

Tesuque Planning Committee Meeting Meeting Summary 7.18.19

Public Participation

Santa Fe County Planning Staff convened the third Tesuque Planning Committee Meeting with ten community members on July 18th. Members of the public are always welcome to attend the Planning Committee meetings and need no prior authorization to participate in the planning process. The Tesuque planning process was authorized by Resolution 2019-47 to update the plan to be a representative document of the Tesuque community, as well as to bring the plan elements into compliance with the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) and the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC).

Phase 2 of Proposed Changes

Following the roadmap for this plan update process, Staff prepared draft changes to the pages 1-30 of the 2013 Tesuque Community Plan and reviewed the changes with the Planning Committee. These changes followed the consistency review criteria of 1) changing the land use categories in the Plan to be consistent with the SGMP, 2) removing and replacing references to ordinances which are no longer in use, and 3) removing any regulatory language from the document.

The first section of the 2013 Plan outlines the community vision, as well as background information about the community. The proposed changes to this section include:

- Adding language to the Plan Purpose reflect the Plan's role as a guiding policy document consistent with the SGMP
- Modifying the "New Challenges and Opportunities" section to reflect changing circumstances of community preparedness for fire in 2013 to now include flooding in 2019
- Updating demographics, housing, employment, existing land use and development patterns to reflect 2019 data
- Modifying regulatory language about road development requirements to become "Recommendations"
- Updating the Aamodt Settlement section to reflect most current information about implementing the Settlement

After reviewing the proposed changes, the group had a fruitful discussion about how the fence height regulations from the 2013 Plan have been received by the Tesuque Community. People who had been part of the previous planning process described how the fence height standards had evolved and people who have found it difficult to comply with shared their experience. This open and productive discussion helped the group better understand some of the additional items that could be addressed in the Plan Update.

The next meeting will be held on August 22nd. Planning materials can be found at the website: https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/tesuque