Thursday, October 16, 2025
Santa Fe County Planning Commission Meeting 4:00 PM

Santa Fe County Planning Commission
Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting
Santa Fe County John Gaw Meem Historic Building
Commission Chambers
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe NM 87501
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1. Opening Business

A. Call to Order - 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Agenda. (Action Item)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

A. Request Approval of the SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

3. Consent Agenda (Action Items)

A. Case# 24-5260 (Final Order) Loreta Martinez- Cargo Variance Loreta Martinez-Cargo, Applicant, request a Variance of Chapter 8, Section 8.6.3 Table 8-7: Dimensional standards Rural Fringe (RUR-F) to create a Two (2) lot residential subdivision on a parcel of land consisting of 49.11 acres +. The subject property lies within the Rural Fringe zoning district which allows for 1 single family residence per 20 acres. The property is located at 7679 B Old Santa Fe Trail. SDA-2, (Commission District 4) Parcel ID. # 405240832. Case Manager Brianna Ortega. APPROVED UNANIMOUS by vote.

B. Case # 24-5280 (Final Order) Reyes Huerta (VAR) Variance. Reyes Huerta, Applicant, Vigil Design (Annette Vigil), Agent request a Variance of Chapter 9, Table 9-8-7: Dimensional standards Residential Estate (RES-E) setbacks to allow an accessory structure to encroach within the 50-foot rear setback. The subject property lies within the Residential Estate (RES-E) zoning district within the La Cienegal/ La Cieneguilla Community Overlay District which allows for 1 single family residence per 2.5 acres. The property is located at 47 Sunset Road (Commission District 3), SDA-2. Case Manager, Maggie Valdez. DENIED UNANIMOUS by vote.

4. Miscellaneous Agenda (Action Items)

A. Case # 24-5310 (Final Order) Christine Strieker (VAR) Variance. Christine Strieker, applicant requests a Variance of Chapter 8, Table 8-9: Dimensional standards Residential Fringe (RES-F) to allow two primary residences on a

parcel of land consisting of 5.033 + acres. The subject property lies within the RES-F zoning district which allows for 1 dwelling per 5 acres. The property is located at 23 Saddle Rd (Commission District 4), SDA- 2. Case Manager, Maggie Valdez. APPROVED 4-3 by vote.

B. CASE #25-5020 (Final Order) Thomas Simek and ChrisTina Maestas-Simek, Conditional Use Permit. Thomas Simek and ChrisTina Maestas-Simek, Applicant, are requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to utilize their land for retreats of Memorials/ Celebrations of Life, Weddings, and Transitional Ceremonies, celebrating the well-being following chronic illnesses, etc. The site is zoned Traditional Community (TC). Appendix B, Use Matrix illustrates that a Retreat is a CUP within the TC Zoning District. The 3.45-acre parcel is located at 7687 Old Santa Fe Trail, within Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 10 East, SDA-2 (Commission District 4). David Ruiz, Case Manager. APPROVED 5-1 by vote.

5. New Business (Action Items)*

A. Case#25-5160 Gilbert and Rosalba Baca Variance. Gilbert and Rosalba Baca, Applicants, Benito Martinez, Agent who are requesting a Variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.12.3 Table 9-12-3: Dimensional standards Village of Agua Fria Community District Overlay Traditional Community Zoning District to create a Three (3) lot residential subdivision on a parcel of land consisting of 0.77 acres +. The property is located at 2232 & 2235 Ranchitos De Baca, within the Traditional Community zoning district within the Agua Fria Village Community District Overlay which allows for 1dwelling unit per 0.75 acres but may be increased to 1 dwelling unit per 0.33 acres if the lot is served by public water and sewer, within Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 9 East. SDA-2, Parcel ID No. 910014994(Commission District 2). Development Review Specialist Senior Destiny Romero, Case Manager

B. Presentation of the Public Participation Plan for the Revisions to the Sustainable Growth Management Plan. Planning Team Leader Herbert Foster, Presenter

6. Petitions from the Floor

7. Matters from the Commission

8. Matters from the Attorney

9. Matters from Staff

10. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: NOVEMBER 20, 2025

11. Concluding Business

A. Adjournment. (Action Item)

12. Public Meeting Disclosures

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B. *These land use cases are administrative adjudicatory proceedings. Among other things, this means that Commissioners generally may not discuss a case with the applicant or other members of the public outside of the public hearing on the case. In addition, before taking final action, the Planning Commission may choose to deliberate on an administrative adjudicatory proceeding in closed or executive session, as permitted by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978. Finally, the Planning Commission may not announce its decision on a land use case at the conclusion of the public hearing tonight.