



Village of Taos Ski Valley
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
July 22, 2025
10 am
Location: Zoom

Call to Order	Woodard
Approval - Meeting Minutes April 22 & June 24, 2025	Woodard
Chair's Report	Woodard
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps Crew Dates	
—August 26-Sept 2, 2025 crew on site	
---Proposed project site review July 21 report	
Kachina Vista Park Site visit with Public Works & Administrator-July 21 report	
Update on arrival district planning & PARC input	
VTSV Administrator Report	Bellis
Status of Hiker Parking	
Long Term Plans to manage overuse of Kachina Basin	
Kachina Vista Park – cost of cleanup	
Ramming Trail Bench slat replacement—will Public Works do that work for match? (if not, solicit committee volunteers)	
Report from TSVI on summer 2025 activities	Hoxie
Discussion to develop PARC position on key topics:	All
Charging for parking at Hiker Parking	
Vision for Kachina Vista Park	
Near term ideas to manage overuse of Kachina Basin and Wm's Lake Trail	
Adjourn	



Village of Taos Ski Valley
Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
April 22, 2025

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Kent Kiehl, Dan Vaughan, Janet Ratliff, and Joan Woodard. The chair noted that we had a quorum. Also present, joining at 10:05 am was Rick Bellis from Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV) and several residents. The chair welcomed the committee members, introduced new committee member, Janet Ratliff Thomas, and thanked them for everyone for their participation. The chair asked for approval of the minutes from the special meeting of March 25, 2025. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The chair and Rick Bellis reviewed the status of the Trails+ grant. The contract is in place with the state, and the next step is establishing the contracts with the three supporting organizations. Mr. Bellis will update us on the status when the contracts are in place.

The chair reported that the hanging flower baskets are ordered and will be picked up and installed in mid-June. There will be fewer baskets on Sutton Place due to possible construction, and 4 baskets in the lower plaza.

The chair also reported that the summer recreation equipment for the Kachina Basin area will be installed by TSVI who will also store it at the end of the season. The disc golf will be installed by Evan Firestone with a goal of mid to end of May. The disc sets for loan will be provided to the chamber for distribution from the chamber chalet.

The committee discussed the disposition of tools that PARC purchased many years ago. The chair will inquire if the Public Safety department would like to set up a tool loan program, and if not, the tools will be transferred to Public Works.

The chair reported on plans for Spring Cleanup Day which will be May 27, 2025. The chair thanked Marlene Salazar and Elaine Miera for providing email, text, and water-bill-flyer announcements of the event. The chair will purchase bags, side dishes and dessert, and the TSVI will partner by provided grilled brats. The chair asked for volunteers to help during the day and lunch set-up.

The chair reported on an invitation to have a table at the TSVI Community Day, June 28, 2025. The committee decided this was a worthwhile endeavor, and Chamber will partner for this event. The chair asked for volunteers to help staff the table.

Finally, the chair reported on follow-up to the discussion at the March meeting regarding providing PARC input to the possible designs for the village arrival area. The chair contacted Chaz Rockey, a member of the TIDD board, discussed the PARC idea of a park, and Mr. Rockey indicated a discussion with PARC representatives would be welcome when the design process starts. He will contact the chair at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Woodard
PARC Chair



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June 24, 2025

The acting chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 am by Dan Vaughan (acting chair while the chair was absent on travel). Present were Dan Vaughan and Katherine Kett. The acting chair noted that we did not have a quorum (Ryan Scovil and Janet Ratliff Thomas were unsuccessful making the connection work for the meeting). Also present was Rick Bellis from Village of Taos Ski Valley (VTSV) and Henry Caldwell, VTSV councilor. The acting chair noted that approval of the minutes for the April meeting must wait for a quorum at the next meeting.

The acting chair reviewed the written report submitted by the chair, which is included in the meeting packet posted on the village website. Next the committee discussed the scope and process for the PARC strategic plan development, particularly focusing on how to get input from both residents and visitors. Ideas were offered such as how to expand the survey work which PARC conducted last year—post a QR code on the chamber chalet with a short 3 question survey; post a QR code at the post office with the same survey; send a survey link via email or text message to the residents list; have in person meetings as well as virtual meetings to solicit input. It was noted that Friday is the most popular day for visitors or residents in the ski valley; therefore, it may be a better day for promoting surveys.

It was noted that the number of surveys collected to date is limited-- [the chair reports these numbers from PARC records]: Summer 2024 survey -- 80; December 2024 survey (slightly different questions)—19.

The discussion concluded with a summary of the history of a playground structure in the ski valley, and brief remarks about the value of a park in the ski valley perhaps with a “jungle gym” type structure.

Joan Woodard
PARC Chair