

Multi-Use Facility Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

October 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Corrales Village Council Chambers and on Zoom

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am

2. Roll Call

Present for today's meeting were committee members Ed Boles, Barbara Boyd, Sherrie Jones, John Perea, Patricia DeVivi, Rick Snow, Johnny Martinez, Ken Martinez, and Cynthia Nava. Also present were Village Administrator Ron Curry and Mayor James F. Fahey, Jr. for a portion of the meeting. There were 18 community members in the audience and several on Zoom.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Approval of minutes from 9/21/23

Sherry Jones moved to approve the minutes from September 21 and Ed Boles seconded. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

5. Approval of minutes from 10/5/23

Cynthia Nava moved to approve the minutes from October 5 and Pat DeVivi seconded. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

6. Input from Committee Members

The chair asked each committee member to share their input on the project with the committee and audience.

Ken Martinez. Ken submitted a document to the committee which he briefly highlighted in the meeting.

- Maintain agricultural feel

- Obtain Village input
- Shared electronic ways to obtain Village input
- Prefer a Village facility versus a regional facility
- Current design has 71% of the space for auditorium and theater. Need more space for education, classrooms, and meeting space.
- There needs to be a competitive process to determine an anchor tenant
- Needs to include space for dances, concerns, entertainment
- Need a traffic study
- Need to determine parking
- Propose an inclusive, diverse, and transparent process to obtain input

Ed Boles

- MainStreet states the design for the Arts and Cultural district is anchored in rural and agricultural heritage
- Spoken to Steve Grollman from WH Pacific and no one on their staff has been contacted for a traffic study
- Shared the process he has used for informed consent and consent building – SDIC.

John Perea

- Agreed with Ed
- Need to gather community support and to do that we need to know what the community wants

Pat DeVivi

- Is interested in understanding the local theater experience such as size of theaters, what types of productions, traffic, and financial support

Cynthia Nava

- Need an architect who has developed performing arts centers to help us refine this multi-use facility

Rick Snow

- No additional comments at this time

Sherry Jones

- Shared the Google Form she has created the output of which will be a spreadsheet, producing a clearer understanding of the feedback
- Created a QR code that can go on the Village Facebook page, Village website, flyers, etc.
- Would like more input from the committee on the form
- Has entered information from prior committee
- Noted that traffic is a concern and has to be studied and addresses
- Regional status will enable us to get the funding to build this

Johnny Martinez

- Spoken to Nancy Perea, the traffic engineer for our district, they would need to do a traffic study
- Wants to get it right
- Determine what Village residents want
- Read ordinance for this committee
- Reiterated that traffic is a concern
- Size is a concern
- Want to keep Corrales as Corrales

Barbara Boyd

- Read part of the resolution that formed the prior committee – specifically that it was formed to create a performing arts center
- The prior committee met with 4H, 2 of the 3 Village schools, Village in a Village, Village Parks and Recreation Commission, Corrales Kiwanis Club, Corrales MainStreet, Master Gardeners, Corrales Arts Center, Corrales Society of Artists, Corrales Historical Society, Corrales Library, and numerous Corrales residents. After meeting with these groups we quickly learned we needed to pivot from a performing arts center to a multi-use facility including classrooms, meeting rooms, and visual art gallery.

7. Public Comment

Councilor Woldman

- Shared the Village Comprehensive Plan survey will be going out to Villagers shortly.
- He encouraged all to provide their input on the survey or at various focus groups being scheduled by Village Councilors.

Tom Jones

- Wondered if we are tied to this parcel of land
- Would like us to consider offsite parking with a shuttle to the facility

Mary Ann Bashowic (sp?)

- Obtain public input
- What would this project mean at various levels – such as water, fire protection, police, traffic
- Perform traffic studies
- Think about what Corrales wants – regional theater, classrooms

Doug Castile

- Want more information about the project
- Don't want a Los Ranchos issue here
- Not for a regional center
- Concerned about growth in Corrales – preserving Corrales
- Doesn't want the Old Church to lose out
- Will be a watch dog – he cares

Marg Elliston

- Shocked when she saw the plan
- Want to see us do better
- More flexible – not fixed seats to allow dancing
- Be creative
- Honor our environment

Greg Pole (sp?)

- Assumption of regional financing versus local financing

- Ron Curry noted that every building in the Village was established as a regional facility – restaurants, Growers Market, Old Church, recreation. Corrales is a regional draw.
- To what extent did regional drive assumption of financing?
 - Barbara Boyd shared the prior committee was considering Public/Private funding for the center
- Do we want more growth to come to Corrales? Incessant growth is not wanted by Villagers
 - Ed Boles noted that businesses rely on those outside the Village. If limited to Villagers only it would put businesses at risk
- Doug would like to see a balance – how many more businesses do we need?
 - Sherry Jones noted there is a lot of internal to Corrales traffic
 - She encouraged us to not be so afraid and provide for our citizens

Rudy Miera

- 70% of space set aside for performing arts
- Watch dog too
- Monstrosity in Los Ranchos
- Need more community input, more communication
- Have to address traffic now, not later

Julie Dyfill (sp?)

- Good to hear committee input
- More needs assessment among arts community – get information from businesses on Corrales Road that display art, don't want to compete with these artists
- Not so large an auditorium
- What are the main needs that support this building
- Include history of Corrales told through the arts

Veronica Deche (sp?)

- Has questions about the process

- Where does the money come from for all the studies that are needed?
That will take time and money
 - Mayor Fahey noted that we have no money for this project.
Want to put plans together to be shovel ready when the funding comes.
- So much input is needed and how does that get paid for, do we have the funds to make the changes to the plan?

Pat McClernon

- Put everyone on a listserv together to get the information out
- He is a retire architect and the typical process is to start with a pro forma budget including maintenance and operating budgets to help you determine what you can build

Mayor Fahey

- This is a conceptual plan
- He provided some historic background
- Money will be sought from federal, state, and county sources not from bonds
- We had to start somewhere
- If the Villagers don't want it, we won't do it
- The Comprehensive Plan will include a question or two about the arts
- The timing on the results of the survey for the Comprehensive Plan is February or March.

Greg Pole

- If there is no funding then there are no resources to refine the plan

Tom Jones

- Will this be voted on?
 - Mayor Fahey shared that Village Council will have to approve any spending

Doug Castile

- Who paid for the original plans?
 - Mayor Fahey shared they were completed by Facility Build at no cost

Cynthia Nava

- Noted that a survey providing feedback from the community is critical and that we are going to spin until we have that information. She wondered if we could add questions to the Comprehensive Plan Survey.
 - Mayor Fahey noted that the survey was within days of going out and there was a question or two about the arts.
 - Johnny Martinez agreed with Cynthia and wondered if we will need to reset upon getting additional information
 - Sherry Jones noted the Google Form for data gathering and asked for feedback on the form

Allen Brim

- Is new to Corrales which he noted is now a population of about 9,000 people. He believes we need to understand unintended consequences.
- He is associated with the arts and came here for the artist community.
- He also knows about building a theater.
- People in Corrales like the arts, they want a place to come down the hill to enjoy.
- He sees people in Corrales using this multi-use facility
- Would consider a scale down of the auditorium to more of a black box size
 - Mayor Fahey shared we will not be like Los Ranchos
 - We need to build what you anticipate you would like to have

Greg Pole

- Avoid an either/or choice
- Try not to reinforce polarization
- Get suggestions not objections

Rudy Miera

- He didn't like what he saw in the conceptual design
- Form should follow function – serve what the need is
- What people need and want
- Get as much input as possible

8. Wrap-up

Johnny Martinez will be out of town at our next scheduled meeting on November 2. He will ask the Mayor to chair that meeting.

Johnny Martinez thanked everyone for their participation and input. He noted there are many unanswered questions and we are doing our best to get the information out. We will continue to meet using Zoom to provide transparency.

9. Action Items

- a. The committee is to provide feedback to Sherry Jones regarding the questions on the Google form

10. Adjournment – Rick Snow moved to adjourn at 11:45. Sherry Jones seconded and it was unanimously approved.