



Village of Taos Ski Valley  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by the chair. Present were Kent Kiehl, Janet Ratliff Thomas, Dan Vaughan, and Joan Woodard. The chair noted that a quorum was present. Also present were Henri Hammond-Paul, Village Administrator, Carroll Griesedieck, Village Financial Director, and a few residents and property owners. The meeting was hybrid-in person and virtual. The chair presented the minutes from September 23, and October 28, 2025. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

The chair reported on activities since the last meeting in October. The next Trails+ grant application from the village will be no sooner than July 2026. It was noted that substantial progress in current grant project is necessary before the next submission. The chair also reported that the annual approval of a council resolution on the Open Meetings Act and PARC was completed. This included the new meeting time of 3 pm. The chair also reported on a new initiative of ECTA called "Trails Salsa" which is aimed at gathering representatives from various entities in the Enchanted Circle for the purpose of sharing information and plans, and catalyzing cooperative activities. The chair will be the initial representative from the Village. The chair reported that the Village announced via email and text that the Kachina Vista Park is closed during the winter due to avalanche danger. Mr. Hammond-Paul reported that he will be working on the posting of signs.

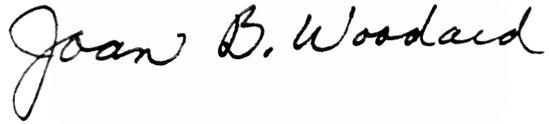
Next the chair led a discussion of the progress on the current Trails+ grant. The discussion focused on the "matching funds" work expected from the Village---the cleanup of Kachina Vista Park and the replacement of the slats on the ski lift benches on Ramming Trail. Neither item has been completed. The village stated that they will not do the work on the Ramming Trail benches. There was a brief discussion on how to secure volunteers to conduct that work. The cleanup of Kachina Vista Park is still under discussion.

The final topic of discussion was the progress to date on the trails and open space comprehensive plan for the Village. The chair reported on the community input sessions and the online survey. A brief report on the input sessions will be provided at the next council meeting. Next the chair reviewed the comprehensive plan document and offered that this should be a Village report with a cover similar to the 2018 Village Comprehensive Plan and an introduction that describes a vision for the trails and open space in the Village. An email dialogue on the description of such a vision will commence among committee members over the next weeks.

The final topic was the request for Lodgers Tax Funds. The chair stated this request must be sent soon and the specifics of the request will be finalized at the next meeting which will be February 24, 2026. Suggestions were encouraged from the committee.

The meeting concluded at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan B. Woodard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Joan B Woodard  
Committee Chair