

Multi-Use Facility Committee Meeting

FINAL Minutes

November 16, 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 (via Zoom), Patricia DeVivi, Rick Snow, Johnny Martinez, Ken Martinez, and Cynthia Nava. Also present were Village Administrator Ron Curry and Village Clerk Melanie Romero. There were many community members in the audience and several on Zoom.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes from 10/19/23

Ken Martinez moved to approve the minutes from October 19 and Ed Boles seconded. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

5. Presentation from Sherry Jones

The chair corrected the Corrales Comment by noting that Sherry Jones graciously volunteered to lead the effort on the community survey. And the committee thanked Sherry for her work.

Sherry shared this survey will be a mechanism to gather more input. Sherry noted she started with input from the prior committee and sought to make it straightforward and user friendly. She has created a QR code and is prepared to make flyers to get the word out about the survey. She also wants to contact organizations within Corrales to get their thoughts as well.

Sherry is using Google Forms to capture the data. She asked for the committee to approve the survey so we can get started gathering data and recommendations from Corraleños.

Sherry went through the survey in order to share with those present as the committee had a copy however, those in the audience and on Zoom did not. The link to the survey is: <https://forms.gle/gmp5Zt4D5raffvnw8>

- First name, last name, email – in an effort to ensure we are getting unique responses.
- Organization – we’ll put together a list of organizations and share that to ensure we have all organizations.
- Hyper-link to the Village website picture of the current design to ensure we are all looking at the same design.
- Which facilities or services would you or your organization utilize?
 - Classroom space for learning
 - Classroom space for teaching
 - Attend performances or events in the auditorium
 - Host performances or events in the auditorium
 - Attend performances or events in the outdoor space
 - Host performances or events in the outdoor space
 - Attend Gallery events
 - Host Gallery events
- Choosing the right architectural style is essential. What style do you prefer both aesthetically and functionally? Open ended answer.
- What particular cutting-edge technology would you or your organization like to utilize, and where would you implement it (e.g. classroom, auditorium)? Open ended answer
- Do you have suggestions about other ways you or your organization would like to use this facility? Open ended answer
- I believe the current design proposal (hyper-link to design on Village website) for the Multi-Use Facility will be beneficial and utilized by the residents and organizations of Corrales as it is.
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree

- Strongly disagree
- I think the proposal for the Multi-Use Facility should be modified or redesigned to better suit the unique needs of Corrales residents.
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neutral
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree
- What design modifications would you like to see? Open ended answer
- If you would like to contribute to fundraising for this building, please provide your name and preferred contact information. Open ended answer

There was discussion about the way to verify unique individuals.

- Ken Martinez thought it would be better if identification were optional.
- Johnny Martinez thought some control mechanism would be beneficial. We respect what everyone has to say and individuals need to backup what they say. Maybe address number?
- Rick Snow thought initials and email address
- Pat DeVivi thought there has to be some identifier, maybe first name only
- Ed Boles thought full address
- Sherry Jones agreed to hear from those present their thoughts on this matter.

Sherry Jones asked about the use of 5 categories for answers – strongly agree to strongly disagree or just 3. Rick Snow moved and Ed Boles seconded that we use the 5 categories. Motion was carried, all present voted yes except Johnny Martinez who voted no.

Sherry Jones then asked about ways to gather data. Put the survey on the Village website, have an event in the new gym to invite feedback, use Village offices to put up the design and have hardcopies of the survey, have available at library. The concern about paper survey is two-fold – who will pay for the printing and who will enter the data? Ken Martinez agreed to have the survey translated into Spanish.

Melanie Romero will ensure the hyperlink goes to the correct design (March 2, 2023) on the Village website.

6. Discussion on how to move towards completion

Cynthia Nava expressed her concerns about being left out of an email to the committee that was negative towards the Mayor and Village Administrator, Ron Curry. Cynthia noted that even though Ron is her husband that has nothing to do with her opinion on this project. She wants to be included on all relevant emails. Johnny Martinez shared he was trying to protect Cynthia from an awkward situation. He recognized her concern and ensured everyone that all emails from the public will be shared with all committee members going forward. *Johnny Martinez amended at the meeting on December 6, 2023, that he had included Cynthia Nava on an email regarding the Mayor.*

Barbara Boyd shared that the resolution that formed the prior committee – specifically that it was formed to create a performing arts center. And that the prior committee met with 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.

Johnny Martinez shared the current committee meetings are scheduled through December starting at 10:00 am. We will look at scheduling evening and/or weekend dates in the new year to enable more residents to provide input. Johnny noted that what he feels may not be the same as everyone but he has respect for all opinions. Johnny also shared that there is interest in this topic in the Village based upon the number of views of the last committee meeting, which was the first one on Zoom and saved to YouTube.

Melanie Romero noted a way to stay informed is through the weekly Mayor’s message. If anyone isn’t getting the Mayor’s message, please contact Melanie to get on the distribution list.

Ken Martinez then shared his thoughts on moving forward. They are included here:

First, I want to thank the public for your attendance physically as well as those on Zoom. Thank you for your contributions to the dialogue, and the passion you bring. Even though we all don’t agree on everything, it is healthy that we have a wide-ranging discussion about a project that is

going to impact many Village residents. I hope more Village residents get involved and share their opinions. The process is just as important as the product. Please spread the word to others that everyone's feedback is important and desired here. Ask them to show up and talk with us. We take your thoughts and feelings seriously. I also invite representation from Village organizations to come and express your perspectives at these meetings. I suggest we schedule evening meetings to encourage working residents to attend also.

Thanks to Sherry, we will soon be able to launch a survey, on the heels of the Comprehensive Plan Survey, to gather more systematic information about what Village residents want in a Multi-use facility, or whether they want one at all. That information, along with what we already have heard in committee and in writing, should provide us with direction about how to proceed.

Our goal and commitment as a committee has been to be transparent, inclusive, and diverse by including as many resident voices as possible. We have strived to be all three. We also want to be thorough in gathering public opinion which is what the survey will help us accomplish.

One word of caution is that this Committee's time is limited. It will end in April and the holidays are upon us. We will need to proceed quickly to circulate the survey and analyze its results just as quickly. I think that is when our substantive work will begin, synthesizing through all the data so far, and with all of your help come up with a plan that considers yours and our thoughts and ideas to be able to propose a workable and viable way forward. As with any plan it is not going to satisfy every single person or every opinion expressed, but hopefully it will reflect the general consensus of Village residents.

I propose that our committee begin to plan how we are going to tackle the task of data analysis once we have gathered as much as possible, so that we translate that data into a specific plan and set of recommendations to submit to the Village administration. I feel that our ultimate goal is to submit that plan based on informed analysis that is reflective of the majority opinion of Village residents. They are who we represent.

I recommend that announcements of our Committee Meetings be included in the mayor's message along with the Zoom link to encourage resident participation.

Sherry Jones noted it is important to wrap-up the design of the survey. Ed Boles noted the need for accessibility. Unanswered questions:

- How to ensure accessibility
- Who pays for printing
- How to get to organizations
- How to distribute flyer
- Need to determine identifier

7. Public Comment

Dr. Steve Komadina

- Was on the committee when the Village bought the Jones property in the '90's. Thought of a Multi-Use building then. He is a member of CHAMP and they have used the Seventh Day Adventist building for meetings. He is looking forward to having a Multi-Use facility in the Village and he thanked the committee for all their work.

Bob Belinoff

- Thought the Multi-Use Facility was a joke. It will take value away from the Village. He wants to preserve the original culture of Corrales. Adding a Multi-Use Facility will change the culture of Corrales forever.

Grey Howell

- Born and raised in Corrales and has seen lots of change. Ditches are drying up, there are boutique sub-divisions. Corrales was once a community where all were involved. This is being shoved down our throats without input.

Mary Lance

- Appreciate the effort of the committee to gather input. IF this is built it should be smaller, no fixed seats, accessibility is important, needs to be community oriented.

Theresa Lopez

- Does not agree with the building. Needs to be MUCH smaller. Needs to be for all people of Corrales. Did not received postcard from Comprehensive Plan. Need a paper survey for the Multi-Use Facility.

Val Miera

- Wants Corrales to stay rural. Against this plan

Fred Hashimoto

- Getting input is critical. Theater space is 70% of facility. Need to determine intended use and for whom. Who will use the theater? Musicians prefer full audiences and smaller space. The Village Comprehensive Survey is showing people in the Village values small town feel. Need to dialog with past committee with the community involved.
- Also refer to his letter in the Corrales Comment.

Doug Casteel

- 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 – the Adobe can use the Old Church. Acoustics are great at the Old Church for dances and musical venues.
- Need another year to get the word out. This needs to be on the ballot.
- He will be seeking a legal avenue to halt.

Carmen Martinez Titman

- Appreciates the openness of the process.
- This committee needs to connect the dots with the Comprehensive Survey committee where we are learning how important it is to the citizens to maintain the agricultural and cultural integrity.
- Need to understand the needs of the working farmer – share equipment, helping find workers
- Do outreach to those who cannot drive, make accommodations

Rudy Miera

- One question is missing – IF we are to have a performing arts center
- He cannot support a theater

- Majority of theaters in Albuquerque are black box – including the Adobe Theater. Seating for more than 100 is not appropriate.

Sabine Shurter

- Too big and too expensive
- Currently suffering from rock music noise and the Village is not enforcing noise ordinance
- The Village notes this facility will bring in money and business sales that is good for the Village
- Need to have a complete understanding of the budget – including water, utilities, maintenance to run this building once built

Matt Montano

- Moved here for the cultural identity
- Seen a lot of development since moving
- Cannot get out onto Corrales Road
- Need to protect the cultural identity
- Don't make the survey anonymous
- Why not put it to a Village vote?

Johanna Dralle

- Horse trainer
- Seen the Village change, friends are moving out
- This will push horses out – horses spook
- Takes her 20 minutes to get out onto Corrales Road today
- Parking is a real concern
- Bringing in too many outside people
- Farms leaving
- Ok for meeting rooms and cooking classes
- 4H and FFA would use

Maryann Wasiolek

- Performing arts center is a complete disaster
- Multi-use center makes more sense – but it is misleading because it is still a performing arts center

- Parking needs to be addressed – need to add a question to the survey about parking

Janet Blair

- Implore better public information – make it clearer to residents what could be involved. A lot of misinformation out
- CHAMP – need to talk to people in Corrales. Concern about impinging on Top Form Arena that is at the very back of the former Jones property.
- Need a multi-purpose center as CHAMP has had a terrible time finding meeting space and classroom space.

8. Wrap-up

Johnny Martinez thanked all for coming to the meeting today and for sharing their thoughts. It is important we gather this input and that your voice is heard.

We came back to the question of an identifier on the survey and agreed with Matt Montano that the survey should not be anonymous. Sherry Jones agreed to add first and last name and email address as an identifier but will be redacted when the information is presented to the public. We voted on this change and all were in favor except Ed Boles. We did not record a vote from John Perea who was on Zoom.

9. Adjournment – Ed Boles moved to adjourn at 11:30. Ken Martinez seconded and it was unanimously approved.