



Parks and Recreation Board (PRB)

Brian Watkins, Chair

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PRB 2024 Activities & Accomplishments

- Annual review of PRB subcommittee charters
 - Transitioned subcommittees to working groups.
 - Directed working groups to follow PRB chair assignments that support the PRB and the Community Services Department's CIP and other initiatives.
 - Created a Bike Park Working Group
- Supported several public meetings and initiatives:
 - BMX park
 - 37th Street and Pinon Park playgrounds
 - White Rock skate park
 - Trails
 - Trail and Open Space Management Plan
- Summer Schaufler, Ian Zollinger, Jacob AlderseBaes, and Paula Knepper were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Board in 2024

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- Transitioned subcommittees to working groups and established Trails and Open Space and Equine and Livestock as designated working groups.
- The Open Space Working Group created and submitted a public survey to the Sites Southwest group, augmenting the public input on the new Open Space Management Master Plan.
- The Equine and Livestock Working Group compiled and submitted recommended changes/corrections to PRB concerning the Los Alamos County Stables website.
- Supported and participated in the Community Services Department community outreach by staff and the Chair.
 - Summer Concert Series
 - Volunteered for Trails and Open Space trail workday events

Top 3 Priorities in 2025

- Assist the department and advise Council on the implementation of the CSD Integrated Master Plan and ADA Audit and Transition Plan.
- Assist the department with public input for the CIP projects, Artificial Turf Study, Brewer Arena Grandstand, Ice Rink Chiller Project and Trails and Open Space Management Plan
- Provide input on the programs and services of the recreation division, including the golf course, aquatic center and ice rink.

Potential Challenges

- Project delays and increasing cost due to labor shortages, difficult bidding environment, and shipping delays
- Staying focused on the execution of the Integrated Master Plan and ADA Audit and Transition Plan
- Gathering key stakeholders for project input
- Support plans to modify facilities to require less maintenance, such as artificial turf on some of the playing fields.

Ways Council can help

- Continue to support the execution of the Integrated Master Plan and ADA Audit and Transition Plan
- Be flexible and open to the increasing construction cost
- Continue ensuring the divisions are adequately resourced to meet the improvements of the aging infrastructure

