



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,

Joan B Woodard  
Committee Chair



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February 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by the chair. Present were Janet Ratliff Thomas, Dan Vaughan, and Joan Woodard. Steve Hoxie joined later as noted below. The chair noted that a quorum was not 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 January 27, 2026. The committee was not able to approve because lack of a quorum.

The chair reported on activities since the last meeting in January. The chair 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, and the first meeting is today, February 24 at 4 pm in town, in person. The chair asked if any members were willing to be the alternate delegate to Trails Salsa. Janet Ratliff Thomas volunteered to serve as alternate pending schedule of dates and locations. On another topic, Mr. Hammond-Paul reported that he received delivery on signs to be posted on Kachina Vista Park for winter closure. Public Works will install the signs in the next few days.

Next the chair led a discussion of the progress on the current Trails+ grant. The discussion focused on the "matching funds" work. The spring cleanup day will be May 26, 2026 starting at 9 am. The chair asked for volunteers to help with the slat replacement on the ski lift benches in Ramming Trail. A number of members offered help and it was suggested that the chair set a couple dates for workdays and invite volunteers. Mr. Hammond-Paul reported that he plans to investigate the scheduling of cleanup in Kachina Vista Park. Committee member Steve Hoxie joined the meeting.

The final topic of discussion was the progress to date on the Trails, Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan for the Village which is being conducted by ECTA. The chair reported on the community input sessions and the online survey. Generally the comments and input have been very supportive and many ideas have been offered. The chair summarized the work on a short tagline statement that was the result of email brainstorming by the committee--- Supporting a Vibrant Year Round Mountain Community. The Village Administrator to summarize plans to conduct an update of the Village Comprehensive Plan in 90 days. The chair noted that the PARC will integrate any updates on Village vision and mission into the plan. The planning schedule includes one more stakeholder meeting and two community sessions in early March. The draft plan is expected for review by the end of April. A special meeting of PARC for early May to review the draft plan was discussed.

The final topic was the request for Lodgers Tax Funds. The chair stated this request must be sent soon. The committee decided to include in the request: Hiker Parking vault toilet sustainment, core area flowers and ristras, disc golf, cleanup events, and signage and village area map. A request letter will be sent to the Lodgers Tax Board. The committee also had a brief discussion regarding charging a fee for Hiker Parking usage as well as brief discussion regarding overnight parking or camping at Hiker Parking. Both topics were identified for further research.

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