

**Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Sammy Quintana Community Board Room**

*(Note: This is a meeting summary and is not intended to give the meeting contents in its entirety. If you would like to get more details about the meeting, please contact another committee member that was present at the meeting, or the SF County Planning staff.)*

The meeting was opened by David Dogruel at about 6:40pm. He was assisted by County Planning Staff, Jack Kolkmeyer and Renee Villarreal.

**Presentation by Superintendent Trujillo on Old High School L-Wing**

Superintendent Trujillo gave us a last minute presentation on the state of the old high school L-wing. The PV School District commissioned a study to compare costs of demolition and renovation to the L-wing. Sullivan Design Group was asked to do this comparative study. The draft study estimated that if the L-wing were to be brought up to all codes (i.e. ADA, building, asbestos removal etc.) These renovations and remodeling to just the L-wing would cost over \$3 million; compared to the \$841,000 it will cost to demolish this portion of the old school building. She also talked about the cost/benefit of building a new school instead of doing a renovation.

Superintendent Trujillo also explained to the committee about why the Public Schools Facilities Authority (PSFA) funds cannot be used instead for renovation and that future PSFA funding would be jeopardized for various reasons. The demolition funds could not be transferred to the county or another entity for renovation because 1) these funds are part of a state-wide public school capital equalization system and 2) the buildings remain the property of the District under the auspices of the Board of Education.

The Superintendent ended the discussion about potential uses for the building which included the possibilities of having an Early Childhood Center. The idea of inter-generational educational opportunities that would incorporate pre-school, young adolescents and seasoned citizens is also on still on the table. The fact is, the school district is continuously growing, not only from out of district, but in the district as more native residents are moving back home. Also, some children are moving back to the Valley to live with their grandparents. So there is always a need for more educational space and programs.

When asked if there were any materials and/or equipment that would be salvageable in the L-wing, Superintendent Trujillo said that she was working on a couple things to achieve this. A committee member asked if the school district could mix sources of funding for a project. The Superintendent said yes, as long as they aligned with the district's vision and the funding was all directed towards the same project. Also it must be a collaborative project in the name of "education".

David D. said that it looks as if any pursuit at this time for the L-Wing for a community center is not a viable option. The rest of the committee agreed, but decided that the group could still support the school's efforts to use the old school building and facilities for some a education-oriented purpose for the good of the community.

David Ortiz agreed with these ideas, but stated that the perception in the community is that demolition is not the right thing because not everyone has the facts that we were just given. We need to inform them in an understandable way.

The committee decided that we could support the decision and results of the cost study done and that we support the School Board and feel like this option makes the most sense for future opportunities to utilize the old school building. David D. said he would draft a letter of support, but that we would wait to submit it to the School Board until after they finalize the L-wing cost study.

### **Communications from the Committee/County:**

#### ***Jacona Land Grant Article***

David D. talked about how the New Mexican inaccurately stated the Planning Committee's intent for the Jacona Land Grant. The newspaper stated that the PVPC was planning on including the Grant's land into the traditional historic community so that the land density could be divided to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. David stated that this was never our intent; in fact, most of the preliminary discussions have been with a couple of the Jacona Land Grant heirs to possibly have part of the land grant included in the traditional boundary – but look at lower densities. This idea has been out on the table, but nothing has been decided. In addition, we would need a request from the Grant heirs stating that they would like to be included in the planning boundary, and at that point, the committee would have to make the decision to include them.

#### ***Graffiti Cleanup***

David D. announced the Board of Commissioners is considering the possibility of having graffiti cleanup equipment and materials housed at the fire station for community use. If community members would be willing to volunteer to do the work, materials would be available. Another committee member added that a Valley resident, Carlos Vaughn, is doing the same thing and maybe he can be contacted coordinate his effort and materials as well.

#### ***High-speed Internet Update***

Chuck Berger updated us about the status of the availability of high speed internet provided by Qwest. At this time, no additional information has been given and the contact for Qwest has been unavailable.

#### ***Agua Fria Community Plan***

Renee and Jack talked about the successful adoption of the Village of Agua Fria Community Plan. Renee was surprised how quickly the Board of County Commissioners approved the plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing. She attributed it to the thorough memo that answered all of the questions and concerns the Board had at the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing. Basically the committee and planning staff were able to say how the actions were going to be achieved and what specific steps would need to occur to achieve the actions. Jack said that this is the same thing that we need to do to with our Action Plans; make them as specific as possible, with realistic first steps that fall in line with the goals of our strategic plan.

#### **Action Plans for the Plan Document:**

The group had limited time to work on the Action Plans section because of the presentation and all the announcements. The group discussed the way to include educational initiatives in the strategic plan although these are out of the realm of what a strategic plan, that is primarily land-use based, is set out to achieve. We tried to figure out what specific steps we could take to make the youth based action plans achievable. We will continue this discussion and get through more action plans at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sammy Quintana Community Board Room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.