



Village of Taos Ski Valley  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
September 24, 2024

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 am and noted that there was a quorum for decision making. Present were D. Vaughn, K. Kett, and J Woodard. Also present were Loren Bell from ECTA and Robert Wooldridge from VTSV. The chair presented minutes from the July meeting for approval. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The chair started the meeting by reviewing the status of work against the annual plan.

-The hanging flower baskets were reestablished this summer. The cost will be at least \$3500; the committee suggested we have discussions with TSVI regarding partnering or transitioning this.

-Hiker Parking Vault toilet has been generally successful; however, it has taken much volunteer time and additional expense. There are additional capital improvements which the committee will pursue, and the committee suggested discussions with the village administration about plans for next year.

-JW Ramming trail will be the focus for the final RMYC work team. The metal rails will be removed, and some trail widening is planned. If time permits some cleanup of the wetlands near Kachina Road will also be conducted.

-Recreation has been reestablished this summer with equipment provided in Kachina Basin. The TSVI has also established recreation in the basin, so the committee suggested discussions with TSVI should be pursued to explore future plans.

-The committee discussed Fall Cleanup and decided it would be good to do something and concluded that a weeklong campaign with bags provided for volunteers to cleanup at a schedule of their choosing.

Dan Vaughn gave a report on the national forest service meeting in August on their visitor management program. In general, the discussions were good with the right individuals and organizations represented. Dan reported that to date there has been no visitor count attempted to understand the usage for Williams Lake Trail and Wheeler Peak. The forest service officials are to be sending a draft document/plan for review by the participants.

The committee discussed the hiker parking area including both operations and the need for capital improvements. The improvements were discussed in the next section, and the operations were reviewed. The committee received suggestions from councilors and staff regarding how to cover the operational expenses. The committee discussed options and

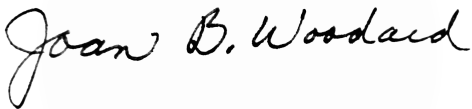
concluded that cost recovery from users was so complex that such approaches are not warranted at this time.

The chair described discussions with Councilor Doug Turner regarding the possibility of state legislative requests for funding for the capital improvements at Hiker parking. The needs include regrading of the lot to the property boundaries, installation of bollards to protect the vault toilet from snow plow damage, rail fence through the middle, signage, and information kiosks with local and regional information signs. The chair also reported the TSVI is providing support from Hart Howerton to develop a conceptual design with graphics to support the request.

Loren Bell from the Enchanted Circle Trails Association described how ECTA might work in support of PARC to develop a grant application for the development a comprehensive plan for PARC related areas, as well as some (modest) trail work. The committee discussed the importance of community input in the development of a comprehensive plan, and was favorable about ECTA's experience in this area. The committee made a decision to engage ECTA for the grant application development and the chair will work with Loren on the scope of work for the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan B. Woodard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Woodard  
PARC Chair