



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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

Thursday, July 13, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue
Room 110

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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