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Parks and Recreation Board Presentation to County Council

Summary of past 12 months

- Adjusted operations due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Completed Ice Rink Renovations, White Rock Splash Pad and Golf Course Irrigation CIP Projects
- Added new staff member and several pieces of trail building equipment to Open Space
- Supported BMX and Bike Park Projects
- Collaborated with Tourism Task Force
- Supported X-Lovato renovations and renaming Minors A Field to Hope Jaramillo
- Installed individual water meters on each North Mesa Community Garden plot

Overview of PRB FY22 Work Plan

- Special projects
 - Support development of CSD Integrated Master Plan
 - Support development of ADA transition plan
 - Support development of BMX facility
 - Review priority rankings created by staff for potential projects within Small Cap Fund
 - Review User Fee Policy
- Other projects
 - Assist public vetting of Trails Masterplan
 - Support North Mesa trail-planning efforts
 - Review Small-Cap Fund priorities

Overview of PRB FY22 Work Plan

- PRB interfaces with twenty county boards, commissions, and departments
 - Shared missions include fire prevention, tourism, ecology, outdoor recreation and planning & zoning
- Public information meetings to be conducted by PRB
 - Herbicide and pesticide use, WR Canyon safety, ballfields, North Mesa trails and recreation improvements, cross country bike trail, camping enhancements, canyon-restoration projects, user fees, and CIP initiatives will all require public input
- Subcommittees
 - Five subcommittees renewed in light of CIP projects
 - Resumed meetings in April 2021

Going Forward

- Constraints
 - Navigating communication between vested parties
 - Lack of up-to-date community masterplans
 - Labor shortage and staff turn over
 - Project delays due to difficult bidding environment
- Lessons learned
 - Communicating better with public to ease concerns
 - Managing timing and public expectations of projects
- Greatest challenges
 - Aligning Parks, Recreation & Open Space Division budget with Comprehensive Plan's priorities
 - Resources allocation: staff and equipment
 - Prioritizing citizen requests for PROS amenities

How Council Can Help

- Involve PRB and subcommittees in recreation-related issues
- Align PROS Division priorities with the Comprehensive Plan
- Continued good communication with liaison—including transfer of information between Council and PRB



Thank You

- Thank you to the Los Alamos County Council for their support of this town's recreation facilities, open space, and parks. The time and energy the Council dedicates to this issue greatly benefits the citizens of Los Alamos County