



Town of Edgewood

Agenda

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Edgewood Town Hall Commission Chambers, Edgewood NM

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A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call (by Town Clerk or designee)

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVE/AMEND/DISAPPROVE MINUTES

1. 2025-06-11 Minutes

D. MATTERS FROM THE MANAGER

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Parks/Open Space/Trails - Venus Park, Bassett Park, ECHO Ridge Park/Sec. 34, Poker Draw Park/Sec. 32, SFC Equestrian Center , COLTPAC, Water Play or Pool
2. Events & Recreational Programming
3. Route 66 Centennial Celebration

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sunset Market/StreetFest
2. Brews on Bachelor

G. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Upcoming:
 - August 6 (6pm)

- September 10 (6pm)

H. FUTURE EVENTS

1. Upcoming:

- Movie Nite at Venus Park (July 25 @7:30pm)
- Water Play Day (TBD)

I. ADJOURNMENT

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes



Date: 06/11/2025

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

Public Present: Nina McCracken, town manager

Town of Edgewood Commission Members: Stephen Murillo present.

Parks & Recreation Administrator: Vacant Position

1. Call to Order

Called to Order by Brian McMurtrey at 6:02 P.M.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approval motion made and approved.

3. Commissioner Meeting Notes

- Jimmy Martinez is no longer employed by the town of Edgewood and no longer serves as Manager of Edgewood Parks and Recreation Department.
- The Carnival event at Venus Park this week was extended to 11 P.M.

4. Public Comments

Lauren Aston posted a flyer on NextDoor and Facebook inviting senior residents to attend our meeting. Responses on NextDoor were received from Carolyn Meehan, Glenn Felton, and Karen Lloyed. Some related to Parks issues and some related to other town departments. No residents attended the meeting in person.

5. Matters from Advisory Committee Members

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| a. Prairie Dog Concerns | Recent increases in the rodent populations continue to be of concern for safety on the athletic fields and for park events. Signs to tell residents not to feed the animals should be placed on park grounds to reduce local population growth. New Mexico permits control measures for the black-tailed prairie dogs here, but there are Federal restrictions for owls and some other wildlife known to reside in their holes. Control decisions are generally made based upon the number of mounds per acre. No decisions were made for dealing with this issue. |
| b. Flyball Interest | Increased interest in using park property as Flyball courses for dogs has been expressed by Sandia EnchantmentMutts club. This club has been meeting for practice at Venus Park early on Sunday mornings. Formal requests for this activity are generally not needed if no monetary amounts or large areas of land are required. Reservations would be required for formal use of park land for these activities, but routine groups of residents using the park need not submit requests for this purpose. |
| c. Craft Fair Use of the Pavilion | Interest in using the Pavilion and grounds in Venus Park requires submitting a request form for this use to ensure availability unless the activity is part of the planned activities of Edgewood Parks and Recreation Department. |

6. Matters from Teen Advisory Council

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| a. Membership | The TAC consists of teen members representing local schools. Lack of recent meetings and activities has reduced their participation. Communication and interest is waning some. Recruitment of a few new members is needed to ensure participation from all local schools. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18. Diana Boyd and Nina McCracken have agreed to fill in at this meeting in the absence of a Parks manager. |
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b. Events	The TAC has been a great asset in assisting with town activities in the past. Their next movie night is scheduled for June 21. Lions Club and town staff will assist with this event. Other coming events are described below in Section 8.b.
7. General P&R Manager Updates	
None	
8. Matters from Old Business	
a. Park Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFC Equestrian Center – No updates. • Bassett Park – Funding has been placed in the budget for work on this park in the next fiscal year. Interest is focused on repairs and replacement of playground equipment. Concerns about the condition of the skatepark remain, and Accent Landscape may be contacted for information about repairs needed. • ECHO Ridge Park (Section 34) and Mountain free-ride park – Expectation is that the work project by Accent Landscape will be completed by the end of June. Park road access is restricted for extended periods of time during the construction. They are roughly 3 weeks behind schedule on their work. The installation of the culvert on the entry road was completed. Some grading of the entry road and parking lot is still ahead. Someone has again knocked over the port-a-potty placed on the parking lot by Accent. No placement of horse trailer dividers on the parking area has yet been undertaken. The off-roader trail on the south side of the parking area continues to be used. Litter from small beer parties continues to collect there, mostly on weekends. Plans are to install an elevated security camera adjacent to the parking lot to monitor activity after the work of Accent is completed. • Lost Canyon or Poker Draw (Section 32) – The town has plans to purchase land from Albuquerque adjacent to Section 32 on the west side. Easier access to this parkland on both the west and east sides is needed. • Venus Park – The new restrooms at the Pavilion still need pads to be ADA compliant before opening. This installation is expected to occur within the next week. The restrooms will be open during business hours on weekdays and a volunteer has agreed to open them on weekends as well. The parking lot construction is completed. Edgewood Roads Department will finish the remaining concrete work. Turf improvements are planned for later this year and construction of the new athletic fields is scheduled for next year.
b. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arbor Day event was a success. There were plenty of seedlings, but some promised trees were never delivered. • A Dumpster day is scheduled for June 21. • Various Independence Day activities are planned for July 4 and 5. The fun run has been canceled due to planning constraints and inadequate time for sign-up. A flyball demo with trained dogs and dogs still in training will be presented at Venus Park. A craft show is planned for both Friday and Saturday using the Pavilion and big tents. The annual parade down Route 344 will occur and the car show by the elementary school. There

	will be Civil War Re-enactors providing demonstrations. There will be a 35-minute fireworks display provided by the Roads Department in the evening of July 4.
c. Trails updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next quarterly meeting of EMRTC on Zoom is scheduled for July 8 from 10-11:30 A.M. on Zoom. David will provide details to PRAC members when available.
d. Remote Control Aircraft Site (RCC)	No updates.
e. Historic Route 66 100 th Anniversary Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest meeting of the planning group for this celebration was held on Wednesday, June 11 at 4 P.M. Lauren Aston, Michael Morrow, and David Bergsten were in attendance for our committee. Dwayne Lambert, Gene Mercer, Linda Burke, Gerry Pohl, Jason Moore, Abby Moore, Braidin New, and Victoria Percy joined us to discuss the planning. Jimmy Martinez submitted applications for grant money to the State of New Mexico Tourism Council for the Route 66 Centennial Celebrations. The applications are for \$90,000 to cover infrastructure costs and \$10,000 to cover costs of special events. Requests were made based upon estimated costs and anticipated participation. Response to the requests are expected shortly. Lauren Aston took the lead in running this meeting. She described previous discussions on the site for the photo opportunity planned for Historic Route 66 next to the old town hall building, the mural proposed for the side of the old town hall, directional signs, shield signs for the road, banners on light poles supported by local businesses, and sites for placement of the trailer with license plates. Lauren printed draft business cards to place on cars and share with vintage car owners to promote their participation in the Route 66 Centennial Celebration Auto Parade and the Auto Shows. The group agreed that these cards are a good way to get participation and approved their usage. The main parade is scheduled for Saturday August 15, 2026 from 8-10 A.M. Don Davis spoke with Bobby Box (historically with KQEO radio station) who agreed to serve as MCs to announce the cars participating in the parade. This parade will be followed by the final car show (10 A.M to 3 P.M.) of the year and a block party. Two bands (4-6:30 P.M. and 7-9:30 P.M.) would assist with entertainment on the lot adjacent to Juno Brewery. The parade route will cover the section of Historic Route 66 from Entrada Del Norte Road to Edgewood Route 7/State Route 344. After the parade cars may either circle back on Walker Road, proceed to the car show or drive off as needed. Some logistics of parking for this event still need to be worked out. Monthly car shows for specific types, makes, and models of vehicle Are planned for each warm month of the year to draw in interested auto

	<p>owners and clubs. Car shows are tentatively planned for set-up on lots or land adjacent to Rich Ford on Historic Route 66. Permission to use these sites is still needed. The date for the first car show is planned to coincide with National Mustang Day (April 18, 2026). The second car show will be on May 16, 2026. The third car show will be in conjunction with the annual car show set up by Tony Jaramillo on June 21, 2026 at Venus Park. The fourth car show will be part of the July 4 Independence Day celebrations. The final car show will be after the parade on August 15, 2026. Addition of stick pins for these events was suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans are to contact Mark Knudson about use of his land adjacent to Expect Moore Auto on Route 66 for placement of the license plate trailer currently situated at Wildlife West Park. • Centennial cruises and Power Tours on Route 66 in 2026 should be reviewed to see if our events can be coordinated with these visitors. • Linda Burke suggested that history, historical sites, and photos from the past be organized for visitors. East Mountain Historical Society is a good resource for this purpose. Placement online in webpages or on Facebook would be a good way to interest visitors in stops in Edgewood. Use of Geocaching, poker runs, and passport stamps were also discussed. • Linda Burke also stressed the need to prioritize activities in the event that monetary or other resources make it necessary to cut back from initial plans. Coordinating with other car shows and getting cooperation with local business helps reduce this issue. • The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9 at 4 P.M. at town hall.
f. Community Pool and Water Park Options	No updates.
g. Senior Advisory Committee	Lauren Aston prepared an invitation to our June 11 meeting on NextDoor to get input from Seniors in our community regarding their interests and concerns. The public responses mentioned in Section 4 above were the only input received. No senior citizens attended our meeting. It was decided to discontinue this effort at the time due to the lack of interest in a Senior Advisory Committee.
h. COLTPAC Issues	The next meeting online of COLTPAC is scheduled for August 6.
9. Future Items	
One item to consider in future planning for PRAC is the addition of star gazing activities in coordination with the Library Advisory Committee.	
10. Next Meeting	
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.	
11. Adjourn	
Time: This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 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