



Village of Taos Ski Valley  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
June 25, 2024

2 pm Location: Village Offices, 7 Firehouse Road, Taos Ski Valley  
Zoom link also provided

Call to Order	Woodard
Minutes May 28, 2024 Meeting	Woodard
Committee Chair Remarks	Woodard
Annual Plan update	
Community Day June 29, 2024	
Report on meeting with Carson National Forest team & TSVI	
Report on RMYC work	
Plans for grant applications	Woodard
-Trails +	
-Hiker parking upgrade kiosks and signage?	
-other grant opportunities	
-Ideas?	
Enchanted Circle Trails Association Presentation	Loren Bell
Comments from Village staff	
Adjourn	

## **May 28, 2024 PARC meeting**

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm

Present: Dan Vaughan, Joan Woodard & Ryan Scovil; also present Chief Vigil, remotely and Ann Marie Wooldridge in person.

## **Minutes April 23, 2024 Meeting Woodard**

1. Minutes approval motioned by Scovil, second by Vaughan; unanimous
2. Consideration of Open Meetings Resolution for Committee Approval –J. Woodard
  1. 72-hr notice before any mtgs. notifying of a potential quorum for any gathering
  2. Any mtg. w/ potential quorum needs to be posted
  3. Motioned for approval by Joan W - unanimous vote to approve NM open meetings resolution and adopt
3. **Committee Chair Remarks Woodard**
  1. Joan reviewed the annual plan which has been updated and included in the committee booklet; many activities are already underway
  2. Exploring options to have Amigo Bravos and/or Glorietta GeoSciences speak to us about educating us on our wetlands, the state of health of the area and the wildlife that exists. Ryan will make contact to these organizations
  3. Joan wants to pull together a proposal for at least one memorial bench this fall; Ryan proposed building one for Ernie & Rhoda Blake as first effort; a proposal will be developed by Joan and Ryan
4. **Annual Plan update**
  1. **Village Core Beautification**
    1. Flower troughs are out & hanging baskets are going up June 19th
    2. River walkway has been accepted as a TIDD project; sustainment of the landscaping is a question to explore with TSVI
    3. Sutton Place landscaping is also an accepted TIDD project; sustainment of the landscaping needs to be explored with TSVI
    4. Question is regarding plants in the ground/ irrigation and who's responsible for that
  2. **Sustainment**
    1. Hiker parking; toilets are open
    2. Pumping of toilets in July & end of October; village staff orders pumping
    3. JW Ramming Trail; requesting RMYC work hours for trail maintenance
  3. **Recreation Facilities**
    1. Disc golf is moving forward; need 2 new disc sets
      1. Should we charge a small rental fee or donation for disc sets that goes back to the P&R committee; the village finance director has indicated that accepting donations is very possible w/ our village accounting
      2. Chamber would be responsible for collecting donations for discs; ambassadors are point of contact
    2. Volleyball --need to re-establish -sand from Taos gravel as well as a new box and volleyballs is needed
    3. Recreation ideas for base of Chair 1
      1. Cornhole - looking for Zia stencil for the cornhole boards

2. Do not have badminton; where would it reside? Kachina basin or base; committee advised delaying on this item.
3. Horseshoes
4. PARC wants to have a table at June 29th community day
4. Kachina Vista Park
  1. Major clean-up and rebuild needed; Public Works is starting some cleanup
  2. Need new locks as well
  3. Would like a plaque on Christoph's bench
  4. Needs to add parking at both ends of trail; Chief Vigil says there is a meeting on June 10th to discuss how we can better optimize hiker parking; confirming time and place of meeting
  5. Signage – committee advises delay in new signs pending re brand for Village

#### **4. VTSV Branding & Signage design**

1. Design system for VTSV including new logo – is the village embarking on this and does the Chamber do it for the village at a project cost; no known decision on the web page redesign from the council; village logo has been changed in many years; it was noted that the logo includes a tree not common in the ski valley
2. Joan will send updates to the PARC page to Ann Marie for current village site; Joan will also inquire of the council of plans for webpage and branding

#### **5. Spring Cleanup Day May 28, 2024**

1. Largest turn-out in memory in terms of volunteers
2. Fall cleanup? Ryan thought Kachina basin would be a good spot for a fall cleanup - end of season; tentatively set Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, a weekday, as date of event

#### **6. Community Day June 29, 2024**

1. PARC should host a table and solicit more input on survey of priorities
2. Can PARC be focus of input session during one of the council workshops?

#### **7. Report on Red Tail survey ---review of property boundaries in Kachina Basin**

#### **8. Report on meeting with Carson National Forest team—met at Twining Campground (Kat Kett also present) and discussed NFS requirements regarding developing of trails etc on NFS land**

#### **9. Report on Rocky Mountain Youth Corps--Met w/ Quinn Mendelson to determine what we can actually do w/ NFS approvals required; another meeting is expected before summer work will commence**

1. Met w/ Red Trail to discuss North/South trails along Lake Fork; there is a 'proposed easement' on the documentation; need to speak w/ John Appel to determine whether we need to get this finalized
2. Proposed Amizette to Core connector trail - if deemed bike worthy it could be used for commuting; Ryan Scovil to survey summer employees to see if they would use a commuter trail to get to village core via bike or walking in the summer

#### **10. Plans for grant applications**

1. Trails + Grant project considerations:
  1. Bridge at Bull of the Woods Trail—must delay due to NEPA
  2. Amizette Trail---must delay due to NEPA
  3. Wetlands Boardwalk—engineering--?

4. other grant opportunities
5. playground structure—location? NEPA required?

**11. Memorial Benches**

1. Requires approval from NFS if any benches are planned to be located on NFS land including the special use permit
2. Board agreed first memorial bench should be tribute to Ernie & Rhoda Blake

**12. Comments from Village staff and committee**

1. Dan V. commented on success of Spring Clean-up and how the community came out in force; Great support from Village, Resort & LT board
2. Joan will write a thank you note for Mayor to send to John Kelly for their help w/ Clean-up day

Meeting Adjourned at 3:18pm