

Tuesday, January 12, 2024

Section 305 Workgroup Meeting

In Attendance: Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Trampus Mansker, Linda Wolfe Buchanan, Claudia Hauser, Mary Phelps, Director John Knight, b j ratlief, planner, Interim Town Manager Gayle Mabery, ASU Student Intern Sam Badger

Meeting agenda:

- Introduction
- Presentations from Guest Speakers
- Solidify next meeting schedule and time

Introduction:

Town Planner b j ratlief opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

To begin the meeting, Ms. Ratlief introduced the guest speakers and shared with the group the relevance of each speaker as it pertains to section 305.

Guest Speakers/ Presentations:

Each presenter used their expertise to share with the group.

Laureen Little and Ian Van Staalduinen, Cottonwood residents who have livestock and have conducted in-depth research into nuisance mitigation measures for livestock. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mrs. Little, assisted by Mr. Van Staalduinen presented to the group the best practices of caring for large animals and a roping arena. Their goal is to go above and beyond these best practices in order to limit nuisance.

Gail Pate, local veterinarian (retired) who was heavily involved with the current livestock ordinance. Ms. Pate read a letter to the group that she had written regarding her role in the current animal ordinance and why/how it was put together.

Dr. Jim Bleak, local large animal veterinarian for Verde Valley and surrounding areas. Mr. Bleak is a practicing vet who shared with the group information on large animals and their needs/care.

Following the presentations, the Work Group took some time to ask the presenters questions.

Ordinance Discussion:

Ordinance discussion will resume at the next meeting.

The information provided at this meeting will give the group added knowledge in moving forward with the continued ordinance discussion.

Tour of Town residential sites

- A formal group field trip/tour around town will take place in the coming weeks.

The purpose of a workgroup tour/field trip is to provide a common frame of reference when discussing the number of animals and sizes of properties as well as general knowledge of parcel sizes and basic/standard development often found on residential properties.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, February 06th, at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 20th, at 5:30 pm

Ms. Ratlief asked the Workgroup to continue looking into and adding on to these topics before the next meeting. She would like them to specifically be thinking about Use Permits and Definitions.

Closing:

The meeting was closed at 7:38 pm.