

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Section 305 Workgroup Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Stephanie Johnson, Trampus Mansker, Linda Buchanan, Claudia Hauser, Mary Phelps, Director John Knight, b j ratlief, planner

Meeting agenda:

-Introduction

-Ordinance Discussion

-Solidify next meeting schedule and time

Introduction:

Town planner b j ratlief opened the meeting at 5:30 PM

Tour of the Town: Ms. Ratlief began with a discussion about a group tour of the Town. A tour had been discussed, but not yet scheduled. The purpose of a tour is to physically see different size properties which already have animals.

It was noted, some of the group had toured around the Town on their own. While perfectly acceptable, even encouraged that each member would get to know the Town in order to better understand the landscape of the Town, Ms. Ratlief discussed etiquette when representing the Town as part of the work group verses private citizens. As the whole group was not included in the impromptu tour that took place, it was discussed and agreed a more formal tour for the entire group would be scheduled.

The purpose of a workgroup tour/field trip is to provide a common frame of reference when discussing number of animals and sizes of properties.

Ordinance Discussion:

An updated DRAFT02 was shared with the group which incorporated discussion points from the previous meeting.

The following sections were discussed in broad parameters – notes were taken to incorporate many of these ideas into the next DRAFT text for the future ordinance:

1. Permitted Use and Accessory Use
2. Exceptions to Animal-Point System
3. Definitions

These sections led to discussion amongst the group on animals and the point system.

The discussions included:

- The difference between permitted use and accessory use
- Goats or other smaller livestock such as sheep on parcels .5 acre or less
- Potbelly pigs and the possible allowance of them on parcels
- Privately owned, non-commercial arenas- their purposes, who can have them, and how frequently events may be held there
- Boarding of livestock, whether for profit or not
- Should boarding be regulated?
- Types of animals; possible 2-3 different categories; full-time-resident, activity animals and possible temporary/guest animals and how to regulate and enforce their stay on properties
- The allowable timeframe to exceed animal count in a day
- The amount of guest animals to allow in the decided timeframe

Work Group Decisions:

- It was discussed and decided to leave “swine” as one category, and to not separate out or distinguish potbelly pigs. Swine will need to be added into the point chart system with a specified point(s).
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- It was proposed to look at allowing small livestock such as goats on parcels less than ½ acre. Ms. Buchanan has agreed to do some further research on municipalities that may allow smaller livestock goats (or sheep) on .5 acre or less.
- The section on “Boarding of livestock...” will remain as currently drafted which specifically permits/allows boarding of livestock. Note, the current ordinance actually prohibits the boarding of livestock. It was agreed the updated ordinance should specifically permit livestock boarding.
- Offspring will remain an exception to the animal points and will be counted as a single animal unit when kept with the mother. Recommended definition to be “offspring up to one year.”
- General agreement amongst the group is there will be at least two different categories of animals; “resident” or full time animals and “non-resident” or “activity-animals.” The idea being non-resident animals could be allowed to come onto the property, and exceed the animal count for a temporary time

frame. Additional discussion remains to work through defining criteria for these temporary situations.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 P.M.

Ms. Ratlief asked the Workgroup to continue looking into and adding on to these topics before the next meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates:

Tuesday, December 12, 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 09, 2024, 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 23, 5:30pm

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 7:34.