



San Marcos Planning Committee Meeting #5 Meeting Summary 6.27.18

Introductions and Committee Participation

San Marcos Planning Committee met on June 27th to review two draft sections: Infrastructure Analysis and Community Services Analysis. Committee members are always encouraged to bring along neighbors or other interested individuals to participate in the process. The June meeting had three new people, two of whom live in neighboring communities, one of whom is purchasing property for a prospective business in the area. In all, sixteen community members attended, along with three staff members.

Planning Process Overview

Staff reviewed Phase 1 of the San Marcos planning process, which is currently underway. Staff also noted that a request had been made in May to produce a document showing how similar communities managed growth. This document is in draft phase and will be made available soon.

Staff discussed the County process for collecting input and updating an Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP), which is submitted every year to the state for legislative funding. County staff held public meetings in May and June to collect project ideas and public input on the ICIP. Inclusion in an approved planning document is an important criteria when evaluating ICIP projects, making the San Marcos District Plan a valuable tool for justifying desired infrastructure improvements in San Marcos. Mentioning needs and desired improvements in the District Plan will help residents receive funding for infrastructure projects in the future.

Group Activity: Desired Infrastructure and Capital Request Forms

The group split into two and worked separately with staff to generate ideas for desired future infrastructure. Some of the ideas presented included a visitor center for the Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway, public water service for commercial businesses, and County road maintenance. The group came up with sample language to include in the District Plan to help support these projects, such as "Encourage water utility access along HWY 14."

The second group also discussed modifications to the written sections, Infrastructure Analysis and Community Services Analysis. In the first draft of the Community Services Analysis, the Cerrillos Senior Center, the Turquoise Trail Elementary School, and the Ojo de Agua Water Filling Station were listed as community services for San Marcos. One suggestion was to include these as appendices rather than in the sections because they did not entirely serve the San Marcos District, they are either outside and/or serve the region, not just San Marcos.

There was also a question about the project timeline for the Cerrillos Senior-Community Center. After the meeting, staff inquired to find that the Center went out to bid in early 2018 and came in over budget. The Center's project manager is currently working with the design team to try and find ways to help reduce the cost.

As a follow-up to the meeting, members were asked to submit Capital Request Forms via email to include in the ICIP. Five members submitted Forms.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25th. Agenda and documents will be sent out a week in advance and all current materials related to the planning process can be found on the website:

https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/san_marcos