



San Marcos Planning Committee Meeting #4 Meeting Summary 5.30.18

Introductions and Committee Participation

The San Marcos Planning Committee convened for its fourth meeting on Wednesday, May 30th at the Turquoise Trail Charter School Library. Residents, community members and business owners in the San Marcos District are always welcome to join the process, regardless of whether they have participated in previous meetings. The May meeting was attended by twenty individuals, including three people who were new to this planning process and three Planning Staff, all of whom introduced themselves to the group.

Planning Process Overview

Staff reviewed the materials generated as a result of the April meeting and distributed new draft materials. Staff then explained the current stage in the planning timeline, also known as the “Roadmap,” demonstrating how Phase 1 reviews the current situation in cultural assets, natural resources, agriculture, and land use. During each meeting the group adds nuance to the future Vision of the topic at hand and harnesses the knowledge of the group to enhance details in the sections.

The group wanted to have a chart or graphic generated to represent at which phase of the process they could add specific details into the District Plan such as to identify uses not allowed in the San Marcos District. Staff will work on generating a clearer graphic for the District Plan Draft completion, public review, presentation to the Board of County Commissioners, and adoption into the Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

Group Activity: Economic Activity Analysis and Needs

The group activity for the May meeting focused on economic activity. The group split into two groups and used maps brought by staff to indicate different types of land uses and businesses in the area. They found that specific land uses and land use patterns were difficult to locate on the map, but that the use of accessory dwellings for home businesses, studio space, and short-term rentals was widespread.

Then the group discussed the future needs for the community. Some suggestions included having a space for a coffee shop, bakery, or perhaps an ATM. The group discussed drafting plan language that would prevent intensive land uses and potential businesses not conforming with the Community’s character. Another suggestion after the meeting was to have a once-a-month food truck day.

At the end of the meeting, the groups presented their work to each other and brainstormed ideas about how to include some tourist attractions along the Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway. This also spurred a conversation about capturing what makes San Marcos area special.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 27th. 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