

Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary
Thursday, September 28, 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 either a committee member who was present at the meeting, or the SF County Planning staff.)

The meeting was opened by David Dogruel at about 6:40pm.

News from the Committee

David D. informed us that road construction will be starting on CR 109 North, also known as N. Shining Sun Road. The Pueblo is putting in water pipes. Construction will include boring underneath 285 so that the pipes can cross the highway. Non-residents should avoid 109 North during the construction. David also reminded us about the car show and pancake breakfast at the Fire Station on Saturday, Oct 7th. Breakfast will be served from 9:00am to 11:00 AM, and then burgers and hot dogs will be available for lunch.

Levi told us that a hazardous waste dump is being developed at Nambe Pueblo and is near completion. They will hire people from the State to help them run it and ensure that it meets State standards. We do not know if adherence to State standards is voluntary. The Pueblo has sold about 100,000 yards of dirt. The resulting large hole is being lined to use for storing waste.

News from the County

Jack said that Kenyan runners have been in town for several months and are training on the running trails in the Valley, specifically in the area we plan to designate as a multi-purpose trail. This is a sure sign that this area is ideal for training and is one of the reasons we want to pursue the trail system.

Action Plans

Renee distributed new drafts for Goal 3, and parts of Goal 2 that she and Elaine have been working on.

The discussion focused on Action 3A, which deals with creating what we are provisionally calling a Valley Council. Jack told us that the County attorney believes that our idea of expanding the LDRC to include a planning function would not be legal under the current Code. We spent a good deal of the meeting discussing the best way to go about setting up a Valley Council that is authorized by the County. We ultimately agreed that that we would need to have the creation of the Valley Council be an Action of our Plan. Thus our Plan cannot assume the existence of the Valley Council or that the board would approve the idea. In order to have an LDRC that would allow an expanded functionality, we would need to have the BCC approve the Plan first. With approval of the Plan, an ordinance, along with other standards, regulations or procedural requirements would then need to be approved. We agreed to add material to the background section of Action 3A, justifying our need for a Valley Council. Mary Louise suggested that we get letters of support for a Valley Council concept from existing Valley organizations.

While we were discussing the best way to create a Valley Council, a number of other points were made. We briefly discussed a name for the Valley Council but did not come up with a satisfactory name. This will need more processing and more input in order to come up with a name.

Carlos said that we need an entity that can communicate directly with the Pueblos. Jack said that at the last inter-governmental meeting the Pueblos did not view that idea favorably and would rather have as a government to government interaction. He added that we might be able to build communication with the Pueblos incrementally. For example, we could start with a Valley Youth Council that would include Pueblo and non-Pueblo youth working together.

We also briefly discussed the idea of a charter for the Valley Council. This would include how the members are selected and what its mission would be. We decided that an outline of a charter should be part of our Plan in order to give the Commissioner a more tangible product to consider.

Next meeting:

We ended the meeting at 8:40pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 12th.