



Tesuque Planning Committee Kickoff Meeting Meeting Summary 5.13.19

Public Participation

Forty members of the public attended a kick-off meeting for the Tesuque Community Planning Process on Monday, May 13th at the Turquoise Trail Elementary School. In preparation for the meeting, the County posted a message on the school marquee and sent a postcard invitation to every resident and business owner within the Tesuque Community District boundary. The planning process is open to all community members, and the committee seeks diverse representation from all stakeholders in the District, including residents, business-owners, equestrian and agricultural groups, arts and economic development communities.

2019 Tesuque Community Plan Update

Staff started the kickoff with introductions of the four staff who will be working on the Plan with the Community. Staff also asked the existing Tesuque Planning Committee members to introduce themselves.

Staff introduced the need for the Plan Update, which includes changes to three areas of the existing 2013 Tesuque Community Plan:

- Change the land use categories in the Plan to be consistent with the Sustainable Growth Management Plan
- Remove and replace references to ordinances which are no longer in use
- Remove any regulatory language within the Plan document

As background for people who had not participated in County planning processes previously, Staff introduced the framework in which the Tesuque Plan operates. There are two documents that the County uses as policy and regulatory guides: the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) and the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC). Community plans amend the SGMP, which become the basis for the regulations in the community, which are found in Chapter 9 of the SLDC. Because the 2013 Tesuque Plan was developed before the 2015 SGMP and 2015 SLDC, a few of the items within Tesuque's Plan are inconsistent with the County document.

Community Plan Process Timeline and Next Steps

Staff anticipate that the Tesuque Community Plan update will take place over approximately 6 to 12 months of monthly meetings. After the Plan Update is adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, the Tesuque Community District Overlay revision process will occur within approximately 3 to 6 months.

All materials related to the planning process can be found at the Tesuque Community Plan website:
https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/tesuque

The next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 13th.