

# Parks and Recreation Board (PRB)

David Hampton, Chair

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# PRB FY23 Activities & Accomplishments

- ▶ Annual review of PRB subcommittee charters
  - ▶ Focused PRB subcommittees on areas of their charters that support the Recreation CIP and other initiatives.
- ▶ Worked with stakeholders in the development of the BMX facility
- ▶ Supported several public meetings:
  - ▶ Golf Course Improvements
  - ▶ ADA Audit and Transition Plan
  - ▶ CSD Integrated Master Plan
- ▶ James Wernicke & George Marsden were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Board in 2023
- ▶ PRB recommended approval of the North Mesa Gym preliminary design, adding that consideration be given to additional county uses, including flooring that could accommodate roller derby

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- ▶ Facilitated the final revision of the North Mesa Stables Rules and Regulations document
- ▶ Sun-setted the Aquatic Center Advisory Subcommittee
- ▶ The Parks & Recreation Board appointed three (3) new members of the Open Space Subcommittee, filling empty seats.
- ▶ Council approved an on-call trails maintenance contract with CM ArborCare to complete specific task orders for trail maintenance.
- ▶ PRB received an Open Space Restoration Feasibility Assessment of 10 potential projects, focusing on wetland and waterway restoration. Many of these can be accomplished with volunteers
- ▶ Support and participate in the Community Services Department community outreach

# Top 3 Priorities in FY2024

- ▶ Assist County Council with planning for appropriate levels of County services. Understanding the level of services our citizens want will allow us to make appropriate investments in processes and staff to achieve those services.
- ▶ Assist County Council with protecting and maintaining our open spaces, recreational, and cultural amenities. Los Alamos County open spaces and cultural attractions are greatly valued by the community and provide opportunities for recreational and economic growth; appropriately allocating resources to ensure their health and sustainability is important to our citizens.
- ▶ Provide support in implementing the Community Services Department Integrated Master Plan, ADA Audit and Transition Plan.
- ▶ Support the departments efforts in revising the scope of the Pueblo Canyon Conceptual Trail Project to an updated County-wide Trails and Open Space Management Plan.

# Potential Challenges

- ▶ Project delays due to labor shortages, difficult bidding environment, and shipping delays
- ▶ Timely implantation of projects from original version/cost estimates without escalation of costs due to inflation/challenging bidding environment.
- ▶ Gathering key stakeholders for project scoping
- ▶ Parks and Open Space and Recreation's greatest challenge continues to be staffing. Maintenance staff needs to be at 26 but is holding at 13. Staff is working with HR to ensure positions are meeting market rates as well as plans to modify facilities to require less maintenance, such as artificial turf on some of the playing fields.

# Ways Council can help

- ▶ To facilitate recruitment and retention of personnel.
- ▶ Continue to encourage looking at employment opportunities and benefits to make the County an employer of choice.
- ▶ Prompt action to reevaluate staff salaries when the marketing survey is complete.



Attachment A