

## **KCPRC Community Values Statement**

Through community surveys and public engagement, Taoseños have expressed a clear vision of what matters most in the future of our town's central park. These values guide the work of the KCPRC and will shape the criteria for selecting a new name.

### Community Values for the Park

#### **1. Intergenerational Connection**

The park is a place where families gather, children play, and traditions are passed between generations. It should remain a shared commons where all feel welcome.

#### **2. Well-Being**

The community values a park that sustains well being, where people are cared for, and experience healthy activity — with open access, lighting, and facilities that ensure comfort for all.

#### **3. Stewardship**

The park's acequias, trees, cemetery, and natural landscapes connect us to our land and culture.

#### **4. Belonging**

The park itself reflects a commitment to shared space and civic inclusion. Community members from all walks of life find value in the shared community space.

#### **5. Accessibility**

The park should be open to and usable by all people — across ages, abilities, incomes, and cultures. Removing barriers of cost, design, and perception is essential to equity.

#### **6. Cultural Respect**

Names, programs, and events should reflect the diversity of Taos — honoring the history of Indigenous, Hispanic, Anglo, and other cultural traditions in Taos with respect and equity.

#### **7. Play**

Historically the park has been a center for family fun, social activity, and creativity. Play for all ages and delight in that play is essential to our community.

#### **8. Celebration**

The community cherishes music, art, festivals, and play. The park should continue to be a stage for joyful expression and collective celebration.

Together, these values ensure that the park's new name and future reflect who we are as a community — inclusive, rooted in history, and oriented toward a shared future.