



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*James Wernicke, Chair; Vice-Chair; Jerry Cowan; George Marsden; Summer Schaufler;
David Teter; Brian Watkins; and Ian Zollinger, Members*

Thursday, June 13, 2024

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers
Zoom (see agenda for the link)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Present 4 - Member Wernicke, Member Cowan, Member Teter and Member
Watkins

Absent 3 - Member Marsden, Member Zollinger and Member Schaufler

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was made by Kevin Anderson on the proposed repairs for the
Aquatic Center.

3. BUSINESS

A. 18883-24 Approval of Minutes from the May 9, 2024 Meeting

Presenters: James Wernicke

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the May 9, 2024 Meeting](#)

Minutes approved with amendment to add more information on the chiller
amount. Vice Chair Cowan - Move, Member Watkins - 2nd, Approved 4-0, 3 -
absent - Members Marsden, Zollinger and Schaufler.
approved as amended

B. [18884-24](#) Review, Discuss, and Possible Approval of the Working Groups Charters and/or Work List

Presenters: Jerry Cowan

Vice Chair Cowan gave some background information on Working Group format and reviewed the Equestrian and Livestock Working Group charter. Comments were made by the Board about edits to the charter and notifications. Cory Styron made comments about the responsibilities of Working Groups. Discussion was had. There was a question if a template for working group charters would be available soon. The County Council is currently working on a template. Councilor Ryti gave information related to working groups. Public Comment was made by Cathy Miller, Carol Bronisz, Donna Hayden and Lisa Reader regarding the new working group. Member Watkins presented the Los Alamos Open Space and Trail Working Group charter draft. He agreed with an annual review of the groups to determine if it should be sunsetted. Discussion was had by the Board. Public Comment was made by Melissa Arias, Celeste Raffin and Craig Martin. Members Watkins and Teter commented that without a charter to look at ahead of time they would not feel comfortable making a motion today. The rest of the Board discussed the issue and agreed.

Chair Wernicke made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. The Board will be presented with completed charters that address annual review of purpose, inclusion of guiding documents such as the IMP and chapter 8 PRB code, and specific tasks for the year. In the event of a sunset vote to add more specificity on how that will be communicated to members of the group and public and what time frame, such as by email and with at least a one month advance notice. Member Watkins - 2nd, Approved 4-0, 3-Absent.

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4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

A. [18885-24](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: James Wernicke

Chair Wernicke provided the Chairman's report. He gave updates on:

- Attended the Open Space Listening Session on May 21st. Noted concerns about people driving too fast in the stable area and crowded trails.
- CAPRA Meet and Greet
- Pool are all open. Splash and Dash took place.
- Triathlon on July 20th
- Splash Pad is open
- Skate Nights
- Summer Concerts are going great
- Volunteer trail work on July 13th for White Rock Canyon Rim
- Pajarito Bike Park lifts open
- Cindy Abbott - Parks Arborist
- Bee City Volunteer Day in June 29th
- Rodeo Parade in August
- Los Alamos Now App - can be used to communicate issues to the County

B. [18886-24](#) Staff Report

Presenters: Cory Styron, Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

Attachments: [A - Project Updates](#)

Cory updated the Board on the CAPRA Meet and Greet.

Katherine Hudspeth gave updates on:

- Golf Course Improvements
- County Council approved an additional \$440,000 for temporary chiller for another year
- Summer Activity Guide is out
- Northern New Mexico Royalty competition
- Summer Concerts going well, about 26,000 attended each concert, 3 concerts so far
- Pool open 1 Sunday a month now. 6/23, 7/28, and 9/22 from 12pm to 3pm

Wendy gave updates on:

- Gopher mitigation
- BMX Track - June 20th meeting @ 6pm, 1st listening session.
- Ashley Pond Shade Structures
- White Rock Skate Park - closed July 29th through August 30th for improvements
- Projects listed on Park's Project Page
- Splash Pad open from 10am to 7pm daily
- Athletic Field Renovations
- Trails & Open Space Management Plan. In person listening session on May 21st and a virtual listening session on June 25th.
- Brewer Arena Project

Questions from the Board were answered.

C. [18887-24](#) Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

No updates.

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Ryti provided Council updates.

- CAPRA Meet and Greet
- May 21st Work Session - transportation topics addressed
- Improve progress for Work Plans. Ordinance be attached for reference for the Board
- Changes to the animal code, chapter 6. Operational related
- Dash Board for Management Action Plans
- Developing charter for DEI Task Force
- Golf Course Improvements
- Urban Trail Project

Comments were made by the Board.

6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - July 11, 2024

Working Group Charters presented at the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:23pm.

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