



# County of Los Alamos

1000 Central Avenue  
Los Alamos, NM 87544

## BCC Agenda

### Parks and Recreation Board

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

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Thursday, July 9, 2026

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*This section of the agenda is reserved for comments from the public on items that are not otherwise included in this agenda.*

*Please Limit Public Comment to 3 Minutes.*

#### 3. BUSINESS

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

**Recommendation:** I move that the Board approve the attached meeting minutes from the June 11, 2026 meeting.

**Presenters:** Parks and Recreation Board

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

[21910-26](#) Working Group Discussion

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

#### PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & RECOGNITIONS

[21912-26](#) Grand Canyon Playground Discussion

**Recommendation:** I move that the Board approve and support the relocation and rezoning of the Grand Canyon Playground to its proposed new location.

**Presenters:** Cory Styron

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

[21911-26](#) BHI Presentation on LA Mesa Project

**Presenters:** Eric Peterson

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

#### 4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[21907-26](#) Chairman's Report

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

[21908-26](#) Staff Report

**Presenters:** Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

[21909-26](#) Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

**Presenters:** Jerry Cowan

#### 5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COUNCILOR CULL

#### 6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 13, 2026

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

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**Index (Council Goals):**

**Presenters:** Parks and Recreation Board

**Legislative File:** 21906-26

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### **Title**

Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2026 Meeting

### **Recommended Action**

**I move that the Board approve the attached meeting minutes from the June 11, 2026 meeting.**

### **Body**

The June 11, 2026 meeting minutes are ready for consideration and approval.

### **Attachments**

A - Minutes from the June 11, 2026 Meeting



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## BCC Meeting Minutes

### Parks and Recreation Board

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Present 4 - Member Watkins, Member Marsden, Member Bowman and Member Stephens  
Absent 2 - Member Cowan and Member AlderseBaes  
Remote 1 - Member Knepper

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

#### 3. BUSINESS

[21699-26](#) Approval of Minutes from the May 14, 2026 Meeting

**Presenters:** Parks and Recreation Board

**Attachments:** [A - Minutes from the May 14, 2026 Meeting](#)

Member Marsden motioned to approve the minutes. Member Bowman seconded.  
Minutes approved 5-0.

[21790-26](#) Presentation and Possible Action Giving Recommendation on Ashley Pond Safety Improvements Design

**Presenters:** Jennifer Morrow

**Attachments:** [A - Concept 1](#)  
[B - Concept 2](#)  
[C - Concept 3](#)  
[D - All concepts](#)

Presentation by Jennifer Morrow, Senior Engineer in Public Works, provided a presentation on options for Ashley Pond safety improvements.

Motion amended: I move that we pass forward the recommendation that the community survey supports the conclusion of the community survey of June 28th at midnight.

Member Bowman motioned. Member Marsden seconded. Motion approved 5-0  
**approved as amended**

Yes: 5 - Member Watkins, Member Knepper, Member Marsden, Member Bowman and Member Stephens

Absent: 2 - Member Cowan and Member AlderseBaes

[21752-26](#) Working Group Discussion

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

A discussion regarding working groups took place between the Board and staff.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & RECOGNITIONS

[21769-26](#) Open Space Presentation

**Presenters:** Eric Peterson

**Attachments:** [A - Open Space Presentation](#)

Eric Peterson, Open Space Specialist, update the Board on the Open Space projects and volunteer efforts.

#### 5. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[21722-26](#) Chairman's Report

**Presenters:** Brian Watkins

Chair Watkins didn't have any items to report.

[21751-26](#) Staff Report

**Presenters:** Katherine Hudspeth and Wendy Parker

Park Superintendent, Wendy Parker and Recreation Superintendent, Katherine Hudspeth provided updates to the Board as part of the Staff Report.

[21750-26](#) Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

**Presenters:** Jerry Cowan

Vice Chair Cowan was absent. No report(s) provided.

**6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - Councilor Cull**

Councilor Cull provided updates from Council meetings.

**7. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - July 9, 2026**

BHI/LA Mesa Project Presentation  
Grand Canyon Playground & recommended action  
Further discussion on work groups

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Title**

Working Group Discussion

**Body**

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



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### **Title**

Grand Canyon Playground Discussion

### **Recommended Action**

I move that the Board approve and support the relocation and rezoning of the Grand Canyon Playground to its proposed new location.

### **Body**

Board and staff will discuss the relocation of the Grand Canyon Playground.

### **Attachments**




A - Grand Canyon Playground Diagram

# Untitled Map

Write a description for your map.



## Legend

-  Grand Canyon Playground
-  Proposed New Playground
-  WR Branch Boundary

Google Earth

500 ft





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**Title**

BHI Presentation on LA Mesa Project

**Body**

BHI will provide the board with a presentation on the status of the LA Mesa project.

**Attachments**

A - Los Alamos Mesa Trail Rehabilitation Presentation

# Los Alamos Mesa Trail Rehabilitation

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Parks & Recreation Board Update

Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 5:30pm | Municipal Building

1000 Central Ave, Los Alamos, NM



# PROJECT TEAM



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Open Space Specialist

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Community Services Director

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**Bohannon**  **Huston**

**Jared Lee**

Engineering Principal

**Tyler Smith**

Engineer

**Ciaran Lithgow**

Planner



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# Scope of Work

- This project includes developing and **preparing construction documents** for the **rehabilitation** of the Los Alamos **Mesa Trail**.
- The rehabilitation will **bring the trail up to ADA accessibility standards** and the Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
- Plans will include **full site design and details** required to advertise, bid, and construct the Project.
- This project will **expand accessible trail options** for residents of Los Alamos.



# Project Area



# Prior Engagement

## Community Listening Session #1 | March 4, 2026 | Fuller Lodge, 5:30pm

- Advertised online; nine attendees
- Study team presented project, existing trail deficiencies, and proposed realignment
- Key discussion with community:
  - Accessibility across all user groups
  - Materials selection – pros and cons of concrete, asphalt, and crusher fine
  - Adjacent trail connectivity and opportunities to improve wayfinding
- Project email address open for additional comments



# Prior Engagement

## Community Listening Session #2 | June 24, 2026 | Fuller Lodge, 5:30pm

- Advertised online; five attendees
- Study team presented refined realignment based on 90% drawings; fencing; and surfacing selection (asphalt)
- Key discussion with community:
  - Softness of asphalt
  - Vegetation management
- Project email address remains open for additional comments



# Planned Improvements



# Typical Section



- 10' wide path with 1' shoulder on each side
- Tie-in at assisted living facility will be 4'



1'  
Bench  
*(aka shoulder)*

10'  
Path\*

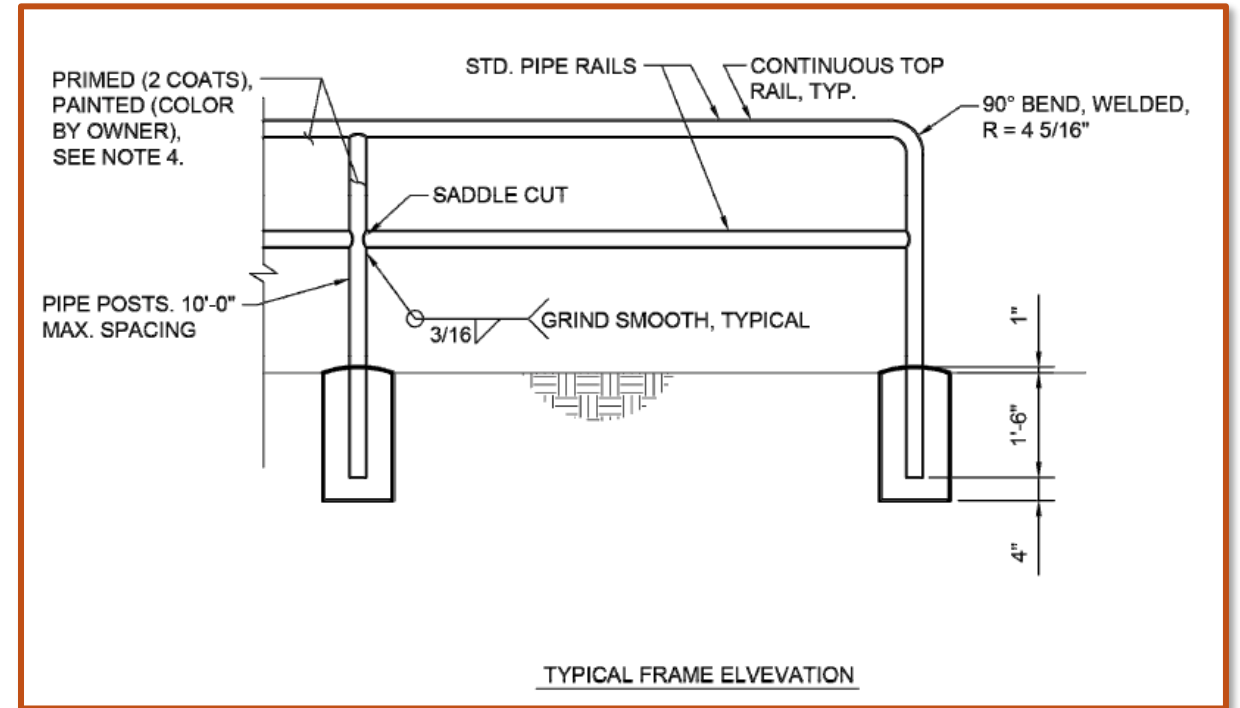
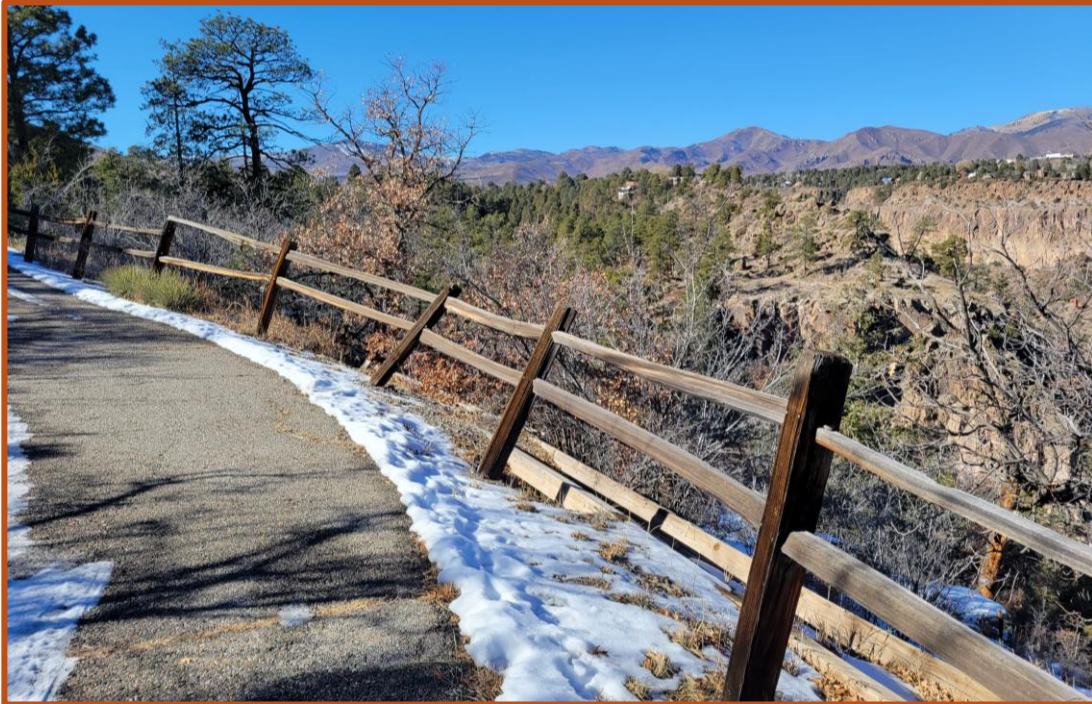
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# Switchback Realignment



# New Guardrail



# Existing Gym Equipment



- Existing gym equipment is staying *except* at bend, which will be relocated
- Relocation TBD, at County's discretion



# Surfacing

- Project will use asphalt surfacing
- Key drivers of surfacing decision:
  - **Accessibility:** especially for those with mobility devices; adjacency to assisted living facility
  - **Snow Management:** Maintain ability to plow snow.
  - **Maintenance:** Longer-lasting than gravel/crusher (which experiences erosion and washout, requires regular weed management and regrading).
  - **Slope:** Grade changes make crusher-fine impractical.

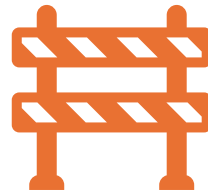


# Implementation Timeline



**Design Complete**

Late Summer 2026



**Construction**

Winter/Spring 2026/2027



**Trail Re-Opens**

Spring/Summer 2027



*Weather may delay construction. Goal is Winter construction and Spring completion.*



# Questions?



# Thank You!

The Community Services staff thanks you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in the design and construction of this important public project!

## Have more to say?

Email: [LACMesaTrail@bhinc.com](mailto:LACMesaTrail@bhinc.com)

Phone: 505-264-0111

## Follow Project Updates Online:

<https://www.losalamosnm.us/County-Projects/Los-Alamos-Mesa-Trail-Rehabilitation-Design>





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Chairman's Report

**Body**

Chair Watkins will present the Chairman's Report



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**Title**

Staff Report

**Body**

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



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**Title**

Work Group and Task Force Assignments and Updates

**Body**

Current updates regarding work groups and task force assignments.