

## Village of Taos Ski Valley Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting March 25, 2025

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Steve Hoxie, Kent Kiehl, Dan Vaughan, and Joan Woodard. The chair noted that we had a quorum. Also present was Rick Bellis from Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV) and a number of VTSV residents and Taos County individuals. The chair welcomed the committee members, thanked them for their participation, and thanked the residents and visitors in attendance. The chair asked for approval of the minutes from the special meeting of February 25, 2025. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The committee heard a report on the status of the Trails+ Grant. The village has signed the contract and is awaiting the state to sign. The three suppliers who are named in the grant application and who provided support for the preparation of the grant will be contacted. A statement of capabilities will be solicited.

The activities for the summer were discussed. PARC will partner with TSVI on recreation setup and equipment storage for the recreation in Kachina Basin. The ski valley will be operating and welcoming visitors this summer, so flower baskets for the upper and possibly the lower plaza as well as Sutton Place will be procured. The Field Institute of Taos will provide routine maintenance for Ramming Trail this summer, via the field work of the campers. The Hiker Parking facility will operate this summer if Kachina Basin is open, even if the forest is closed. The committee seeks to have Public Works to be the lead for all maintenance.

Finally, the committee will organize and support the Spring Cleanup Day on May 27, 2025, from 9 am to 1 pm. The TSVI will collaborate by providing grilled food. A draft flyer for advertising the event will be developed.

Next the committee discussed the annual grant request to be submitted to the Lodgers Tax Board. The committee decided to submit a request for funding at the same level as the prior year.

Finally, the committee discussed the topic of the Nordic trail area which resident, Mike Fitzpatrick brought to the last meeting. The committee concluded that the next step for any pursuit of volunteer participation in the operation of the Nordic Trail, is to solicit and engage with key representatives of the community of volunteers to assess commitment and level of engagement to develop a public-private partnership concept. Mr. Fitzpatrick will identify such key representatives, and the PARC chair will meet with them for discussions to be reported back to the committee.

Also discussed was the topic of the core parking lot area development which was introduced at

the TIDD meeting. The Committee identified and discussed the possibility of proposing a segment of land be set aside for a municipal park. Follow-up is needed The meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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PARC Chair