

Village of Taos Ski Valley Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting October 22, 2024

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted that there was a quorum present. The chair also noted the meeting cannot be decision making because it was not properly noticed due to the chair's submittal of documents with insufficient time to post the meeting properly. Present were D. Vaughn, K. Kiehl, and J Woodard. Also present were Robert Wooldridge and Ann Marie Wooldridge from VTSV. The chair presented minutes from the September meeting noting they would be approved at the November meeting.

The chair noted that the regular date for the November meeting would have been November 26, which is two days before Thanksgiving. The committee discussed and decided to move the date to Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10 am. The chair also noted that the December regular meeting date would be December 24, and the committee concluded to cancel that meeting.

The chair reported on the end of summer activities. The Rocky Mountain Youth Corps completed the last work session which included work on Ramming trail to remove metal edging which was a safety hazard, and widening the trail to approximately 36 inches. A few turnarounds and a turnaround loop at the upper end were added. The YC also completed trail cleanup and blow down debris from the east side of the wetlands. The chair asked if the committee supported a letter of appreciation from the village to the YC and the response was affirmative. The chair reported that the vault toilet at hiker parking will be closed by the end of the month and a port-a-potty is in place. The chair reported that Kachina Vista Park needs some work from Public Works, to remove and return the equipment to TSVI and to remove the dirt and rock that is spilling over onto neighboring lands. The chair reported on a conversation with Steve Hoxie from TSVI regarding their possible participation in the comprehensive plan development. Mr. Hoxie expressed support. Roles of PARC were also discussed. Mr. Hoxie expressed willingness to partner on recreation as well as flowers/beautification. Follow up is planned. Finally the chair reported on the meeting with Hart Howerton Landscape Architects at Hiker Parking. They are preparing a draft design and will send it possibly by the end of October. The committee will be asked to review and the chair will seek input from the various village departments and TSVI.

The committee discussed the items which might be included in the Trails+ application being prepared by ECTA. In addition to completion of the Porcupine to Kachina Vista Park connector, and refurbishment of the ski lift benches on Ramming Trail, it was suggested we consider a bike

path between the Kachina Basin to the village water tank area to connect with Kachina Vista Park.

Robert Wooldridge offered that the NM Department of Transportation may have grants that would support village projects such as bike trails. He will gather more information and report at the next meeting. He will also investigate the property ownership of the land that the bike trail might traverse.

The committee also briefly discussed the topic of charge for parking at places such as hike parking. The chair summarized the result of the previous meeting discussion on this—namely that PARC would follow but not lead such a change. The committee also discussed what the rules or ordinances are regarding camping in the parking lots. The chair was asked to check with TSVI regarding this topic. Ann Marie Wooldridge was asked to research ordinances on this topic.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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