



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; George Marsden; and Jasmine Stephens, Members

Thursday, July 9, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue

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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