

Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee Meeting Summary
Thursday, July 28th, 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 6:30pm. David Dogruel chaired the meeting and was assisted by Jack Kolkmeier and Renee Villarreal from Santa Fe County, and Carl Moore, the group facilitator. The following was discussed in the meeting:

- The Aamodt water meeting held by the Office of the State Engineers. Committee members that attended said that approximately 100 people were in attendance and that the meeting was very contentious and discouraging.
- David Dogruel announced that the Pojoaque Volunteer Fire Department would be holding the 2nd Annual Safety Day/Open House on Saturday, July 30th.
- Diane Boissevain updated the committee that the Pojoaque Festival will be held August 6th at the Pojoaque Plaza. So far they have twelve vendors, lots of bands, games for the kids, and a couple food booths.
- Diane also announced that dances are now being held at the Bingo Hall every other Thursday at the Cities of Gold Casino.
- Don updated the committee about the progress of rehabilitating the tennis court across from the intermediate school. All the landscaping and cutting down of invasive trees has been completed, and the County is waiting to seal the court with sealant when they get the materials in.
- The committee discussed the opportunity to redevelop the old high school property. Amelia Garcia, Don Wilson, and David Ortiz agreed to meet with the superintendent to get more information and find the legal description for “educational purposes” as defined by the deed requirements. Jack added that starting a community development commission (CDC) would be a good thing in order to move forward with projects such as this one. David O. also suggested the possibility of the County or an entity like a CDC to lease the property from the school. This project is bigger than what this committee can handle, but the committee would still like to be involved in the discussions and direction of this project. Jack stated that the committee’s role will be to put this idea in the community strategic plan as one of the strategies or action items that the committee would like to accomplish. David D. added that this would be one of many selling points to the Commission that will assist in getting the plan passed.
- The group discussed when the next community-wide meeting should be held. The proposed date thrown out was Aug 27th. Carl said he would be out of town, but that we should still hold the meeting, the sooner the better. The next weekends were out because of Labor Day weekend and Fiestas de Santa Fe weekend. The next open Saturday would be September 17th. The committee said this could be the tentative date.
- The committee agreed that they would like to hold a booth at the Pojoaque Festival. County staff agreed to get the materials together and have the committee work the booth on Saturday.
- The committee finished the last action plan about creating a Valley Council and discussed what role this entity would play. The overall idea would be that this group would also be in charge of seeing the projects and action plans of the strategic plan to fruition.