

MINUTES OF THE PARKS, TRAILS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2025

Kurt Raymond, the committee chair called the meeting to order at 3 pm. Committee members present were Mr. Raymond, Russ Durrer, Ken Wilburt, Lisa Foss, Steve Chaney and Dennis Medina. Staff present was Larry Lynch, DPE Manager.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

The committee discussed the initial Parks and Trails plan update that was distributed to the committee in early April and was based off committee recommendations for park and trail projects and priorities in the community for board consideration. Kurt recommended that the committee take a look at the prioritization schedule and that because some of the committee members were still fairly new that it would be a good idea for the committee to go back and analyze the projects and take one last opportunity to rank and score them based off the five criteria that were used in the 2013 Master Planning process. The committee agreed that this would be good timing, early in the draft phase to just go back and re-analyze the projects and rankings one last time. Lynch and Raymond were going to get an updated project spreadsheet to the committee to review.

The committee continued to review the draft plan and after much discussion decided to add a couple of short trail segments and one small park project to the proposed draft plan. An additional segment on the natural gas pipeline easement in Lakewood Village; a short connector trail on Piedra Road between Aspenglow Blvd and Cloudcap Avenue; and a trailhead parking area at Gate 4 on Coronado Cir.

The committee also discussed the newly acquired greenbelts and the 2 field trips the committee undertook in 2023 and 2024 to visit greenbelts with potential for future park and trail amenities. And while just a few are addressed in the 2025 updated draft plan for development (the Chris Mt II playground and trails, and the high pressure gas line trail through several subdivisions), the committee asked that the list of potential greenbelt tracts be indicated and identified in the plan.

The committee agreed that late May would be a good time frame to finish up the draft plan, and be able to submit it to the board at the June board meeting for review and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm