

Summary Report from the Equestrian and Livestock Working Group to the Parks and Recreation Board for January - April 2025

The purpose of the ELWG is to assist and advise the PRB to review current parks and recreation programs and facilities in the county to determine and advise additional needs, and submit recommendations pertaining to parks and recreation guidelines, policies, facilities and user fees to the PRB for further consideration and possible action. The following summarizes the group's accomplishments from January – April 2025.

Task 1: Recruit new ELWG members to ensure that the group represents a wide range of perspectives on Equestrian and Livestock issues.

There were some Stable Owners who were interesting in reserving the arena to practice roping steers in Brewer Arena. The ELWG tried to facilitate forming a working group focused on the topic of Steer Roping practice in Brewer Arena. ELWG reached out to the interested persons to answer their questions and encourage them to write a proposal regarding practicing roping steers in Brewer Arena. The group decided not to form a Roping Working Group at this time.

Task 2: Meetings continued to Review County Publications

The ELWG continued their review of County publications of Arena Rentals, Website and documents. The ELWG is reviewing and compiling suggestions for the Webtrack page for the North Mesa Equestrian facilities. ELWG reviewed 1735-use-and-rental-of-county-lands-and-facilities and is preparing edits that are consistent with the edits for the Webtrack webpage. There have been changes to the Monumentation Map of the Stable lots that have not been updated. Also, there is a missing attachment to the Quit Claim Deed (A Letter of Application and Program of Utilization dated 1972)

The ELWG is working to streamline and clarify the processes to utilize the North Mesa Equestrian Facilities. The Equestrian community wants to provide classes to reach out to beginning riders and other members of the community who want to ride horses. There are members of the stables community who want to set up a program for weekly horse roping sessions at Brewer arena. There are riders who want to have concession agreements or teaching permits and cannot obtain them. These are some of the issues that the ELWG is trying to clarify.

Task 3: The ELWG would like to have and Emergency Management Plan for the Stables

The Emergency Plan should include Wildland fire experts to set up a plan in case of a fire or a disease outbreak.

Task 4: The ELWG would like to work with the County to establish work credits for the volunteer hours at the North Mesa Facilities.

The work credits could be applied to the fees charged for arena rentals.

Respectfully submitted,

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