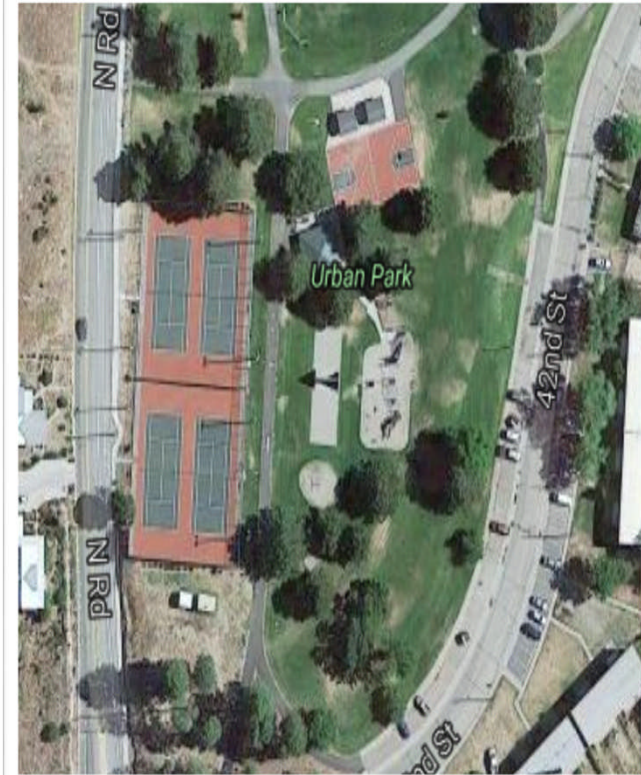


URBAN TENNIS COURTS

- FOUR LIT CONCRETE COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE IN POOR CONDITION
- FENCING IN VERY GOOD CONDITION
- POST AND NETS IN GOOD CONDITION
- SIGNAGE AND KIOSK
- ON STREET PARKING
- HITTING WALL
- RESTROOMS, PAVILION, TOT LOT, BASKET BALL, VOLLEY BALL, PARK



URBAN PARK TENNIS COURT



CANYON TENNIS COURTS

- TWO CONCRETE COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE FAIR
- FENCING FAIR / OLD GALVANIZED
- POST AND NET IN GOOD CONDITION
- DEDICATED PARKING
- HITTING WALL

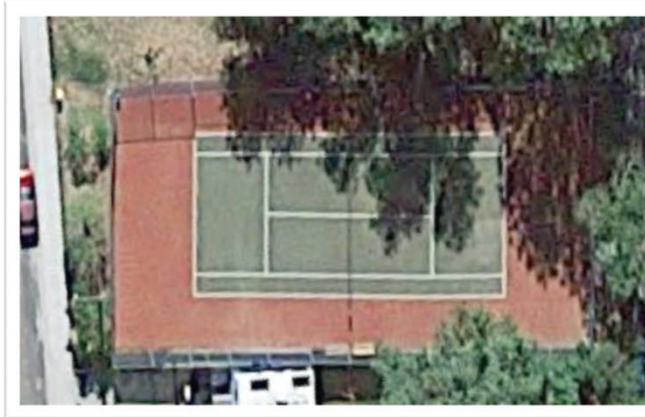


CANYON TENNIS COURTS



MYRTLE TENNIS COURT

- ONE CONCRETE COURT
- PLAYING SURFACE IN FAIR CONDITION
- FENCE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION
GREEN VINYL
- POST AND NET IN GOOD CONDITION
- ON STREET PARKING
- TWO PICKLE BALL COURTS



PINON PARK TENNIS

- THREE LIT CONCRETE COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE IN VERY GOOD CONDITION
- SMALL KIOSK
- GREEN VYNIL FENCING IN GOOD CONDITION
- POST AND NETS IN GOOD CONDITION
- PAVILION, RESTROMS, DISC GOLF, SKATE PARK AND LILBRARY
- DEDICATED PARKING



PINON PARK TENNIS COURTS



ROVER PARK TENNIS COURTS

- TWO CONCRETE COURTS
- PLAYING SURFACE FAIR CONDITION
- FENCING IN VERY GOOD CONDITION
- POST AND NETS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION
- STREET PARKING
- PAVILIONS, RESTROOMS, TOT LOTS, VOLLEYBALL COURT, SOCCER FIELD
- FOUR FUTURE PICKLE BALL COURTS (SUMMER '17)



ROVER PARK TENNIS



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Los Alamos Tennis Court Useage

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RESPONSES

100

VIEWS

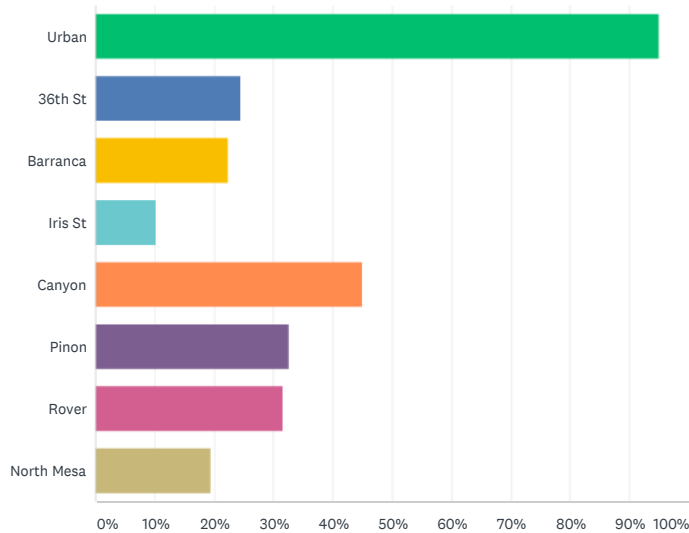
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Q1

What courts do you play on?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Urban	94.90%	93
36th St	24.49%	24
Barranca	22.45%	22
Iris St	10.20%	10
Canyon	44.90%	44
Pinon	32.65%	32
Rover	31.63%	31
North Mesa	19.39%	19

Total Respondents: 98

Need insights?

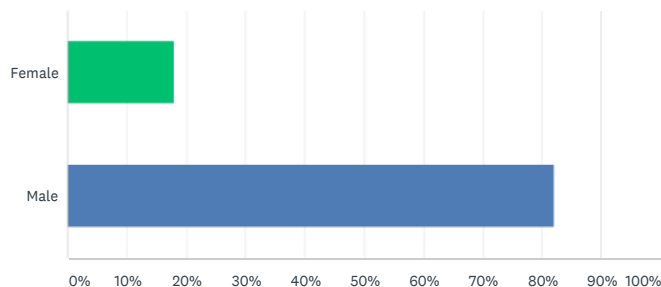
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Q2

What is your gender?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

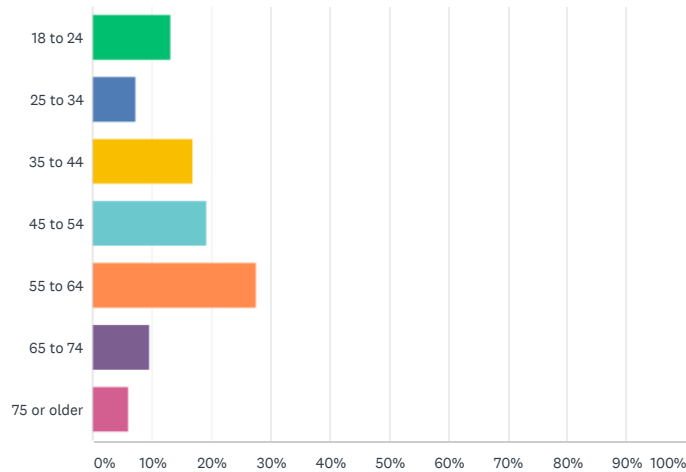
RESPONSES

Female	18.00%	18
Male	82.00%	82
Total		100

Q3

What is your age?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES

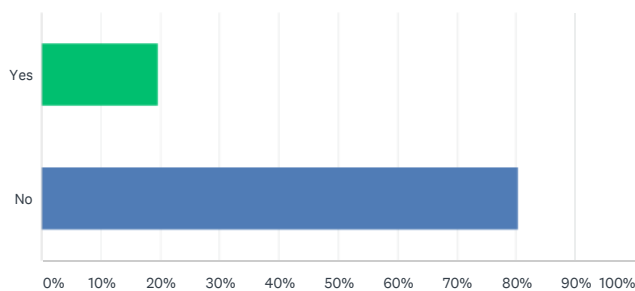
RESPONSES

18 to 24	13.25%	11
25 to 34	7.23%	6
35 to 44	16.87%	14
45 to 54	19.28%	16
55 to 64	27.71%	23
65 to 74	9.64%	8
75 or older	6.02%	5
Total		83

Q4

Are you less than 18 years old?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES

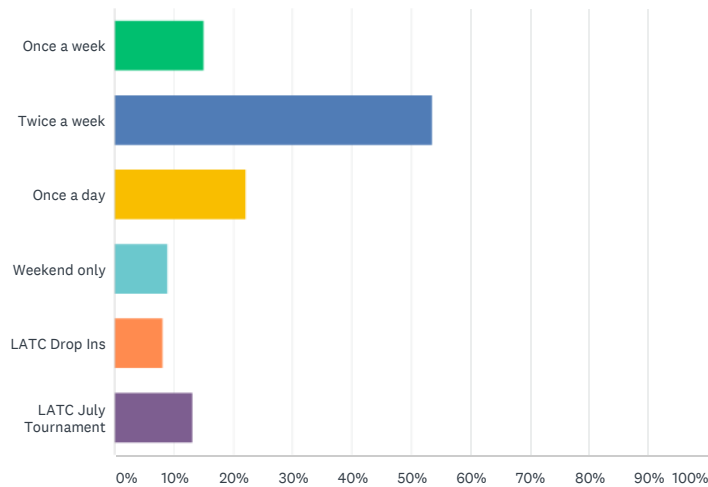
RESPONSES

Yes	19.59%	19
No	80.41%	78
Total Respondents: 97		

Q5

How often do you play tennis?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Once a week	15.15%	15
Twice a week	53.54%	53
Once a day	22.22%	22
Weekend only	9.09%	9
LATC Drop Ins	8.08%	8
LATC July Tournament	13.13%	13
Total Respondents: 99		

Q6

In what city do you live?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1

Q7

Would you participate in a tennis club that provides tennis activities for a nominal fee?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES

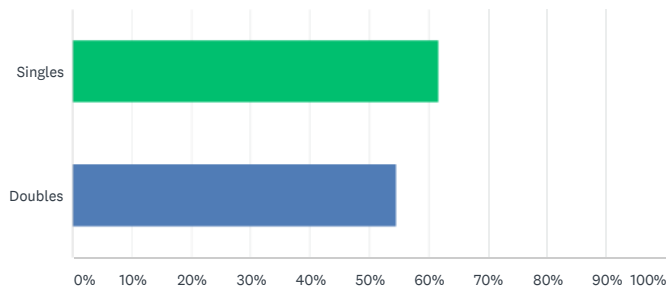
Yes	83.67%	82
No	17.35%	17

Total Respondents: 98

Q8

What do you prefer: Singles or Doubles

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

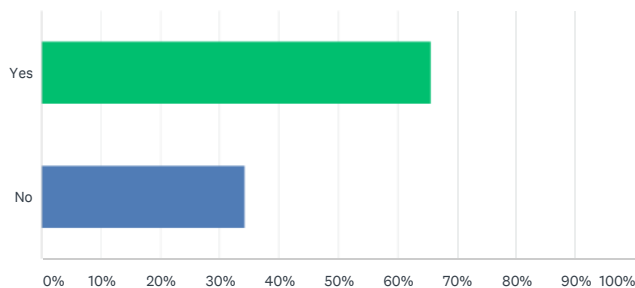
Singles	61.62%	61
Doubles	54.55%	54

Total Respondents: 99

Q9

Do you have any desire to play within a USTA league? Go to <https://www.usta.com>

Answered: 99 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

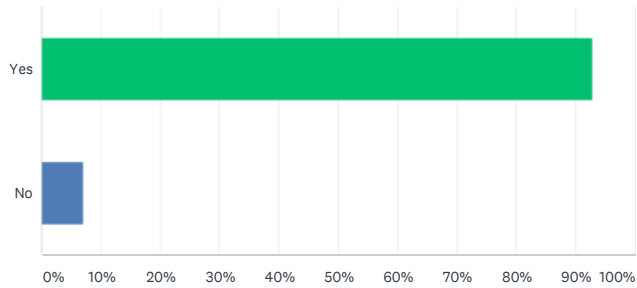
Yes	65.66%	65
No	34.34%	34

Total Respondents: 99

Q10

Do you support a centralized facility in Los Alamos County for USTA leagues (5 courts in one location) or for the HS teams to be able to play their district tournament (8 courts in one location)?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 3

**ANSWER CHOICES**

Yes

No

Total Respondents: 97**RESPONSES**

92.78%

90

7.22%

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Presenters: Christopher Wilson

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Title

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report

Body

Chris Wilson will present to the Board

Attachments

A - Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report

LOS ALAMOS

where discoveries are made

Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division July 2017 Events

Aquatics

Rocket Fueled Family Fun Night, July 14, 85 participants:

In conjunction with Science Fest weekend, the Aquatic Center hosted a fun-filled evening for families that included the bounce house on the patio, the floating obstacle course, a treasure hunt in the shallow end of the pool and a cannonball contest in the deep end. Prize packages were awarded for the top 3 cannonballs in the different age groups as well as for those finding specially marked pennies during the treasure hunt.

Diving for Coins



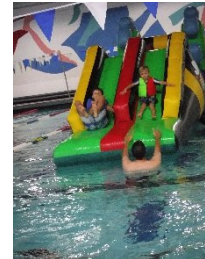
Cannonball Contest



Bounce House



Sliding Course



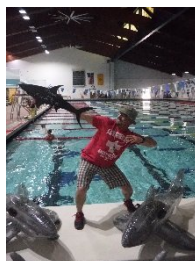
Shark Week July 24-28, (50+ participants):

During Shark week, the Aquatic Center showed different shark-themed movies each afternoon in the classroom along with free popcorn. There were also shark floats in the pool that were a big hit for both kids and adults. Even the Master's team pretended they were Michael Phelps racing the sharks.

Shark Movies



Mark the Shark



Popcorn & a Movie



Race Against the Shark



Special Olympics, July 16, 60+ participants:

Special Olympics swim meet was held at the Aquatic Center Sunday morning prior to opening for the public. The participants were very excited to swim and receive their medals at the end of their races. The meet was finished off with a luncheon in the classroom for the swimmers and their families.

PARKS



Statewide Urban Forestry Analysis and Management Planning Project, July 24

The Parks, Open Space and Golf Programs, working with New Mexico State Forestry and their Contractor Groundwork Studio participated in gathering data for the Tree Plotter applications. The Ashley Pond and Fuller Lodge urban forest was identified as to species, condition and maintenance needs. We mapped each tree and put a common name as well as a botanical name on each tree, we then logged all of the characteristics of each tree. This year, New Mexico State Forestry is doing these tree inventories in all 33 counties. This information will help communities to manage the risk associated with these aging trees, while providing baseline data of their urban forest resources.



The Green Team Helping Parks, July 25

The Green Team joined Parks in maintaining the Green Team Project at the White Rock Visitors Center. Last summer the Green Team in a joint effort with employees from other divisions created this beautiful landscape near the Bandelier bus stop at the WR Visitors Center. The Green Team and Parks are in the design process for the area behind and to the east of the bus stop. They expect to tie it in with the existing landscape with water conservation at the forefront of the design.

Open Space

The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) Ride Center Evaluation, July 28

The staff has submitted documentation of our open space trail system, which is the first step in obtaining IMBA ride center designation.

Camp May Improvements: 50% Complete

In collaboration with Parks, drainage issues in Group Camp Site 7 have been addressed, two condemned vault toilets have also been torn down and removed.



Golf

ACI Golf Tournament / Atomic City Invitational, July 1st- 4th, 98 Participants, 7 States Represented

The 64th ACI Golf Tournament was held over July 4th weekend. Golf, Social, F&B, Activities & Fireworks highlighted the weekend.



Special Olympics Area Golf Tournament, July 13th, 32 Special Olympians, 32 Adults

The Annual Special Olympics golf tournament helps contribute to the fundraising efforts in New Mexico.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Charity Golf Tournament, July 15th, 104 Participants

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides youth ages 6-14 with an adult mentor. The Northern New Mexico Mountain Chapter serves both Los Alamos and Rio Arriba Counties.



Los Alamos City Championship Golf Tournament, July 29th-30th, 54 Participants

The Annual Los Alamos City Championship Golf was held over the last weekend in July. Jason Norman is the 2017 Los Alamos Champion.



Mid-Season Aerification of Greens, 100% Complete, July 31st 100% complete.

For the 1st time in many years, we did Mid-Season aerification to the greens on the Golf Course. Aerification during this time of the year allows for quick healing and ultimately improved turf conditions.



Quick Cuppler Irrigation Installation, July 25th, 100% Complete, Installed by all 18 Greens

Quick cupplers allow for hand watering of the greens in the heat of the day by connecting to a water source, via a hand held hose.



Recreation

High Mountain Mud-Fest Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, July 8th – 116 players, 60 fans.

Once again, all 12 team slots were filled and though the championship games were hailed out around 1:30PM. The participants had a great time and “can’t wait for next year’s tournament.” Look for a short video produced by staff on the PROS Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/losalamoscountyrecreation/>



Los Alamos County Horse Show: Saturday, July 22nd – 30 Participants, 20 Spectators

Participants range in age from six to sixty at the annual Horse Show.



Movies in the Park:

Wednesday, July 5th – “Home” at Rover Park, 400 attendees

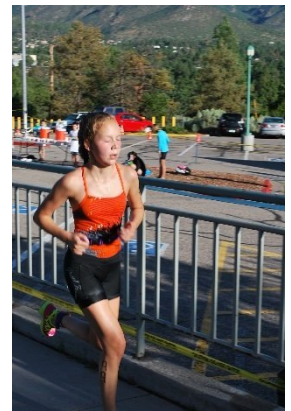
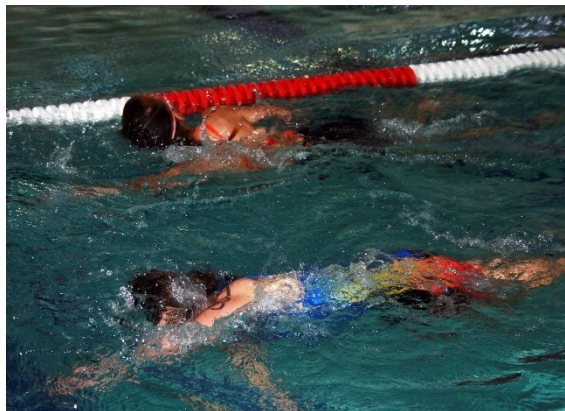
Wednesday, July 12th – “Back to the Future 3” at Ashley Pond, 30 attendees, rained out.

Wednesday, July 19th – “Finding Dory” at Urban Park, 400 attendees



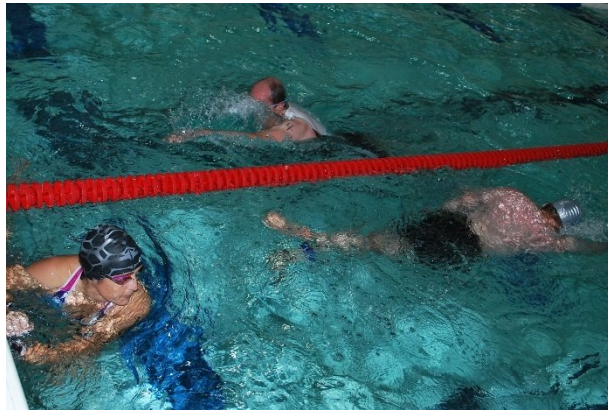
1st Annual Los Alamos JR Triathlon: 7 Participants

The seven participants in the inaugural JR Triathlon consisted of five girls and two boys between the ages of 10 – 15.



43rd Annual Los Alamos Triathlon: 161 Participants, Individuals & Teams, Up 8% from 2016

There were 111 individual participants and 19 relay teams.



24th Annual Los Alamos Kids Triathlon: 47 Participants

Kids ages 4 – 10 compete in a non-competitive event where every finisher receives a participant medal.



Community Collaborations

ScienceFest – Ranch School Days: Wednesday, July 13th – Saturday, July 15th

Science, s'mores, camp outs, burro packing demonstrations, tours, beer gardens, music and libations...just a few of the activities offered over the four days of ScienceFest.





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Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh

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Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report

Body

Open Space Minutes: July 11, 2017

In attendance: Eric Peterson, Liz Aicher, Kevin Holsapple, Stephanie Nakhleh

1. Eric updated the group on the Ancestral Pueblo project, which is complete. They used a mixture with a native recipe for chinking. They used edging, crusher fines, and sloping so it drains. Once every two weeks they'll patrol it to make sure the weeds aren't creeping up.
2. Flow trail is out for RFP. The bid is for a design with *possibility* for construction. The County needs to know how much it's going to cost to determine feasibility. After that information is gathered, it will be up to Council to give the green light or no; obviously public comment will factor in heavily. The County sent it out to 15 professional companies, from Arkansas to local. There will be a mandatory site visit for anyone bidding.
3. Camp May improvements are underway. A drainage problem was fixed; also they replaced old picnic tables with new ones. Kevin asked whether there was a way to estimate utilization of that area; answer is there's no direct way at the moment. Camp May, it was noted, is zoned PL (public land), not open space.
4. Open Space shortages: Eric said the Open Space program has gotten amazing things done with one part-time employee but one can only imagine what might be accomplished with 2 FTEs. Kevin said the County is facing pressure to keep its FTEs down, as perception is FTEs have mushroomed. I noted that FTEs might be mushrooming in some departments, but not (in my understanding) in Parks & Rec, and not in Open Space in particular: this would be useful data to examine. With the Comp Plan being so open-space heavy, and the Open Space Management Plan's to-do list being so far behind, more budget support is needed for Council's stated priorities to be met. Kevin noted that special funding could be allocated for the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps on some jobs. "We'd show how much work can get done, and we'd also train future employees. And RMYC is not expensive." Liz commented that it would be useful to see a list of open-space priorities with a timeline and checklist to see what can and cannot be accomplished under current conditions. Eric said he has been unable to do any trail maintenance this year. "With no YCC here this year especially, we're not doing: drain drips, edging, erosion control, rock work, reroutes of steep sections to make trails more sustainable, flagging future projects, updating management plans, signage plans

(100 signs need to be put into ground, haven't even got them made yet), restoration work, inventory of trees and weeds. There is currently not enough staff/time to get any of these priorities accomplished," he said.

5. Update on IMBA: Eric is about halfway through processing IMBA. "Our trails aren't really built for mountain biking so there's only a few trails that meet needs. I don't know if we're even close to meeting IMBA," he said. The County has prioritized attaining IMBA medal status, which might prove challenging, costly, and resource-heavy: All members agreed that a project like this is, while perhaps worthy, a drain on resources and Eric doesn't have sufficient staff. Kevin noted that if the County is interested in grants, those can be tapped into for pennies on the dollar via RMYC, and those resources could be used for canyon restoration, etc. RMYC crews have a professional crew leader and they're pretty autonomous, he said. Eric said he's been holding off on volunteer projects because the work put into getting everyone trained and deployed is overwhelming. Liz: "This is why we need a volunteer coordinator."
6. Canyon restoration: Regarding Graduation Canyon, there are many options to look at. Liz asked if any volunteers might be able to create a restoration plan pro bono-someone with real experience. Kevin said it would be great to find a doctoral student who needs a project. I noted that because the Comp Plan actually matters to Council, they hopefully would fund this kind of project for multiple years, because it will take multiple years to do it correctly. Liz mentioned that stream restoration-which is a good chunk of what's needed in Graduation Canyon-is very expensive, and it would be tempting to break the project up into tiny affordable chunks every year, but you can't make any progress if you do that. Eric: An initial step would be to work with the fire department to at least get rid of invasives as fire mitigation. (All members agreed.) Liz: Can we get a proposal to see what LA County can do on its own, and what would need to be hired out? Eric: We could collaborate with the Lab. Susan Lime through LANL was hired to do the area by Dot Grant and the cemetery. That went through LANL because it's a legacy site.



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Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report

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Member Dattelbaum will present report to the Board



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Ice Rink & Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Report

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Presenters: Paul Cook

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Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report

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Council Liaison Report

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Councilor Sheehey will present report to the Board