



County of Los Alamos

BCC Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

*Ramiro Pereyra, Chair; David Hampton, Vice-Chair; Jaime Aslin; Darren Meadows;
Christopher Olsen; Jody Schwartz, and David Teter, Members*

Thursday, August 11, 2022

5:30 PM

1000 Central Avenue, Council Chambers
Zoom (see agenda for the link)

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564 217 2000 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 646 931 3860 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799

Webinar ID: 861 1321 1434

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present 5 - Member Hampton, Member Olsen, Member Pereyra, Member
Meadows and Member Teter

Remote 2 - Member Aslin and Member Schwartz

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. BUSINESS

A. [16246-22](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 13, 2022 Special Meeting

Presenters: Ramiro Pereyra

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the July 13, 2022 Special Meeting](#)

Member Hampton - Move, Member Meadows - 2nd, Approved 7-0

Approval

B. [16247-22](#) Approval of Minutes from the July 14, 2022 Meeting

Presenters: Ramiro Pereyra

Attachments: [A - Minutes from the July 14, 2022 Meeting](#)

Member Hampton - Move with amendment, Member Meadows - 2nd, Approved 7-0

approved as amended

C. [16248-22](#) Golf Course Site Improvements - Phase 2 Design Concept Options for Consideration and Recommendation to County Council

Presenters: Anthony Strain

Attachments: [B - Public Comments - Golf Course Improvements](#)
[A - August 11, 2022 - Golf Course PRB Presentation](#)

Ann Laurent introduced the Golf Course item and gave information and background. Golf presentation was introduced by Eric Martinez and presented by Jeff Danne, Forrest Richardson and Todd Schroeder. Eric Martinez presented information on options to the Board for recommendations. Questions from the Board were answered. Discussion was had. Public comment was made.

Member Aslin - Move, Member Hampton - 2nd, Approved 5-2

Approval

D. [16249-22](#) North Mesa Shared-Use Gymnasium - Project Planning/Pre-Design Phase Options for Consideration and Recommendation to County Council

Presenters: Sara Rhoton

Attachments: [A - June 9, 2022 - North Mesa Gym PRB Presentation](#)
[B - Site Selection Evaluation](#)
[C - Public Survey and Results - North Mesa Gym](#)
[D - June 9, 2022 - North Mesa Gym PRB Staff Report](#)

Sara Rhoton presented the North Mesa Shared-Use Gymnasium - Project Planned/Pre-Design Options for Consideration and Recommendation along with Drew Fisher. They presented the different location options for the new gym. Survey comments were reviewed. Discussion was had by the Board. Questions from the Board were answered.

Hampton - Move, Member Schwartz - 2nd, Approved 7-0.

Approval

E. [16250-22](#) ADA Audit and Transition Plan Summary

Presenters: Cory Styron

Attachments: [A - ADA Access Audit & Transition Plan](#)

John McGovern from the W-T Group presented the ADA Audit and Transition Plan Summary presentation. Questions from the Board were answered. Discussion was had. No public comment was made.
Member Meadows - Move, Member Schwartz - 2nd, Approved 7-0.

Approval

F. [16251-22](#) Myrtle Pickle Ball Court

Presenters: Cory Styron

Tabled until next meeting.

Member Aslin - Move, Member Schwarz - 2nd, Approved 7-0.

4. **BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

A. [16252-22](#) Chairman's Report

Presenters: Ramiro Pereyra

Chair Pereyra provided the Chairman's report.

B. [16253-22](#) Staff Report

Presenters: Cory Styron

Attachments: [A - PROS Staff Report](#)
[B - Project Updates](#)

Director Cory Styron provided project updates on the projects provided on the attached spreadsheet.

C. [16254-22](#) Parks & Recreation Subcommittee & Task Force Updates

Presenters: Parks and Recreation Board

ACAS - Member Schwartz - Did not meet.
ELAS - Vice Chair Hampton - Gave updates.
GCAS - Member Aslin - Gave updates.
IRRA - Member Meadows - Gave updates.
OSAS - Member Olsen - Gave updates.
Tourism - Member Teter - Gave updates.

ESB - Dina Pesenson - No updates.

5. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Izraelevitz provided Council updates.

6. PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING - September 8, 2022

Myrtle Pickle Ball Courts

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:25pm.

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

**ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan
Report to the Board
August 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY SCOPE OF WORK

- Access audits of parks and facilities
- Community engagement to identify any access preferences and priorities, and community survey
- Phased retrofit schedule (transition plan)

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Los Alamos County staff
- WT Group, LLC Accessibility Practice
- John McGovern, JD, Partner, Principal in Charge

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THE WT GROUP

- Site evaluations and access audits
- Community engagement & Transition Plan
- Plan review
- Inclusion process and policy review
- Staff training

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WHAT IS THE ADA?

- Effective January 26, 1992
- Provides comprehensive civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities in the areas of:
 - Employment
 - State and local government services
 - Privately owned places of public accommodation
 - Telecommunications

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TITLE II

- Title II governs Los Alamos County services, parks, and facilities
- Design and construction of new sites
- Audit and retrofit at existing sites
- 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, New Mexico Building Code 2015, smart practices

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TITLE II CONTINUED

- County must make programs available in the most integrated setting
- County must make modifications to support participation by people with disabilities
- County must make contractors, concessionaires agree to not discriminate on the basis of disability
- County must ensure that processes for people with disabilities are not more difficult than for people without disabilities

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PROGRAM ACCESS

- Per US DOJ, “programs” of the County are what must be accessible
- Programs are broadly defined...what is a program?
- Not necessarily every existing site, or every asset at a site, must be retrofit for access...we suggest a minimum of one-of-three of recurring assets
- County can stretch schedule to meet the mandate in a way that is consistent with its resources, but must act in good faith

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TRAILS

- Per US DOJ, “programs” of the County are what must be accessible
- No adopted standard
- Smart practice
- 1 of 3 rule or provide accessible trails elsewhere in the system where the most people can access them

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WHY AUDIT FACILITIES?

- Where renovations are being planned, access must be in the plans...the County wants to know where the deficits are
- Many sites were planned before 1992, and access was not in the mindset of designers...the County will stay current
- It's the right thing to do!

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THE WTG PROCESS

- Every aspect of every element at every site
- 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, New Mexico requirements that are more stringent
- Simple tools
- Checklists for quality control

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Survey

- 12% of households reported they or another member of their household have a disability
- Households with disabilities are much more likely than those without to use assistance with insurance programs and connection to home-based services
- Households with disabilities rate the communication about the Community Services Department (CSD) opportunities slightly lower than households without disabilities

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Survey

- A majority of (50%) of households with disabilities don't feel anything would assist their use of recreational activities
- More than a quarter felt that staff training would be beneficial, and nearly a quarter would be assisted by adaptive equipment
- Most households with disabilities (75%) indicated that they had not had any accessibility challenges with specific LAC CSD facilities, services, or amenities
- Households with disabilities are much more likely to identify improved accessibility as something that would assist their household

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Survey

- Top three priorities for more access include trails, aquatic center, libraries and picnic areas (tied). These sites would be visited more often if access improved.
 - Aquatic center locker rooms and showers, handrail entire length of hall
 - Lumbar supported benches along San Ildefonso/North Mesa roads (many people need a place to rest from pain)
 - More easier to reach dog play areas with permanent chairs with handles (so disabled people can get up out of them easier)

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Survey

- Top three improvements to enhance use of recreational facilities and services include:
 - Access to ADA compliant ramps, hand rails, *automated door openers*, elevators
 - Accessible buildings and restrooms (portable restrooms are not a viable option)
 - Accessible parking

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WHAT IS A TRANSITION PLAN?

- Make the “programs” accessible
- Disperse access retrofits
- Unique sites and recurring sites
- Stretched out over...how many years?

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TRANSITION PLAN RETROFIT FACTORS

- Severity of the barrier
- Easy to do
- High-use site
- Public or employee space?

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TRANSITION PLAN FACTORS

- Sites not yet subject to design standard
- Compliance is technically infeasible
- Historic sites
- Sites with other protections

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OBSERVATIONS

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PARKING

Parking stall/aisle
slopes too steep at Ashley Pond



No accessible parking
provided at Camp May and
Brewer Arena



Accessible surface
in disrepair
at Ashley Pond

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Running slopes exceed 10%,
cross slopes exceed 2% along path

ACCESSIBLE ROUTES



No accessible routes
provided at Brewer Arena
and North Mesa Picnic Area

Loose gravel
along path at Bayo
Canyon and excess cross
slope at 37th St. Tot Lot

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PARKS

Park amenities
lack accessible features
at East Park and
North Mesa Park




Route fails to connect to park
amenities at Orange St. Tot Lot

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PARKS/PLAY AREAS

Transfer system installed incorrectly
at North Mesa Picnic Area




Play surfaces have loose materials
at Urban Park and Ridgeway Tot Lot

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RESTROOMS

Lavatory mounted too high
at North Mesa Park



Pipes lack insulation
at North Mesa Park

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UNIQUE SITE: Mini Golf, Rodeo Stadium

Lacks accessible parking, route, and seating at Horse Barn at North Mesa Park and Brewer Arena

Elements have obstructions at East Park

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UNIQUE SITE: Dog Parks

Lack accessible route at East Park dog park and North Mesa dog park

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TRAILS: Smart Practice

Kinnikinnick Park - Lacks accessible route to trailhead and trail slope & distance information

Canyon Rim Trail - Cross slopes 2.08% on paved surfaces

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SETTING PRIORITIES

- Boards set priorities, and the survey identifies several
- The Transition Plan identifies many necessary retrofits
- Remember demographics...

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TRANSITION PLAN

- Cost references for Phase One are \$3,414,192.75 at seven years
- Cost references for Phase Two are \$556,943.10 at two years
- Cost references for Phase Three are \$730,476.01 at three years

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TRANSITION PLAN

- Cost references for Smart Practices are \$793,828.25
- Cost references for Department Option are \$4,525,729.75

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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Staff continues implementation
- Report to County Council on September 6, 2022
- Continue collaboration with business and tourism sectors
- We remain available to interpret and help in any way we can

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DISCUSSION

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