

Monday, September 25, 2023 – corrected, adding Claudia Hauser to the workgroup attendance and member list who was inadvertently left off the list. bjr

Section 305 Workgroup Meeting

In Attendance: Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Stephanie Johnson, Trampus Mansker, Mary Phelps, Linda Wolfe-Buchanan, [Claudia Hauser](#), b j ratlief, planner and Director John Knight

Meeting agenda:

- Introductions
- Setting meeting schedule
- Training: authority and purpose of a planning and zoning ordinance, and
- Overview of the Project
 - First Assignment

Introduction:

Community Development Director John Knight opened the meeting at 5:31 PM.

He thanked the work group members for agreeing to participate.

Mr. Knight shared that the **role of a work group is to be a conduit for the community.**

Each member introduced themselves and shared some history of their time in Camp Verde, and their interest in this workgroup and ordinance.

The work group members included:

- Mark Rudder
- Trampus Mansker
- Cheri Wischmeyer
- Stephanie Johnson
- Mary Phelps
- Linda Wolfe Buchanan
- [Claudia Hauser](#)

Town Planner BJ Ratlief took some time to get the members familiar with the packets of information that were provided to them.

Provided Materials:

- Planning and Zoning Ordinance
- Town Code
- General Plan
- Animal White Paper with quick reference spreadsheet

Meeting Schedule: Chose to meet every three (3) weeks, Tuesday mornings 8-10am. The tentative meeting schedule for the next few months is:

October 17 (confirmed)
November 7 (confirmed)
November 28 (tentative)
December 18 (a Monday-tentative)
January 9 (tentative)

Training:

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Ratlief shared with the members a slideshow on Planning and Zoning 101. PowerPoint attached.

Included in the presentation was information on the Planning and Zoning Ordinances and Town Codes.

This presentation gave thorough details on the ins and outs of revising the Animal Ordinances in the Town of Camp Verde. This included purpose, legal processes, and requirements.

It was made very clear that this is a work group and NOT a committee or commission.

Because of this, as a workgroup the Open Meeting Law is not applicable. However, it is our intent to be transparent with the process hence the use of a transcriptionist to provide meeting notes which will be uploaded to the Town website.

Question-Decision: Prior to the 1st meeting of the group it had been proposed to hire an outside facilitator to manage-lead the group. This decision was left to be made by this workgroup at its first meeting.

Discussion: There was strong consensus this would not be a good use of time or money. Additionally, concerns were expressed an outside party would not know nor understand the Town.

Decision: Do not hire/use a facilitator

Question-Decision: Conducting a Town wide survey was discussed at the August Council Work Session. It was decided to allow the work group to decide to do a survey or not.

Discussion: Lots of discussion of pro's and con's of a survey. Also pro's and cons of hiring a professional organization to conducting a survey, verses doing it in-house through a free program such as SurveyMonkey.

After much discussion the work group decided a survey may be a good tool. However, more information was needed. Also, most favored utilizing a professional organization to do the survey in order to ensure the questions are not 'leading.'

Decision: Maybe conduct a survey, but more information is needed.

1st Assignment: An assignment was given to the workgroup. This assignment was to redline the current section 305. Once this is done, they will do a group analysis of it to see where there is agreement or differences amongst the group regarding the current ordinance. This assignment is to be returned to Ms. Ratlief on October 4th by 5:00PM.

Following this assignment, group members Claudia Hauser and Mary Phelps will get together with Ms. Ratlief to further compile the what each group member redlined.

From this initial analysis a work plan will be formulated to address the full update-revision.

Meeting notes were taken and will be uploaded-published to this site:

<https://www.campverde.az.gov/departments/community-development/planning-zoning>

Closing:

The meeting closed at 7:11 PM.



Planning and Zoning 101



Planning and Zoning Ordinance and Town Code

❖ Ordinances are laws, specifically a regulation enacted by the Town Council

Camp Verde has two regulatory documents:

- Town Code – commonly referred to as “the code”, and
- Planning and Zoning Ordinance
 - Commonly referred to as the “zoning ordinance”
 - or “P&Z Ordinance”



Planning and Zoning Ordinance and Town Code

❖ Community Development Department utilizes both documents

Town Code:

- Designates Zoning Administrator (Ch 4, p29)
- Establishes Planning and Zoning Commission (ch 4, p31)
- Adopts Building Code – chapter 7

Planning and Zoning Ordinance

- Establishes zoning criteria such as Districts, setbacks and uses
- **Section 305 – Keeping of Animals**



Authority - U.S. Constitution

- **US Constitutional Law** – delegates “*Police Power*” to states
 - **Police Powers** - the capacity of states to regulate behavior and enforce order within their territory for the betterment of the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of their inhabitants, includes the authority to
 - **Regulate Private Property** – under Police Power, states have the ability to regulate private property, including land use restrictions
 - **First Zoning Regulations** - LA – 1904 & NY – 1916
- **1926, Village of Euclid (Ohio)** – Supreme Court Case upheld that Zoning Regulations as a valid and legitimate use of Police Powers to protect community health, safety and welfare.

Purpose - Generally

Zoning Ordinances, generally stated are to:

Protect public health, safety, and general welfare.

- Property Values ?

Authority: State Law

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 9

<https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=9>

Article 6 – Municipal Planning

Article 6.1 – Municipal Zoning

9-462 – Definition

- 4. "Zoning administrator" means the official responsible for enforcement of the zoning ordinance.
- 5. "Zoning ordinance" means a municipal ordinance regulating the use of the land or structures, or both, as provided in this article.

9-462.01 – Zoning Regulations; public hearing, definitions

- A.1: Regulate the use of buildings, structures and land as between agriculture, residence, business and other purpose
- F: All zoning and rezoning ordinances or regulations adopted under this article shall be **consistent with and conform to the adopted general plan of the municipality,**

Authority: State Law Process

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 9

<https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=9>

Article 6.3 and 6.4 – Process

Public or “Citizen Review”, and

Public Hearing

Animal Ordinance Revision: Process

- Community Workgroup – formulate draft
 - (Internal Review – approval by Town Legal Counsel)
- Public Engagement or “Citizen Review”
- Public Hearing by Planning and Zoning Commission
- Public Hearing by Town Council
- 30-Day Window for Opportunity to Challenge by citizen, which would require ratification/vote

Animal Ordinance Revision: Process

Workgroup vs. Committee

Workgroup – may be appointed by Town Manager or other staff

Committee – Appointed by Town Council
- Open Meeting Law Requirements

Open Meeting Law (OML):

A.R.S. § 38-431.09(A) - It is the public policy of this state that meetings of public bodies be conducted openly and that notices and agendas be provided for such meetings which contain such information as is reasonably necessary to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided. Toward this end, any person or entity charged with the interpretation of this article shall construe any provision of this article in favor of open and public meetings.

Open Meeting Law: Requirements

- Agenda Required, posted to public
- Meetings Open to the Public
- Broadcast and Recorded
- Can not deviate from posted Agenda
- Executive Sessions (not public) – limited by law
- Permanent Records, and records requests
- Violations of open meeting law

Open Meeting Law: What is a meeting

- Three or more public officials (Council, Commission Board) discussing official business

May be via

- In person
- Email
- Text
- Phone
- Social Media

Open Meeting Law – Possible Violations

- E-mail (or text) communications with more than one other member (do not hit “reply all”)
- Serial Meeting – member 1 communicates to member 2, who then communicates to member 3 ...
- Using electronic devices between members at a public meeting
- Note: Don't text, pass notes or whisper to adjacent Board members during meeting
- Staff may not share the position of various board members w/other board members
- Publicly stating a position on an issue before a meeting (meetings with public/applicants, posts on Facebook, statements in media, etc. – with some exceptions)
- Electronic communications are public records and can be subpoenaed
- Note: Consider how your text message will be viewed in court blown up in **GIANT LETTERS!**

Workgroup: Open Meeting Law Not Applicable

Open Meeting Law Requirements – Do Not Apply

Transparency

- Recorded, for purpose of keeping accurate notes
- Written notes (minutes)
- Uploaded to web site
- Goal – publish DRAFT of Ordinance for public review/engagement

Workgroup: Getting Started

Meeting Schedule:

Frequency: Every two weeks ?????

Day & Time: ???

Workgroup: Moving Forward

Outside Facilitator:

Has been proposed to hire an outside facilitator to manage this workgroup and drafting of the ordinance

Workgroup: Moving Forward

Community Survey ??

Two Council Members proposed a
community wide survey

- Council left decision to this work group

Workgroup: First Assignment

Redline the current Section 305

Analysis of where there is agreement and where differences, how great are the differences

Propose this analysis will guide our tasks moving forward

Workgroup: Looking Forward

Community Engagement and Cohesion (healing)

Current Social Media – divisive and highly inaccurate/misleading
(everything from Town wanting to prohibit all animals to Town wanting to all allow 'feed lots' everywhere)

How do we get the true message out?



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ATTRACTIONS

Archaeology Center	F-4	Montezuma Well	L3-3
Bull Pen Day Use Area	L-4,5	Out Of Africa Wildlife Park	C-4
Beaver Creek Dry River Access	G-7	Pecan Lane	F,G-4
Beaver Creek Day Use Area	J-2	Predator Zip Line	C-4
Camp Verde Town Hall	E,F-6	Raccoon Park	F,G-4
Clear Creek Campground	J-5,6	Sacred Mountain	J,K-3
Clear Creek Church & Cemetery	G-5,6	Salt Mines	C,D-4,6
Clear Creek River Access	F-6	Salt Mines Vineyard	E,F-6
Clear Creek Vineyard	L3,5,6	Verde Hot Springs/Childs	J,B-9
Cliff Castle Casino	F-4	Visitor Center & Museum	F-4,5
Fort Verde State Historic Park	G-4,5	V-Bar V Heritage Site	J-3
Hayfield Draw Day Area	C-3	Yavapai Apache Nation	E-3
Montezuma Castle	M3-4	Yavapai Apache Cultural Center	G-4
White Bridge Picnic Area	E-5		

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