



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, May 9, 2024

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Room 110
Zoom (see agenda for the link)

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1. CALL TO ORDER

5:30 pm

Present 5 - Member Wernicke, Member Cowan, Member Schaufler, Member
Watkins and Member Zollinger

Absent 1 - Member Teter

Remote 1 - Member Marsden

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. [18758-24](#) Introduction of the New Irrigation Technician and Arborist Positions

Presenters: Wendy Parker

Wendy Parker introduced the new Irrigation Tech & Arborist. New Arborist is
Cynthia Abbott. New Irrigation Tech is Bobby Padilla.

B. [18760-24](#) Skate Park Update Presentation

Presenters: Wendy Parker

Attachments: [A - Skate Park Update Presentation](#)

Julia Brueckler gave an update to the Skate Park Project. Cody Mcentire also gave an update and information on the Skate Park Project. Questions from the Board were answered. Questions on ramp specifications were answered.

C. [18761-24](#) Update on the Long-Term Replacement for the Ice Rink Chiller

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth

Miguel Jimenez gave an update on the long-term replacement for the ice rink chiller. He gave some background information on the temporary chiller history and preparatory work for the new chiller. He explained the requirements for the new chiller and important support that would be needed. The shade structure and floor replacement projects are separate from the chiller installation so they can get the chiller in sooner. Questions about expected cost was answered (about \$2 million). Other questions from the Board were answered. Katherine Hudspeth answered questions on the scoreboard and speakers. They are gathering estimates on the scoreboard and the speakers will be replaced in the summer.

D. [18762-24](#) 2025 Projects Presentation

Presenters: Cory Styron

Attachments: [A - 2025 Projects Spreadsheet](#)

Cory Styron updated the Board on projects for 2025 in Parks and Recreation. Questions from the Board were answered. Public comment was made. Member Schaufler left the meeting at 6:19pm.

E. [18763-24](#) FY25 Budget Update

Presenters: Cory Styron

Cory Styron gave updates on teh FY25 budget to the Board. He gave information on the main questions that were asked by Council.

4. BUSINESS**A.** [18764-24](#) Approval of Minutes from the April 11, 2024 Meeting

Presenters: James Wernicke

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the April 11, 2024 Meeting](#)

Minutes approved with amendment to update the Work Plan link with the final Work Plan. Vice Chair Cowan - Moved, Members Watkins - 2nd, Approved 5-0, Members Schaufler and Teter - Absent.

approved as amended

B. [18765-24](#) Task Force / Working Groups / Subcommittees

Presenters: James Wernicke

Vice Chair Cowan discussed the purpose of task forces and subcommittees. Member Zollinger discussed what a Subcommittee's purpose is versus a Working Group. Neither group can make final decision, but are in advisory roles. Cory answered questions by the Board about staff liaison support for the Working Groups. Member Watkins gave comments on the importance of effectiveness of Working Groups versus a formal Subcommittee that must follow the Open Meetings Act (OMA). Member Zollinger was in agreement. Member Marsden gave his comments. Discussion was had by the Board. Council Member Ryti gave information and clarification on subcommittees versus Working Groups. Public comment was made by Carol Bronisz (LOSOA), Nancy Ambrosiano, Lisa Reader, Wendy Burke-Ryan, Cathy Miller, Peggy Dare, Melissa Arias, Samuel Art, Diane Wilburn, and Janet Griego. Comment was made by Member Watkins and Member Zollinger. Vice Chair Cowan made a suggestion to amend the definition of a Working Group. Chair Wernicke **moved that the Board transition from subcommittees to Working Groups and keep the existing Board Liaisons from the subcommittees to be the liaisons for the Working Groups, and recommend to Council to change the definition of a Working Group to allow for an unlimited amount of time and an unlimited number of tasks.**

Chair Wernicke - moved, Member Zollinger - 2nd. Approved 4-1. Members Wernicke, Cowan, Watkins & Zollinger - Yes, Member Marsden - No, Members Teter & Schaufler - absent.
approved as amended

5. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

A. [18766-24](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: James Wernicke

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

- Trail Clean-up on Canyon Rim
- Kite Festival
- Trails Meeting with LANL, the County and Santa Fe Forestry
- N3B trail clean up sponsor
- Themed roller skate nights
- B&C Lunch - May 9th - gave report on accomplishments
- Saturday is the Jemez Mountain Trail Run
- May 16th is Bike to Work Day
- May 18th is Bee City and Pollinator plant day
- June 1st is National Trail Day (clean up)
- Ball fields look better, less gophers
- Reminder to Board members to sign up for a night at the Summer Concerts

B. [18767-24](#) Staff Report

Presenters: Cory Styron, Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

Attachments: [A - Project Updates](#)

Wendy gave updates on gopher control. Tracking and catching gophers. In April 66 gophers were eliminated, 143 mounds were removed. Overall 245 gophers eliminated, 388 traps were set, and 488 mounds were removed.

- May 11th is Rim Trail volunteer clean up day
- June 1 is Woodland Trail clean up from 9am to 1pm
- Go to volunteerlosalamos.org site to see volunteer opportunities
- Athletic field renovations will be done by Los Alamos Landscaping. Kicks off at the end of May and goes to August.
- BMX bike project - contract agreement, meeting May 20th
- White Rock Skate Park update
- The next North Mesa Stable Meeting is June 3 at 6pm.
- Urban Volleyball Court.

Katherine Hudspeth gave updates on:

- the Community Survey for 37th Street and Pinon Parks. Runs until May 18th.
- Golf Course is making progress on construction. Starting to grow grass. Netting project started.

- Summer Concerts start May 24th, 6pm to 9pm
- Summer Activity Guides available digitally. Hard copies have been ordered and should arrive later in the month.
- Rodeo Parade registration open. August 2-4
- CAPRA accreditation is next week. Meet and Greet at the Ice Rink on May 15th.

Public comment made by Lisa Reader.

C. [18768-24](#) Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

No updates.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Ryti provided Council updates.

- April 22nd - Special Meeting to approve field renovation contract
- May 7th - Changes to animal code introduced
- Public Hearing on the Downtown Boundary
- Work Group Motion question
- LA Now App - can report an issue

7. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - June 13, 2024**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:42pm.

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