



County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

BCC Agenda - Final Parks and Recreation Board

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

Thursday, August 13, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue
Room 110

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. BUSINESS

[22025-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting

Recommendation: I move that the Board approve the attached meeting minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting.

Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting](#)

[22026-26](#) Working Group Discussion

Presenters: Brian Watkins and Jerry Cowan

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

[22031-26](#) Canyon Median Design Presentation

Presenters: Wendy Parker

Attachments: [A - Canyon Median Design](#)

5. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[22029-26](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Brian Watkins

[22027-26](#) Staff Report

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

[22028-26](#) Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

Presenters: Jerry Cowan

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCILOR CULL

7. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

8. ADJOURNMENT



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Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

Legislative File: 22025-26

Title

Approval of Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting

Recommended Action

I move that the Board approve the attached meeting minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting.

Body

The July 9, 2026 meeting minutes are ready for consideration and approval.

Attachments

A - Minutes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting



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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; George Marsden; and Jasmine Stephens, Members

Thursday, July 9, 2026

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Public Participation - in person or via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84296000599>

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Present 5 - Member Cowan, Member Watkins, Member AlderseBaes, Member Knepper and Member Marsden

Remote 2 - Member Bowman and Member Stephens

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

3. BUSINESS

[21906-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2026 Meeting

Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the June 11, 2026 Meeting](#)

A motion was made by Marsden, seconded by Knepper, that the Agenda be approved, as presented/amended. The motion passed, by acclamation,unanimously.

approval

[21910-26](#) Working Group Discussion

Presenters: Brian Watkins

Board discussed a new form for work group assignments and suggestions.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & RECOGNITIONS

21912-26 Grand Canyon Playground Discussion

Presenters: Cory Styron

Attachments: [A - Grand Canyon Play Lot Diagram](#)

Community Services Director Styron addressed the relocation and rezoning of Grand Canyon Playground. Discussion was had. A motion was made by Knepper, seconded by Marsden, that this item be approval. The motion passed by the following vote:

approval

Yes: 4 - Member Watkins, Member Knepper, Member Marsden and Member Bowman

No: 3 - Member Cowan, Member AlderseBaes and Member Stephens

21911-26 BHI Presentation on LA Mesa Project

Presenters: Eric Peterson

Attachments: [A - Los Alamos Mesa Trail Rehabilitation Presentation](#)

Ciaran Lithgow, consultant with Bohannon Huston presented planned improvements for the Los Alamos Mesa Trail project.

4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

21907-26 Chairman's Report

Presenters: Brian Watkins

Chair Watkins presented the Chairman's report.

21908-26 Staff Report

Presenters: Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

Katherine Hudspeth, Recreation Superintendent and Wendy Parker, Parks Superintendent provided updates on their respective divisions.

21909-26 Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

Presenters: Jerry Cowan

No updates were provided.

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COUNCILOR CULL

Councilor Cull updated the board on County Council meetings.

6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 13, 2026

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Working Group Discussion

Body

Discussion by the Board regarding assignments for work groups and task forces.



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Canyon Median Design Presentation

Body

Wendy Parker, Parks Superintendent will present to the board.

Attachments

A - Canyon Median Design

Canyon Median Design Standards

August 13, 2026

Wendy Parker, Parks Superintendent

Emmanuel Abeyta, Assistant Park Superintendent

Background

Initial Presentation

January 2024

SCOPE OF WORK

Provide recommendations to reduce the maintenance requirements for the medians on Canyon Road while emphasizing aesthetics.

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

This program is part of the county's effort to remedy the maintenance requirements of its median inventory allowing the labor to be repurposed to other areas. This project will focus on the use of; 1) colored gravels; 2) stamped asphalt/concrete; 3) encased river rock; and 4) xeriscape/low maintenance areas.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Landscaping of public right-of-way/medians is important to the overall image, character, and visual quality of Los Alamos County. The landscape design should provide year-round aesthetic appeal/interest; accent or improve awareness of community features; micro-climate enhancement; provide a model for conservation and sensitivity to our natural environment, reduce water consumption; minimize maintenance requirements and utilization of the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM). Two primary areas of consideration: IPM Program and reduced maintenance costs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Increase the footprint of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program as approved by County Council in 2022, reduce staff maintenance (safety concerns), reduce water usage and improve the aesthetics of the medians in Los Alamos County.

Background Continued

PROJECT GOAL

The project goals identified and prioritize medians that could be replaced with nonorganic, low maintenance, attractive design, and materials.

The first area for the initial project, Canyon Road from Rose Street to 39th Street.

The median landscape design goals:

- Reduce maintenance / Areas are not easy to access, high volume of traffic, staff safety concerns
- Relatively high labor hours to maintain
- Reduce chemical applications as outlined in the IPM Program
- Reduce water use and implement xeriscape designs into median landscapes
- Reduce small, narrow medians while improving the overall appearance

Canyon Road Median Photos (Existing)



Google map images of Canyon Road.



Canyon Road Median – Plateau Design

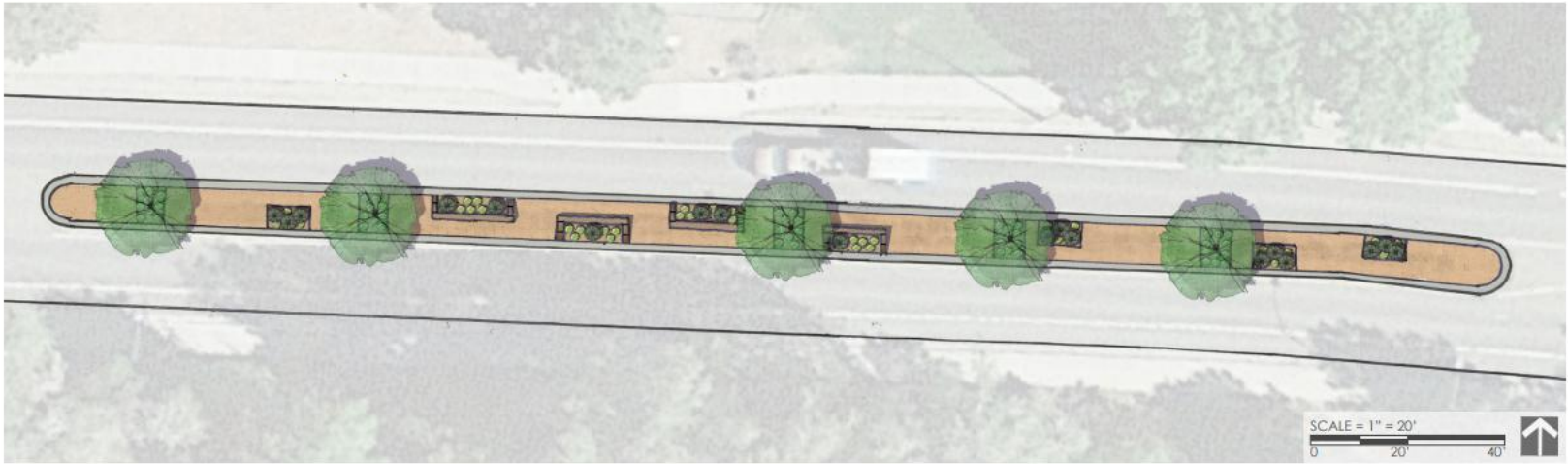


CANYON ROAD MEDIAN DESIGN OPTION "PLATEAU"

City of Los Alamos, New Mexico
March 20, 2023



Canyon Road Median – Bandelier



CANYON ROAD MEDIAN DESIGN *OPTION "BANDELIER"*
City of Los Alamos, New Mexico
March 20, 2023

Next Steps

- Survey community members for input
- Finalize the median drawings
- Create a task order for construction
- Create a project timeline to effectively communicate with the community on construction dates
- Timeline for media communication and method (big impact for traffic)

Questions

Thank you!



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Chairman's Report

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Chair Watkins will present the Chairman's Report



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PRB Report and other project updates will be presented by CSD Liaison(s).



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Presenters: Jerry Cowan

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Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

Body

Current updates regarding work groups and task force assignments.