



# County of Los Alamos

## BCC Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Recreation Board

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Chair, Brian Watkins; Vice-Chair; Jerry Cowan; Jacob AlderseBaes; David Bowman; Paula Knepper; and George Marsden, Members*

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Thursday, February 12, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by Lisa Reader and Carol Bronisz.

#### 3. BUSINESS

##### 21228-26 Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2025 Meeting

**Presenters:** Parks and Recreation Board

**Attachments:** [A - Minutes from the December 11, 2025 Meeting](#)

Member Marsden motioned to approve the minutes. Member Bowman seconded. Minutes approved 5-0.

**approval**

##### 20999-25 Election of Officers

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

Member Bowman motion to elect member Watkins to serve as Parks & Recreation Board Chair and member Cowan to serve as Parks & Recreation Board Vice-chair. Member Marsden seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**approval**

##### 21295-26 CSD Director Agency Review Updates

**Presenters:** Cory Styron

**Attachments:** [A -2025 Agency Performance Review Report](#)  
[B - CSD NRPA Agency Comparison Summary](#)

Cory Styron, CSD Department Director, provided an update on how Parks & Recreation compares to other agencies nationwide.

#### 4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

**21230-26** Chairman's Report

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

Chair Watkins delivered the Chairman's Report, highlighting ongoing projects and other matters currently before the CSD

**21231-26** Staff Report

**Presenters:** Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

**Attachments:** [A - PRB Monthly Updates](#)

Katherine Hudspeth, Recreation Superintendent, and Wendy Parks, Parks Superintendent, presented updates on ongoing projects within the CSD.

**21232-26** Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

**Presenters:** Parks and Recreation Board

**Attachments:** [A - Equestrian and Livestock Working Group Final Report Dec2025](#)

**5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Cull provided updates on items before Council.

**6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - March 12, 2026****7. ADJOURNMENT**

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**TO: Los Alamos County Parks and Recreation Board**  
**FROM: Lisa Reader**  
**RE: Master plans / Feasibility Studies / Comprehensive plans**

**12 February 12, 2026**

**Dear members of our PRB, My purpose in writing is to ask that the Parks and Recreation Board take an active role in requesting that Los Alamos County develop a COMPREHENSIVE development plan encompassing ALL of the recreational land/facilities on North Mesa. According to County Ordinances, one of the responsibilities of the PRB is to “*Provide and/or gather public input on parks and recreation related long-range plans*”. With North Mesa hosting a minimum of six recreational areas, some with overlapping uses, it would seem that it would be a good idea for a long range comprehensive plan.**

**I would like to thank member Cowan for attending the first listening session on the Bayo Canyon Trailhead improvement project. There were a number of concerns raised, and different ideas suggested by members of the public. It was evident that the consultants last night were unaware of any of the other county properties/parks that could and do feed into the Bayo Canyon Trailhead area, and had not done a site visit to any nearby parks (Loma Linda, Picnic Area).**

**ALL of the North Mesa recreational park properties should be rolled into a SINGLE comprehensive plan. This current piecemeal planning will result in many disappointed users and much infighting and confusion when it comes time for budget hearings. PRB has approved a “feasibility study” for the North Mesa Ball Fields (also listed as the Artificial Turf Study) with a proposed cost of \$16 million. PRB has also approved a “master plan” for the North Mesa Recreation Area (the NM Park) to the tune of \$13 million. PRB will be asked as some point in the near future to approve a plan of some sort (conceptual design? Feasibility study? Master Plan”) for the North**

**Mesa Picnic Area and the Bayo Canyon Trailhead. There are North Mesa Park facilities and Recreational Areas with no planning project in the pipeline yet including the Stables, the Equestrian Park (Arenas), and the Loma Linda Tot Lot area.**

**Mr. Styron mentioned at the Bayo Canyon Trailhead Listening Session that he felt that there was no need for an over-arching comprehensive plan, and that many of the same people have turned up at Listening Sessions for each of these projects, so that their input has been heard. I respectfully and stridently disagree. Ideas and concerns may have been heard at different meetings on multiple sites, but there is still no coordination between and among the sites. There is no planned or written consideration of how all the recreational sites are interconnected and related. There is no collaborative budget planning.**

**I would suggest that this IS the purview of the Parks and Recreation Board, and respectfully as that Board consider adding this to your work this coming year.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**