



San Marcos Planning Committee Meeting #9 Meeting Summary 10.24.18

Introductions and Committee Participation

The San Marcos Planning Committee convened for the ninth meeting in the San Marcos Community Planning Process, authorized by Resolution 2017-93. The Committee has been meeting since February 2018 at the Turquoise Trail Charter School. Interested individuals are always welcome to join the committee meetings, which are open to the public.

Planning Process Overview

Staff reviewed the committee participation and procedures, emphasizing the value of respecting diverse opinions and making the venue welcome to all participants. Next staff reviewed the activities of the September 26th meeting and discussed the arc of planning process. The group is currently in Phase 2: Planning for the Future. During this Phase, the group is moving from the visioning and current status of the District into preparing the future plans. For the September and October meetings, the group has taken the section write-ups from Phase 1 and asked how we can achieve the goals to shape the District in the future. At this point in the plan, we are bringing the Issues, Visions and Connecting Actions back into the section write-ups so that the San Marcos Plan can be implemented and achieve the community vision.

Cultural Resources Analysis

Visions that inform Goal A:

- Maintain the archaeological assets of the area
- Provide educational opportunities for people (Set an example for education, sustainability and resource management)
- Protect the Scenic Byway (Protect the natural views) (Enhance scenic views, movie sets, scenic byways)
- Preserve our cultural heritage

Goal A: Cultural Heritage: Preserve the cultural heritage of San Marcos area by protecting the archaeological resources, providing education opportunities, and cherishing the scenic views.

Handwritten notes: Early history. Not just arch. - Spanish - Native - Mexican - Anglo

- Proposed Actions:
 - Review archaeological protection
 - Review options
 - Potential non-build areas
 - Landscaping- xeriscaping
 - Connect with artists to discuss signage and wayfinding, arts tours
 - Work with school to promote cultural education for students and residents
 - Code enforcement with archaeological protection
 - Artist adopt a sign
 - Design guidelines that incorporate cultural identity
 - Treat Turquoise Trail as a community resource
 - Arts tours, advertise and promote
 - Enforce existing requirements, education

Handwritten notes: protect

Visions that inform Goal C:

- Will ensure enough water for residents
- Encourage use of renewable energy
- Conserve our natural resources
- Quiet environment with clean air (Promote clean air)
- Promote non-motorized recreational trails

Goal C: Environmentally sensitive habitation and recreation: Encourage use of renewable energy and promote water conservation to conserve natural resources, as well as maintain a healthy natural environment.

- Proposed Actions:
 - Investigate special water use for District
 - Review options
 - Landscaping
 - Renewable energy generation and use
 - Non-build areas
 - Well monitoring/ where there is/isn't water
 - Early adopter/pilot case
 - Water collection/harvesting- water treatment/recycling water
 - Design guidelines- best practices
 - Establish renewable energy specifications
 - ~~Review best practices to create water collection/harvesting/treatment~~
 - ~~Incorporate best practices for home-business design~~

Handwritten notes: Trails

Visions that inform Goal B:

- Create a thriving art community
- Farmer's market at existing business
- Cultivate dark skies
- Quiet environment with clean air (Promote clean air)
- Maintain character of region within and surrounding San Marcos District
- Will respect the quiet and private nature of the District

Goal B: Appropriately scaled economy: Create a thriving arts and agricultural economy that respects rural, quiet and private character of the District with dark skies and clean air.

Handwritten notes: Actions for Ag economy?

- Proposed Actions:
 - Review options
 - design guidelines and best practices
 - Setback recommendations
 - Aligning policy- height, signs, etc.
 - Establish rules for number of lights, types of lights, hours of use
 - Encourage small business, home-based businesses, and protect fitness

Handwritten notes: Scale + intensity of biz, Density, Noise, Permits Allow Stormwater

Group Activity: Addressing Issues, Visions and Connecting Actions through Sections Write-ups

During the October meeting, the group took the sections written up for Cultural Resources, Infrastructure and Land Use and reviewed the goals related to each of these sections. The goals were developed during the Visioning Phase in the March meeting. Staff divided goals by their respective topics and then suggested wording the individual action steps to reach these goals as they related to Cultural Resources, Infrastructure, and Land Use. As a group, the Committee read through proposed language and modified, approved or disapproved of each item. Collectively, the group is creating the basis for a work plan that will be used after the adoption of the San Marcos District Plan to help achieve the District's vision.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th. 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