

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

**Section 305 Workgroup Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Linda Buchanan, Claudia Hauser, Stephanie Johnson, Mary Phelps, Director John Knight, Code Enforcement Officer Cliff Bryson, ASU Student Intern Sam Badger

Trampus Mansker was absent.

**Meeting agenda:**

- Introduction
- Presentation from Sam Badger, ASU Marvin Andrews Fellow
- Presentation from Cliff Bryson, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Camp Verde
- Ordinance Discussion
- Solidify next meeting schedule and time

**Introduction:**

Director John Knight opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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

*Guest Speaker Presentation:*

*Sam Badger-* Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Badger presented to the group on Spatial Requirements and “Nuisance” in Practice. Ms. Badger has done a lot of research on Nuisance practices in many municipalities. Specifically, this evening, she presented on Wickenburg and Chino Valley, which have similar demographics to Camp Verde and a common western heritage.

*Cliff Bryson-* Mr. Bryson presented to the group his experience in Camp Verde Code Enforcement. He shared information on the common complaints that come in regarding animal code and nuisance, as well as how he has implemented enforcing the code in order to make it as objective as possible. A hearing officer has just been approved for the town in order to help mediate and work through the complaints that come in.

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

**Ordinance Discussion:**

-As a result of the nuisance discussion from the presenters, nuisance was a big discussion amongst the Work Group at this meeting, specifically nuisance and how it pertains to the current animal code.

-One part of nuisance that was discussed was the limitation of nuisance in order to be courteous and neighborly to surrounding homes. Though, it was also mentioned that not everyone is proactive with their nuisance control.

-Is it possible to tighten the town nuisance requirements to have some more leniency in the animal point system? Would leniency in the animal point system create more nuisance?

-Youth Permits were also briefly discussed, as Youth Permits allow for a temporary increase in animals, which leads to more maintenance. Are these also creating additional nuisances? Swine is a big reason for Youth Permits and requires a lot of maintenance. Guest animals using permits of sorts may be a good way to allow for additional animals on an as needed basis.

-The public process of moving a potential new ordinance forward was discussed and brainstormed, in order to look to the future and best educate the public on the proposed ordinance and reasons behind it.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 5:30 pm.

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

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

Additionally, a formal group field trip/tour around the town has been scheduled for Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm.

Mary Phelps has offered to notify property owners who have volunteered their property for viewing.

Mr. Knight asked the Workgroup to continue looking into and adding on to these topics before the next meeting, which will be the discussion on Animal Points.

### **Closing:**

The meeting was closed at 7:30 pm.

*Meeting notes were taken and will be uploaded-published to this site:  
<https://www.campverde.az.gov/departments/community-development/planningzoning>*