



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, March 9, 2017

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue
Room 110

1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Hand introduced new Parks and Recreation Board members: Dana Dattelbaum, Robbie Harris (not present), and Dina Pesenson (arrived after introduction).

Present 3 - Member Russell, Member Nakhleh and Member Hand

Absent 1 - Member Cook

2. STAFF AND OTHER ATTENDEES:

Pete Sheehey, County Councilor
Brian Brogan, Community Services Department Director
Chris Wilson, Parks, Recreation, Open Space Division Manager
Linda Lindstrom, Office Manager

New Board Members:

Dana Dattelbaum
Dina Pesenson

Other Attendees:

Erik Loechell
Olga Chertkov
June Wall
Lisa Reader
James & Kellie Michael
James Whitehead

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. BUSINESS

A. [9154-17](#) Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2017 meeting

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Attachments: [February 9, 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.

I move that the Board approve the attached Minutes

B. 9178-17 North Mesa Stable Discussion

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Olga Chertkov presented her concerns on the Horse Stables which included soil issues, flies, smell, and view of the stables. She also mentioned that even though the sidewalks prohibit horseback riding, people still ride on them. She feels that Los Alamos County needs to adopt regulations, as the surrounding counties have in regards to the stables. Ms. Chertkov provided copies of the County's (Colorado State University) soil tests and presented her conclusions on these results.

Mr. James Whitehead, President of the Los Alamos Stable Owner's Association, expressed his interest in the topic and addressed the concerns raised by Ms. Chertkov. Mr. Whitehead stated that they are working with the Parks & Recreation Department to follow regulations and encouraged the Parks and Recreation Board to add a Horse Stable subcommittee.

Olga Chertkov commented that she would like to include two more tests: an additional one on the soil and one for the air quality at both Los Alamos Middle School and Barranca Elementary.

Member Russell asked if a drainage plan was in place. Chris Wilson replied that one was recently completed with the help of Public Works.

Mr. Wilson also asked if any of the Board Members were interested in helping assist with these concerns. Member Dattelbaum expressed interest in helping. Mr. Wilson, in response to Member Dattelbaum's request to hold a public discussion, stated that he would add it to an upcoming meeting.

Councilor Sheehey addressed Ms. Chertkov's comments and mentioned that the County Council has appointed someone to look into the laydown area, as the concern was also brought to the Council's attention.

C. 9179-17 Bond Update

Presenters: Brian Brogan

Brian Brogan, Director of Community Services, gave a presentation with updated information on the 2017 Bond Project which included maps, conceptual designs and operating costs.

Chris Wilson answered questions regarding design and explained the use of subcommittees as they pertain to the Bond Projects.

Member Dattelbaum asked about the timing of the construction process. Brian Brogan responded that the projects wouldn't all be started at the same time. Chris Wilson also explained that some of the smaller projects would probably begin earlier than the larger ones. Brian Brogan explained that the recreation center would take 9-12 months to design.

Member Hand mentioned the tax estimator on the Bond Project website [<https://losalamosbondprojects2017.com>] is a great tool in determining the amount of tax a given household would incur if the bond projects passed.

Member Nakhleh asked about the possible operating cost offset from the Pajarito bond retirement cliffs. Brian Brogan responded they were separate projects and that it was undetermined at this time.

Eric Loechell asked about building to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards and Brian Brogan responded that it has been discussed and would fall into budget discussions.

Olga Cherkov expressed concern about the lack of soccer field lighting and if there are any plans for improvements. Brian Brogan explained to her that it wasn't part of this project but could get back to her on what is planned.

5. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

A. [9171-17](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Member Hand mentioned that a Political Action Committee has been formed to promote the 2017 Bond Projects, in which she has attended only as a citizen. She mentioned that any of the Board Members could get involved, but as a reminder not to speak on behalf of the Board.

John Russell mentioned that the Manhattan National Historic project subcommittee hasn't had much activity as the last meeting was postponed and that the need for a subcommittee has been tabled for the moment.

Member Hand brought up that Board Members are needed as liaisons to the subcommittee's assignments, which were discussed and assigned as follows:

Dina Pesenson: Ice Rink and Recreation Advisory Subcommittee

Dana Dattelbaum: Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee

Paul Cook: Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee

Stephanie Nakhleh: Retain Open Space Advisory Subcommittee

B. [9168-17](#) Recreation Program Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

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

Chris Wilson mentioned that new changes to the report were oncoming and that the pool and aquatic staff were busy with High School Freshman Physical Education classes taking place at the Aquatic Center.

C. [9170-17](#) Parks and Open Space Program Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Attachments: [A - Parks & Open Space Report](#)

Chris Wilson commented that the Open Space Report has been added to the Parks Program Reports. A lot has been going on with trees going down with wind, removing Siberian Elms as invasive species, and the next phase of trail signage plan.

D. 9172-17 Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Stephanie Nakhleh

Member Nakhleh presented the Open Space Advisory Subcommittee Report and touched on the following items:

- Trails Management Plan revisions
- The Pilot Flow Trail Project
- Canyon Restoration Pilot Project
- Urban Bike Path Citizen-Driven Plan

E. [9173-17](#) Ice Rink & Recreation Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Paul Cook

Chris Wilson presented on behalf on Member Cook, who was not in attendance.

Mr. Wilson mentioned the subcommittee has been heavily involved with the 2017 Bond Project. He stated the Ice Rink has since closed and the staff is in the process of removing the ice and preparing the rink for roller derby. Mr. Wilson also mentioned that the Recreation Program is in discussions regarding the joint use agreement between the school district and the PROS program. Sport sign-ups are in full swing, and the Parks Department is attempting to do maintenance on the parks before they are hosting games and practices.

F. 9174-17 Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Chris Wilson provided the Golf Course Advisory Subcommittee Report. He mentioned that LAGA (Los Alamos Golf Association) has a new website, thanks to the hard work of Margot Liberty. The Golf Course is open, hoping to add more hours and start irrigating this weekend. The month of April will hold an opening event which will begin the Golf Course season with new discoveries.

Member Dattelbaum asked what the budget concerns are with opening the golf course early. Chris Wilson explained that they plan for this in the budget and adjustments are made with staffing and supplies.

G. [9175-17](#) Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report

Presenters: Christopher Wilson

Chris Wilson provided the Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee Report. The subcommittee has been busy asking questions and being prepped on the 2017 Bond Projects so they can educate and inform the public. The NMRPA Aquatic Professionals Development Section as instigated by the County's aquatic staff, meet with other pool operators around the state to discuss aquatic related activities and practices among their peers on best management practices.

H. [9176-17](#) Council Liaison Report

Presenters: Pete Sheehey

Councilor Sheehey was not present for the Council Liaison Report.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. [9177-17](#) Action Items for Next Month

Presenters: Melanee Hand

Chris Wilson mentioned the following items for next month:

- Flow Trail update kickoff
- Bicycle Transportation Plan

Member Hand recommended the following standing items to the Agenda:

- Manhattan National Historical Park Project
- 2017 Bond Project
- Representative from Grassroots group
- Information regarding the Tennis Courts

Member Russell asked about a contract for Pajarito Mountain. Chris Wilson explained that this was money set aside. Member Hand asked for a more detailed status regarding this item.

Dina Pesenson asked for clarification on the Horse Stable coordination of public input on this topic.

7. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - April 13, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Present 3 - Member Russell, Member Nakhleh and Member Hand

Absent 1 - Member Cook

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