

Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary
April 7th, 2005 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Sammy Quintana Community Board Room

The meeting started at 6:30pm. David Dogruel chaired the meeting and was assisted by Jack Kolkmeier and Renee Villarreal from Santa Fe County. Renee and Jack presented the award certificates and prizes for the high school students who won or received honorable mentions for the committee logo contest. Ike Martinez, who received a first place, and Joseph Romero who received second place, were in attendance to receive their prizes. Ike won \$100 and his logo will be used for any official committee correspondence. Joseph won a prize of \$50 for second place.

Jack went over the days of the meetings that have been scheduled with the Pueblo leadership. The following are the dates and times for the meetings to take place with Commissioner Montoya, the County Planning staff and a few of the committee members:

April 28th, 10:00am - Tesuque Pueblo
April 28th, 1:00pm – Nambe Pueblo

May 3rd, 10:00am – San Ildefonso Pueblo
May 3rd, 2:00pm – Pueblo of Pojoaque

Some committee members volunteered to attend some of the Pueblo leadership meetings. Renee said that if anyone else would like to participate in these meetings, please email or call her to let her know what day and time you can attend. Jack said that he thinks 2 to 4 committee members should attend each Pueblo leadership meeting.

The committee then began working on a summary of assumptions and challenges put together by Carl Moore, the committee facilitator. The group also went over what will eventually be the elements of the plan. The working draft of the document will be attached to this meeting summary to be reviewed by other committee members and interested parties.

The next meeting the committee will continue editing the document, which will be used to discuss issues of the Valley with Pueblo leadership, as well as possibilities for collaboration with our Pueblo neighbors.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 21st** at the Sammy Quintana Community Board Room at the Jacona Campus from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Principles and Challenges for the Pojoaque Valley Community Plan

Assumptions

(What we know to be true)

- ◆ The Valley is historically rooted in rural agriculture, the interweaving of private and Pueblo trust lands, and the intercultural cooperation of a diverse mix of people.
- ◆ The people of the Valley want to preserve its rural character, natural beauty, the acequias, the open space, and the high quality of the environment.
- ◆ The Valley is influenced by the advent of Indian gaming and the subsequent expansion of commercial development.
- ◆ The economy of the Valley depends on Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Española and the economic activities of the Pueblos.
- ◆ The conflict over water usage and appropriation undermines cooperation among people of the Valley, as well as a sense that a positive future is possible.
- ◆ A positive future must include strategies that motivate the youth to stay in the Valley.

Challenges

- ◆ The people of the Valley need to find better ways of communicating with each other.
- ◆ Rapid residential and commercial development threatens the traditional nature and the quality of life in the Valley.
- ◆ The conflict over water persists in the Valley.
- ◆ The interweaving of private and Pueblo lands is straining relationships.
- ◆ Indian gaming, related commercial development, zoning, and the reconfiguration of local highways present challenges to realizing a diverse local economy.

Approach

The first element of the plan and the first thing that has to be done to address the challenges is to:

1. Create an entity that looks after the interests of the Valley and is able to plan cooperatively with the Pueblos, the County, State and Federal governments, and the Jacona Land Grant.

NOTE: It will be important to determine what is planned cooperatively with the Pueblos and what lies outside the province of such planning.

The following are the remaining elements of the plan. They reflect the Planning Committee's best thinking about what needs to be done to achieve the shared vision for the Valley. These items are listed separately but they are not independent. They are likely to be interdependent.

2. Ensure a clean water supply.
3. Serve youth.
4. Understand, resolve and communicate land use issues.
5. Grow the local economy.
6. Develop public places that support real community.
7. Improve physical and human services.

The following are the actions necessary to achieve each of the elements:

2. What can be done to ensure a clean water supply?
 - ***The Valley needs a fair, comprehensive and sustainable water usage plan for domestic and irrigation purposes.***
 - a. Pursue options for wastewater management and treatment systems.
 - b. Develop and implement strategies for water conservation.
 - E.g.) Use of effluent, grey water, water catchments, etc.
 - c. Improve acequia diversions and delivery systems.
 - d. Continue to protect and utilize domestic wells.

*(Committee will review and edit the following below at the next
PV Planning Committee meeting)*

3. How can we serve youth?
 - ***Prepare children for the demands of 21st century and responsible citizenship.***
 - a. Provide a quality education.
 - b. Provide more employment opportunities.
 - c. Create more recreational opportunities.
 - d. Create a Youth Council of Community and Pueblo youth that can work directly with the County on youth-related issues.
4. How can we understand, resolve and communicate land use issues?
 - ***Evaluate existing zoning regulations as needed to address growth and land use issues such as density, family transfers, and affordable housing.***
 - a. Communicate the county zoning ordinances that affect the Traditional Communities in the Valley.
 - E.g.) Create a County zoning handbook that explains what zoning ordinances specifically apply to the Traditional Communities.
 - a. Evaluate existing zoning regulations as they pertain to land use in the Valley.
 - b. Modify existing regulations as needed and communicate them to the Valley residents.

5. How do you grow the local economy?
 - ***Decide what local businesses are appropriate and ways in which to support them.***
 - a. Organize a local farmer's market.
 - b. Provide technical and other support to small, home-based entrepreneurial businesses
 - E.g.) Provide high-speed Internet access to all Valley citizens.
 - c. Create a commercial zone or corridor for Valley business (Non-Pueblo).
 - d. Promote an arts and crafts economy in the Valley
 - E.g.) Expand the Pojoaque Valley Art Tour.
6. What public places can support real community in the Valley?
 - ***Create a few new public facilities and shared gathering places.***
 - a. Create a connected trail system.
 - Running course(s)
 - b. Provide a multi-purpose community center.
 - Youth and senior center
 - Performing arts space
 - Community park
7. How can we improve physical and human services?
 - ***Create task force groups to tackle these community problems along with collaborating with governmental agencies for support.***
 - a. Increase law enforcement presence to address vandalism, speeding, graffiti, and animal control.
 - b. Offer programs to address drugs, alcohol, gambling, suicide prevention, birth control and mentoring.
 - c. Work to resolved trash and dumping issues.
 - d. Install more speed bumps.
 - e. Create more public education opportunities to discourage littering.
 - f. Provide more frequent access to transfer stations.
 - g. Develop an approach to better maintain roads.