Multi-Use Facility Committee Meeting

FINAL Minutes

February 29, 2024 10:00 AM

Corrales Village Council Chambers and on Zoom

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

1. Roll Call

Present for today’s meeting were committee members Ed Boles, Barbara Boyd, Sherry Jones, Patricia DeVivi, Rick Snow, Johnny Martinez, Ken Martinez, Cynthia Nava, and John Perea. Also present were Village Clerk Melanie Romero. There were many community members in the audience and several on Zoom.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Martinez, seconded by Rick Snow, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of minutes from 2/15/24

Ed Boles moved to approve the minutes from February 15 and John Perea seconded. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

1. Approval of minutes from 2/20/24

Rick Snow moved to approve the minutes from February 20 and Cynthia Nava seconded. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

1. Discussion of Draft Report

Barbara Boyd began reading the report until Melanie Romero put the report on the screen in the Council Chambers.

Preamble – Ed Boles noted the definition of consensus can be most and can be all. Cynthia Nava wondered who was invested? We agreed to strike that sentence with a motion from Ed Boles and a second from Cynthia Nava and carried by voice vote.

Introduction – No discussion

Background – Last paragraph, last sentence. Ed agreed to help us reword that section. All agreed.

Multi-Use Center Committee Process –

* Paragraph 13 - Need to include the Comprehensive Plan Survey data as a large amount of Village residents expressed their opinion on the question of a Multi-Use Center (1,880). Agreed to change the sentence in paragraph 13.
* Paragraph 14 – Ed Boles felt the facilitator was biased in his facilitation. Sherry Jones noted she thought the facilitators were helpful and not biased. They helped us look at what we thought was important and valuable. Rick Snow noted the bias but methodology was sound and the process provided a good outcome. Johnny Martinez noted the final conclusions did not reflect bias. We left the paragraph as originally presented.

Results: Needs - Item 4 – Sherry Jones asked that specific properties owned by the Village not be listed in this result as we were asked to look at the Jones location as stated in the resolution. She felt it was fine to say other sites but not list specific sites. Ken Martinez and Johnny Martinez thought it was important to explore all options to ensure equestrian safety and youth safety. Melanie Romero shared the Parks and Rec Commission selected the Jones site in the 1990’s. Sherry noted the Gonzales 5.5 acres is in conservation easement and would negatively impact that easement. Cynthia Nava noted that the resolution specifies the Jones property. John Perea asked that we strike the specific names of other properties. Ed Boles moved to strike the names of other properties and Rick Snow seconded. All agreed.

Results: Concerns – Ed Boles added a concern about traffic and congestion as there is only one way in and one way out of the Jones property. Johnny noted this is a serious issue and one the Council will need to consider. No change to the language.

Conclusions – no changes.

Recommendations –

* Item 3 – Sherry Jones asked that the Gonzales property be taken off of the recommendation due to the conservation easement. John Perea moved that the Village should consider additional property and take out the sentence about the Gonzales property. Cynthia Nava seconded and all agreed.
* Item 4 – Ed Boles noted that we should include an architect from the beginning even helping with site selection. Ed volunteered to help rewrite the bullets under item 4 in sequential order and with the appropriate architectural language.

Summary – Sherry Jones thanked the facilitators for volunteering their time and helping with the process. Cynthia Nava and Pat DeVivi agreed. Sherry Jones also thanked the writing team: Rick Snow, Ken Martinez, Johnny Martinez, and Barbara Boyd. She thought the report was thoughtful and thorough.

Johnny Martinez noted the new Gym is having a grand opening on Saturday, March 2 from noon to 2. John Perea provided more details.

1. Public Comment

Carmen Martinez Tittmann

* Uncomfortable with the meeting today
* One person’s family privilege over the Village regarding the consideration of another property
* This erodes public and community trust

Sherry Jones noted that we did not have time as a group to do our work of the committee including drafting the report. She has no anger or resentment as the Jones family sold their property to the Village

Diana Kelleher

* “If you build it they will come” – do we want to draw more people from outside the Village?
* Uncontrolled traffic
* What does broader Corrales community want? People who live here should decide

Rudy Miera

* Want to move to more trusting environment
* All data have not been created equally

Patrick McClernon

* Need to get an architect involved from the beginning including site location
* Building coverage – impervious coverage of land, includes sidewalks
* Consider looking at the entire Jones property that is available, not just the 1 acre
* Comprehensive Plan Survey data is irrelevant

Fred Hashimoto

* Thank you for involving the public, given public a fantastic opportunity and it was a very good process.
* Thank you for your time and efforts – serving the community well

Sabine Shurter

* Thank you to everyone involved
* If being built – needs to be for people of Corrales, affordable, and enrich our lives

Arnold Farley

* Echoed gratitude. It is not true that he was in favor of the prior design
* The process used for facilitation was approved by Ken Martinez and Barbara Boyd.
* Mentioned his disclaimer and spoke to the committee beforehand

Tony Messec

* Was on prior committee
* Thank you to the committee
* Not a statistician, but the data gathered was by stuffing the ballot box
* Take all the information you received but do not rely on the data gathered.
* 8500 people in Corrales, 300 meeting at one time would give the Village the ability to get the community together.
* CHS holds public lectures and that last two lectures turned people away
* We need a larger space to listen to each other

Theresa Lopez

* If this building is built need to include recognition of Capitan Juan Gonzales Bas

Chris Allen

* Chair of the Comprehensive Plan
* Shared that a study completed with 2019 cell phone data noted that 10,000 cars go through the Meadowlark/Corrales Rd intersection a day. Of those 10,000 cars, 9,000 are residents of Corrales.
1. Other business

Rick Snow thanked Johnny for herding cats. Barbara Boyd thanked the facilitators for volunteering their time and talents and to help us along in our process as it made the writing easier. Pat DeVivi echoed that sentiment. Barbara Boyd also thanked the residents in attendance for giving her a better understanding of the Village. Johnny Martinez thanked the committee and noted we hope we have included your needs and concerns. Please take the time to meet your neighbors. Ken Martinez thanked the public for their testaments, passion, and commitment.

We then shared the process going forward. The writing team would take the input from today and prepare an update for the committee. From there a presentation will be created for the Village Council meeting. A March 3 and March 6 Zoom only meeting has been created in case we need to have any further dialog on the report. If we do not, those meetings will be canceled.

1. Adjournment – John Perea moved to adjourn at 11:35. Ken Martinez seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Boyd