

Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary
May 12th, 2005 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 started at 6:40pm. David Dogruel chaired the meeting and was assisted by Jack Kolkmeier and Renee Villarreal from Santa Fe County, and Lynne Canning and Carl Moore. Announcements were made by some of the committee members. Diane Boissevain said that after the informational meeting held with the Pojoaque Pueblo, she received a call as a follow-up to work on the community day events with the Pueblo. The first event of the summer will take place on Saturday, June 12th. Diane said that she will be responsible for contacting local artists to see if they would like to participate in the arts and crafts fair of the community event. There will be no booth fee for artists to participate. Other events that will take place will be a dunking tank; grilled hotdogs and drinks will be sold for (hotdogs and the buns are being donated by the Supermarket and the grill will be borrowed by TrueValue Hardware store); Native American adult dances, and Spanish music dance bands will be performing also. The details are still being worked out, but the events will take place from 10am to 5pm.

Joey Natseway announced that a group she belongs to *Tewa Women United* is hosting the International Council of the Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers who are here in New Mexico for a meeting. They will be hosting a few public events as well. The first event will take place on Saturday, May 21st at the Lensic Theatre in Santa Fe from 7:00pm –9:00pm. The event, which will include a lecture and possibly singing, is free to the public, but donations will be accepted. The second place will take place on the old Pojoaque Pueblo pow wow grounds from sunrise to sunset on Sunday, May 22nd. This would be the opportunity to meet and great the different indigenous grandmothers from around the world. There will also be food and entertainment throughout the day.

The group began talking about the meetings held with the Pueblos. Jack said that all the meetings were all very positive and that he felt like there will be specific projects to work on with each of them. He also stated that each of Pueblos reinforced the committee's concern for serving the youth in the Valley. Jack asked committee members who attended the meetings make any comments or observations.

These were some of the comments made:

- In regards to serving our youth, there should be a way to incorporate a student-mentoring program in the Valley where the youth would mentor their peers and get paid a decent wage for this.
- That each Pueblo operates very differently from each other and some of the misconceptions the Valley residents have about the Pueblos were clarified in the meetings.
- Committee members expressed the fact that the meetings had a comfortable atmosphere where they felt at ease to ask questions and have a dialogue with Pueblo leadership.

- The committee should have brought up the Valley clean-up days and how the Pueblos could be involved in this community event. This should have been a higher priority topic for all of us.

The committee began discussing the past scenarios that were written. Doug Crosby stated that the scenarios were important because they provided a different viewpoint of the future of the Valley. If we do not use some sort of scenario then we lose the dynamics and flexibility in the plan. A “most likely” scenario would be important to consider, but the committee also has to have contingency plans if the most desirable future doesn’t go the direction we would like.

Elaine Best said the explicit scenarios that were created made her nervous and she has been worried about the negativity of them and does not think they should be included in the plan. Other group members agreed.

Jack said that it sounded like the logics of the scenarios is what people supported, but what was included in the scenarios may not be applicable anymore.

Carl reminded the group that a useful scenario must include the following elements. It must be:

Plausible – can’t be just a pie in the sky viewpoint

Emergent – must be realistic

Divergent – must include other options

Relevant - significant to the place you are planning for

The group decided they would like to look at what would good look like, but then what other things could also possibly occur. So the most desired future would then gauged against things that could possibly shift or change in the process. Carl said the next meeting we would look at contingencies that could occur and create a scenario in which everyone feels comfortable.