



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

(Woodard)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Woodard/All)

A. -March 24, 2026

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Discussion of pilot VTSV adopt a trail program (Woodard)

B. Spring Cleanup May 26, 2026 (Woodard/Hoxie)

4. REPORT ON TRAILS+ GRANT MATCHING-FUNDS

A. Kachina Vista Park cleanup (Hammond-Paul)

B. JR Trail ski lift benches—slat replacement status (Woodard)

5. PARC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING---STATUS

A. Priority Framework draft for implementation

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

06-23-2026-REGULAR MEETING. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Village of Taos Ski Valley will be held as a hybrid in-person and on-line meeting on June 23, 2026, at 10:00 am in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM and the Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>.

8. ADJOURNMENT



Village of Taos Ski Valley
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3 pm by the chair. Present were Steve Hoxie, 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, and about ten residents and property owners. The meeting was virtual due to closure of the village office for the day. The chair presented the agenda which was approved without changes. Next the chair presented the minutes from January 27, 2026, and February 24, 2026. Hearing no comments or changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Next was the chair's report. The chair asked the committee about preferences for meeting time as the ski area operations close for the winter season. The committee members stated that a 10 am start is preferable in the off season. The chair and village administrator stated they would make the necessary changes for this new start time. 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 reported on the first meeting on February 24 at 4 pm in town, in person. The chair reported that about 12 representatives from various municipalities, government entities, and nonprofit organizations attended. The meeting included each representative sharing the current developments in their area. Also, GIZMO which is doing work on signage branding for the enchanted circle, gave a presentation. This work is a part of the VTSV current VTSV Trails + Grant. There was brief discussion about the approach to signage and Red River and VTSV were invited to provide input and to pilot the signage because each of these municipalities are undertaking signage work. A virtual meeting with the committee chair and village administrator took place on March 12, 2026, and it was reported that this included much discussion about how municipalities have some unique branding which also connected to the Enchanted Circle. There may be some value in having a common sign layout for trail signs with common font, etc. providing visitor with ease of use. There also may be value in having an existing template which can easily be used to tailor and procure signs.

A question was raised by a resident about removal of the closure signs on Kachina Vista Park given that the snow season is at the end. Henri Hammond Paul stated that they will be remove shortly.

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 is scheduled for May 26, 2026, starting at 9 am. Steve Hoxie reported that the resort corporation will support with

volunteer staff and some food support for lunch, same as last year. The chair expressed gratitude. The village administrator stated that review of the Public Works budget and workload is not yet complete, so work by PW to provide the matching in kind contribution for cleanup of Kachina Vista Park is uncertain. The chair reported on work for replacement of the slats on the ski lift benches in Ramming Trail. One bench has been completed including installation of new slats and oiling the frame. The chair reported on the complexity of replacement due to the size of the available slats. The plan is to replace and refurbish all seven benches. The chair also reported on contact with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. Funds from the current Trails+ grant are available for one crew session of 8 days. The committee briefly discussed the strategy for application of this session and concluded that the session should be scheduled for later summer and possibly applied to finish and refurbish the connector trail to the upper end of Kachina Vista Park. Finally, the chair presented an idea for a local village adopt a trail program for maintenance of village trails and parks. There was support from both committee members and residents in attendance. The chair will develop a list of trails and park areas for adoption. It was also suggested that businesses in the ski valley may be interested in adopting a trail and consideration should be given to posting signs honoring those who have adopted a trail or park area. It was also suggested to keep the expectations modest so not to overwhelm potential volunteers. It was also suggested that the village should consider an adopt a road program; it was decided to wait with this idea for consideration after some experience with the adopt a trail program.

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 that the community and stakeholder input sessions have been completed. Generally, the comments and input have been very supportive, and many ideas have been offered. The chair noted that there was much interest in end-to-end trails connecting Amizette to Kachina Basin, among other great ideas. 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 is tentatively planned.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B Woodard
Committee Chair

Village of Taos Ski Valley
Adopt a Trail Program—Pilot
Summer 2026

Purpose:

Explore the use of volunteers to maintain Village outdoor areas in the summer

Candidate sites for adoption:

- Ramming Trail lower section from Rio Hondo Learning Center to TSVI snow making building
- Ramming Trail upper section from TSVI snow making building to Sutton Place
- Kachina Vista Park lower section from Phoenix Switchback to Christoff's bench
- Kachina Vista park upper section from Christoff's bench to Porcupine Road
- Connector trail -Porcupine road to Kachina Vista Park
- Wetlands area at Kachina Road (picnic table, bench, and trail)
- Hiker Parking Lot (two adopters is suggested to increase frequency)

Scope of volunteer commitment:

- Walk the area of the assigned site at least once per month May 15 to Oct 1
- Pick up trash for proper disposal
- Report any issues or problems to PARC chair

Framework to prioritize comprehensive plan projects—2026+

Goals of PARC projects: ---what should they be? Here are some ideas; what should the weighting of each be?

- improve or refurbish existing facilities and assets
- create first of a kind, new recreation, trail, park etc., currently unavailable in TSV
- attractiveness, appeals to large groups---residents, visitors, guests
- addresses safety issue or improves safety

Criteria—factors for judging the projects; with weighting and used to rank

- impact to achieve goals
- cost
- feasibility
- timeline
- VTSV control/in village jurisdiction
- maintainability