



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

Thursday, May 11, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue
Room 110

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present 6 - Member Cook, Member Nakhleh, Member Dattelbaum, Member Harris, Member Hand and Member Pesenson
Absent 1 - Member Russell

2. STAFF AND OTHER ATTENDEES:

Chris Wilson, Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division Manager
Linda Lindstrom, Board Secretary
Pete Sheehey, County Councilor

Other Attendees:
James Whitehead

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. BUSINESS

A. [9421-17](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2017 meeting

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [April 13, 2017 minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Harris, seconded by Member Nakhleh, that the Minutes be approved as presented. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

I move that the Board approve the attached Minutes

B. [9456-17](#) Subcommittee Applications

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [A - Jonathan Creel \(OSAS\)](#)
[B - Robert Wells \(OSAS\)](#)
[C - Joan Schultz \(OSAS\)](#)

Member Hand asked Member Nakhleh if she had any additional background on

the candidates. Member Nakhleh felt all of them were strong, but Jonathan [Creel] & Robert [Wells] have a background in government, which the Open Space subcommittee discussed would be a benefit during their last meeting.

Paul Cook motioned to move down the list to solicit votes. Member Hand seconded that motion. Passed by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Member Hand asked if there was any discussion on Jonathan Creel. Member Nakhleh mentioned that Eric [Peterson] has worked with Mr. Creel in the past. Member Hand asked for a show of hands for those in favor of Jonathan Creel. Mr. Creel's application passed by a vote of 3-2. With a majority vote, no further action was taken on the remaining applicants.

Member Pesenson arrived after vote.

I move that the Board approve the following Subcommittee Applications

C. [9458-17](#) Manhattan National Historic Project Update

Presenters: John Russell

Chris Wilson, on behalf of John Russell who wasn't in attendance, commented that the Manhattan Park National Historic Project groups have been disbanded. No update at this time.

D. [9457-17](#) 2018 Bond Project Update

Presenters: Brian Brogan and Christopher Wilson

Chris Wilson, on behalf of Brian Brogan who wasn't in attendance, discussed the following:

- The County is continuing to provide education and information on the Rec Bond Project at various locations.
- The Bond Project website now has an area for frequently asked questions that have been compiled from public input.
- Reminder that ballots need to be at the Clerk's office no later than 7PM on May 23.

E. [9455-17](#) FY18 Draft Work Plan Update

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [A - Work Plan Update](#)

Member Hand and the Board discussed and requested clarification where necessary on the Draft Work Plan Presentation that will be presented to the County Council on June 13th, 2017.

A motion was made by Member Dattelbaum, seconded by Member Pesenson, that the changes to the presentation be approved by the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Chris Wilson mentioned that the Council has some minor changes for the Board on the FY18 Work Plan which will be included for discussion during the next Parks & Recreation Board meeting on June 8, 2017.

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

A. [9422-17](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Member Hand reported on the following items:

- Recognition luncheon was held for the Manhattan Project National Historic Park members as Council moves to the Tourism Strategic Planning.
- Member Hand has been reading a variety of input in the media on the Rec Bond, which include positive, negative and different perspectives of the public.
- On June 2nd, she will be submitting the Draft FY18 Work Plan Presentation to Council and on June 13th she will be presenting the Draft FY18 Work Plan to Council.

Member Pesenson mentioned she would be sending a list of tips on how the public can engage with each Board to Chris Wilson for review and to post to the website.

No Action Required

B. [9424-17](#) Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Attachments: [Parks, Recreation, Open Space Program Report](#)

Chris Wilson provided a written report, which is included in the minutes as an attachment. He conveyed that the report is continuing to follow the County Manager's (CMO) Report format. He also mentioned that this weekend the rescheduled adult softball tournament was expecting around 1000 people and that the Eggstravaganza at the Golf Course was well attended.

C. [9423-17](#) Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh

Member Nakhleh handed out a copy of the Open Space Subcommittee Minutes. She mentioned that the subcommittee was happy the Canyon Restoration project was adopted into County budget, but questioned what the approved amount was. Liz Aicher thought it was around \$9,000, but she mentioned clarity is needed as \$9,000 wouldn't be enough. She also expressed concern about the adopted Comprehensive Plan which includes a great deal of support for the Open Space and that the resources needed have not been provided.

D. [9425-17](#) Ice Rink & Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Dina Pesenson

Member Pensenson mentioned that no meeting was held this month. No report was given.

E. [9426-17](#) Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Paul Cook

In addition to what Chris Wilson mentioned, the subcommittee has been working hard to promote the Bond Project. In addition, the Aquatic Center in general has been doing a lot of swim lessons especially for school programs throughout Northern New Mexico.

F. [9427-17](#) Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Dana Dattelbaum

Dana Dattelbaum provided the following updates from the Subcommittee meeting, held April 19.

- Opening Breakfast was extremely successful and they are planning a Closing Luncheon.
- There have been many events held at the Golf Course, including high school golf events for other counties.
- Los Alamos Woman's Golf Association (LAWGA) held their spring tea. Both Golf Course Manager & Superintendent attended this meeting.
- Golf Course has completed a number of significant improvements, including aeration, tee-markers and out-of-bound stakes.
- Member Dattelbaum has asked the subcommittee to be engaged in the Flow Trail public comment meetings, as it impacts on Golf Course for overflow parking.
- County was going to discuss with Risk Management about putting up a fence & preventing an accidents on hole-10.
- Golf Course will be holding a Rules Clinic for women.
- Jr. Golf program signs around town. Program which makes it less expensive to golf at over 400 courses around the country.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Whitehead, President of the LA Stable Owner's Association expressed disappointed they have missed the opportunity for a horse owners subcommittee for another year. He also stated that horse owners are the only ones that pay a tax and pay attention to the cost of water and manure removal which is divided between licensees. He requested improved communication for the Flow trail meetings, as they seem to only reach certain Facebook groups of which he is not a member.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. [9428-17](#) Council Liaison Report

Presenters: Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey described the Rec Bond discussion as lively within the community. He mentioned that if it does not pass, he will advocate using the 13 million, in which 3 or 4 of the projects could be completed with these funds. If the community does not want to borrow the 20 million dollars, the Parks and Recreation Board will need to seriously look at alternative ways of funding. He also encouraged the Board not to be discouraged, as the projects are well vetted and the County could still bring them within the planned budget.

8. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - June 8, 2017

- Report and update on North Mesa Stables meeting.
- Update on Public Flow Trail meeting held in April and Project next steps.
- RV Storage update & camping availability.
- Tennis Project
- Rec Bond Update discussion on outcome.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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