



## San Marcos Planning Committee Meeting #17 Meeting Summary 5.15.19

### Public Participation

The San Marcos Planning Committee meetings are always open to the public. Individuals, whether affiliated with the District or not, are welcome to participate in the meetings at any stage and staff always welcomes participants to invite others to join. The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting had 14 community members and three staff present.

### Overview of Timeline

The 2019 San Marcos District planning process began in February 2018 with a visioning and existing conditions phase. After gathering the current issues and visions of the community, the group started working on the second phase, creating goals and a future land use plan. The third and final phase of this planning process, which began in February 2019, involves establishing the strategy for implementing the plan and reviewing the draft plan document.

Once the draft plan is approved by the San Marcos Planning Committee, the group will present the document to the public in two District-wide meetings. After incorporating feedback from the community and finalizing the plan, the 2019 San Marcos District Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption and amendment to the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

### Group Activity: Review Draft Comments

Staff collected comments from the Committee on the April 24<sup>th</sup> San Marcos District Draft Plan and addressed them in a matrix. Though staff was able to make most of the recommended changes, two of the comments needed to be discussed among the group to proceed. The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting activity was dedicated to giving direction as to the two comments in question, which were:

- Is it really the sentiment of the group that most rural residents value and want to protect land and nature, along with their own peace and privacy? Some people may disagree with the statement that choosing a rural life means “to live outside of the strict rules that govern a city.”
- Why is there a gap in the proposed Arts Overlay between Lone Butte and NM 42? How was this overlay boundary established and why doesn't it follow NM 14?

Through discussion, the group decided that the language of the first comment should not create a negative contrast with the city, so they proposed changing the statement on page 20 to, “a desire to enjoy the privacy and freedom of a rural setting.” For the overlay, the group decided to make the Arts Overlay across the entire District, matching the Agriculture Overlay, and to make narrow Rural Commercial Overlay along NM 14. The draft document and comment form can be found at the San Marcos page:

[https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth\\_management/community\\_planning\\_center/san\\_marcos](https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/san_marcos)