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| **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes** | | | |
| **Date: 02/12/2025** | | **Time: 6:00 P.M.** | **Location**: Edgewood Town Hall, |
| **Members Present: Lauren Aston, David Bergsten, Diana Boyd, Betsy Lange, Brian McMurtrey, Michael Morrow, Robin Sampson**  **Members Absent: None** | | | |
| **Public Present: None** | | | |
| **Town of Edgewood Commission Members: Stephen Murillo** | | | |
| **Parks & Recreation Administrator: Jimmy Martinez** | | | |
| **1. Call to Order** | | | |
| Called to Order by Chairperson Brian McMurtrey at 6 P.M. | | | |
| **2. Approval of Agenda** | | | |
| Agenda approval motion made and approved. | | | |
| **3. Commissioner Meeting Notes** | | | |
| 1. Commission meeting issues discussed. 2. Approval of renewal of member service terms for Diana Boyd, Brian McMurtrey, and Robin Sampson. | | | |
| **4. Public Comments** | | | |
| None | | | |
| **5. Matters from Advisory Committee Members** | | | |
| 1. Discussion | The meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 2 P.M. at town hall to discuss the use of the Campbell Ranch land has been postponed until March 8 at 2 P.M. This meeting may help PRAC with our future planning. | | |
| 1. Committee Officer Selection for 2025 | The Chairperson serving in 2025 will be Brian McMurtrey. Assistant Chairperson will be Michael Morrow. The Secretary will be David Bergsten. | | |
| 1. AYSO Spring Soccer Signup | Youth sign up for the Spring season ends this week. Look forward to a good season this year! | | |
| 1. Facebook Page | Lauren asked about the possibility of setting up a Facebook Page for PRAC. Jimmy will check with the town managers and others about this. | | |
| 1. Open Meetings Act Resolution | This town resolution is still in the process of being drafted and revised. Discussion of this issue will be revisited in the future when finalized and approved. | | |
| **6. Matters from Teen Advisory Council** | | | |
| 1. Membership | The TAC consists of 7 members currently including representation from all local schools. | | |
| 1. Events | The TAC remains very active in their roll and has been a great asset in assisting Jimmy with town activities. Discussion of their events is described below in Section 7.a and 8.b. | | |
| 1. Concerns raised | TAC members raised some concerns in their most recent meeting about security issues at sponsored events. This is primarily the responsibility of PRAC and adults supporting each event. This issue needs to be clarified to TAC members. | | |
| **7. General P&R Manager Updates** | | | |
| 1. Events | * Future events include a Valentine’s Day event in February, an Arbor Day event in April, an Easter Egg Hunt and 5K fun run, and an Independence Day parade. Jimmy has about 14,000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt to ensure that all ages including younger children have the chance to get some eggs. See Section 8.b. for further details about the coming Valentine’s Day event and Arbor Day event. | | |
| **8. Matters from Old Business** | | | |
| 1. Park Updates | * **SFC Equestrian Center** – Lauren Aston has prepared a list of repairs, maintenance, and future improvements for the Center. She contacted Mike and Mark who have been maintaining and repairing parts of the facility in recent years to get cost estimates for this work. She spoke about the possibility of setting up a “Friends of the Center” or other means of getting funds to support the cost of repairs and shows at the facility. Insurance coverage for events is the primary concern. Repairs to the obstacle course and water pump are a pressing concern. Assistance from Wildlands may be needed to clear dead trees from the property. See Section 8.h. below for further discussion of her efforts to work with COLTPAC on use of this facility. * **Bassett Park** – No updates. * **ECHO Ridge Park (Section 34) and Mountain free-ride park** – Accent Landscaping has indicated their intent to move some soil from another project in Tijeras to the entry road and parking lot within the coming week. Construction and widening of the entry road including removal of adjacent trees is scheduled to begin on March 3 followed by work on the parking lot. Expectation is that this project by Accent will be completed by the end of May. Park access may be restricted for extended periods of time during the construction. David spent 14 hours clearing brush and trees off the fence lines. This effort should be easier in future efforts. He assessed damage to the fence and spots where repairs are still needed. Littering and off-road vehicle traffic on the trails was moderate. Jimmy plans to discuss potential purchase of the available property adjacent to the parkland on the east side off Barbara Lane next week. * **Lost Canyon or Poker Draw (Section 32)** – Property adjacent to the parkland near Windmill Road has been placed on the market for sale (Simons property). The location is ideal for parkland access and would include a small building for potential use by visitors. Purchase of this property is under consideration by the town. * **Venus Park** – Construction of restrooms adjacent to the Pavilion is scheduled to begin next week. Weather permitting, this work will be completed within 6 weeks. Port-A-Potty Units will remain onsite for the foreseeable future need. This work will be followed by expansion to the west and improvement of the athletic fields as well as extension of the parking lot to accommodate more space for vendors and carnival rides. There will likely be extended periods of time when the property, fields, and facilities will be closed due to construction. Clarification of some issues from the contractor are still needed, but progress is expected to be complete by the middle of 2026. | | |
| 1. Events | * The big event planned for February is a Valentine’s Day Masquerade Ball at Edgewood Middle School gymnasium. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 15 from 6-9 P.M. Our Committee and the Teen Advisory Council are hosting this event. Dress for the event is casual rather than formal. It will include a dance and live music. Jimmy has 40 masks for participants to decorate. He also has a backdrop for Photo Ops. Jimmy and the TAC would appreciate assistance from PRAC members with setting up and cleaning up. Nine adults and a police officer will be available to assist. More Chaperones may be needed to assist with the ball itself. The number of youth attending the ball will determine this need. * Lauren Aston checked with the NM Forestry Service about availability of seedlings for the Arbor Day event in April. The demand for trees in Spring could be considerable so it would be good to line up seedlings soon. She also suggested expanding this event to include a plant swap at Arbor Day or another time in Spring. | | |
| 1. Trails updates | * See discussion in Section 5.a. above. | | |
| 1. Remote Control Aircraft Site (RCC) | No updates | | |
| 1. Historic Route 66 100th Anniversary Celebration | * Jimmy Martinez is coordinating work of the planning for this Celebration. One of the Commissioners offered a justification paper for Route 66 travelers to visit Edgewood. * The latest meeting of the planning group for this celebration was held on Wednesday, February 12 at 4 P.M. Lauren Aston, Michael Morrow, and David Bergsten were in attendance for our Committee. There was some question about the availability of grants from NM Tourism for local celebrations – Adrian Chavez, Sr. is looking into this possibility, but deadlines for some applications have been missed. Adrian is also checking on the possibility of Route 66 signs along I-40 to increase visibility. Thomas Mcgill is working with Jimmy to develop the backdrop for a waystop on Route 66 for Photo Ops. A site in the median adjacent to the old town hall looks promising. The 3 quotes received for construction of the backdrop range from $30K to $60K. Discussion of the specific parts of the backdrop were considered including parts, size, view, visibility, lighting, and need for a safety railing. Santos and Tom Salazar may be able to assist with some design issues, but they have note yet been contacted. Lauren asked some questions about the Route 66 Celebration Auto Parade. Tentative plans are for the route to cover the section of Historic Route 66 from Entrada Del Norte Road to Edgewood 7 and circle back on Walker Road. In addition, car shows and parades for specific types, makes and models of vehicle throughout the year are under consideration to draw in interested auto clubs. Tony Jaramillo and Jason Moore should be contacted for their experience with car shows. * The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 4 P.M. at town hall. | | |
| 1. Community Pool and Water Park Options | No updates. | | |
| 1. Senior Advisory Council | Efforts to start up this group are planned to begin again in April. | | |
| 1. COLTPAC Issues | Lauren Aston attended their quarterly meeting online on Wednesday. February 5 at 6 P.M. She spoke with Adeline Murthy about current policies for our use of county properties earlier that day. It was determined that current use and maintenance of the Equestrian Center can continue, but issues of concern remain. See Section 8.a. above for discussion of these issues. Large repair projects to the facility need approval from Adeline. Small maintenance projects can be approved by Laura Hernandez. Financial support for the routine work by Mark and Mike may be available. In particular, she would like to know how to plan fun days, clean-up days and possible fundraising in support of the Equestrian Center. | | |
| **9. Future Items** | | | |
| Discussion of the need for sites for e-bike use of trails was discussed. Setting aside of certain locations or certain times to avoid disturbance of other users (Pedestrian and Equestrian) will be a consideration. | | | |
| **10. Next Meeting** | | | |
| Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. | | | |
| **11. Adjourn** | | | |
| Time: This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M**.** | | | |
| **Submitted by:** David A. Bergsten,  Secretary, Edgewood Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee | | | |
| **Approved by:** Brian McMurtrey  Chairperson, Edgewood Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee | | | |