

**Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 6:35pm. David Dogruel chaired the meeting and was assisted by Jack Kolkmeier and Renee Villarreal from Santa Fe County, and Carl Moore, facilitator. Announcements were made by some of the committee members. Diane Boissevain updated the committee about the Pojoaque Valley Festival that will take place June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 5pm. She said that the Pueblo of Pojoaque is really getting things together. They will be spending a good chunk of money on this community-wide event. There will be tents set up and a bandstand for the live entertainment. Forty to forty-five booths will be available and most likely will require a refundable \$25 deposit. There are five to six spaces for licensed food vendors to participate, and the Boys and Girls Club will be selling hotdogs and drinks. Diane added that her role in the planning is to encourage vendors to participate, and also to get the word out through the committee. Diane passed out flyers she created to post and distribute.

Carl suggested that the committee try to set up a booth to be able to provide information about what the committee has been working on, and solicit more community input at the same time. Diane said she thought it might be possible, but she would have to check with the coordinator of the event. Chuck Berger also asked if she could find out if the Red Cross could also possibly set up a booth at the community event.

Carl Berney said that he was approached by a Nambe Pueblo tribal member in his neighborhood who was investigating tribal access to try to identify problem areas. Jack said the issue of boundaries and rights of way were discussed in the meeting with the Nambe Pueblo Governor as well. He is aware that we would also like to work on these same issues and has given us the number of the contact person to do so.

David discussed the graffiti on the highway art that occurred the day before. He said if anyone has any information, to please notify the County Sheriff. He added that the Sheriff's office has an idea of who the taggers are, but they almost have to catch someone in the act or have a legitimate witness to take any serious action.

Dave also asked the committee if there was anyone that would take on the role of the notetaker for the committee because that position has been vacant for a while. In addition, as much as the committee appreciates Renee's meeting summaries, it is not her job to take notes. Elaine Best said she would take on the job after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Renee gave a summary of the informational meeting the County had with Tesuque Pueblo on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She said a positive dialogue took place and that she felt the overall sentiment was that it is important to communicate with our Pueblo neighbors about the plan as it progresses. She referred to the complete meeting summary handout of all the tribal leadership meetings that were held this month.

Don Wilson asked what we could do as a committee with each Pueblo to build on what we've accomplished in regards to communication and our recent informational meetings. He added that if we could work on at least one specific project with each Pueblo, then we would be successful.

Jack said that part of the strategic planning process is about taking things apart and prioritizing specific issues to work on first. Carl added that is also important to consider the elements that the committee has already laid out, and decide what things can start to get done first. We also need to consider where will need permission, and where we can move forward with our own power.

The committee began to discuss the "Desired Future" handout which was a compilation of the goals and intent of creating a plan that came from the original mission, vision, community-wide meeting, and the most recent Principles and Challenges document.

Some changes and additions were made to this document. Carlos Ortiz said that the Valley needs a power base and a person or persons that can talk to the Pueblos on an equal basis. He said that the Pueblos are doing some neat things for their people and the rest of the Valley may be the recipient or the victim of these initiatives because we don't have power or an economic base. We then have to depend on the County for services and support.

Levi said that even with this plan, we are going to have to depend on the County in many cases. Dave added that that is not necessarily true seeing as how after a community plan is approved, a local development review committee (LDRC) is created that will make decisions about local issues and growth independently from the County. Levi agreed but said the committee is empowered by the County to create a LDRC anyway.

Elaine said that also another advantage from the planning process is the opportunity to create other entities that would have credibility and possibly have the ability to write grants for certain projects in the Valley. Carlos added that maybe a person could be hired whose main job would be to communicate with the government representatives and the Pueblos on certain issues.

Jack said that the committee is going to need to examine obstacles and alternatives to working on the issue of gaining a more formal authority. Carl then passed out an action plan outline for the committee to discuss. The committee went through an action plan exercise with Carl for the remainder of the meeting. The committee agreed to start using the action template to try to tackle each of the elements on the Principles and Challenges sheet. The committee will be working on the action plan for these elements at the next meeting.