

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

## **Section 305 Workgroup Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Stephanie Johnson, Trampus Mansker, Linda Buchanan, Claudia Hauser (on the phone), Community Development Director John Knight, Acting Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Group Member Mary Phelps was absent.

### **Introduction:**

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

To begin the meeting, Mr. Knight shared with the group a paper "Article XX-Supplemental Use Regulations", which he stated was for the purpose of fine tuning the previous updates.

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Reviewing Previously discussed DRAFT Ordinance provisions including:
  - Animal Point Count Chart
  - Nuisance Provisions
  - Non-resident and guest animals
  - Youth Permit Process for Youth Livestock and Equestrian Permits
  
- Reviewing the NEW Administrative Variance Provisions proposed
  
- Review of Next Steps
  - Review by legal
  - Review of comments from legal with Workgroup-April 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>?
  - Publicly post the DRAFT for initial comments-late April
  - Hold a public Workshop/Open house during comment period- mid May?
  - Hearing at P&Z and Council- June/July
  
- Tentative Date for a Public Workshop- May 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>

### **The Ordinance Discussion centered around:**

- Fine tuning the current and recently updated Supplemental Use Regulations
- What is the definition of good horticulture?
- Nighttime animal usage and the proper way to enforce, including going over animal count at night
- Amount of non-resident and guest animals allowed on properties to accommodate roping, clinics, etc
- Combining non-resident and guest animals to have a blanket regulation

- Livestock Ranching Use Permit
- Agricultural uses and the allowed zoning for these uses
- Definition of livestock breeding
- What is commercial livestock activity?
- Revocation process/criteria for Youth Permits.
- Administrative variance process, which a separate subcommittee met to discuss
- What size parcels are allowed to apply to increase the animal count?
- Notification processes when animal count is exceeded

### ***Work Group Decisions:***

- Lots of one-half acres to one acre in area may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points.
- Lots of one acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six points for each additional, contiguous quarter acre. No rounding.
- If property is 2 acres or more, when stored on the property, manure shall be stored in covered containers, and/or mulched or disced into pasture lands.
- Sicilian Donkeys were changed to “miniature donkeys” (along with miniature horses) to make it easier for code enforcement.
- The group reviewed a provision that allowed the “nonresident animal” points to increase to 200% regardless of your parcels size, with various additional restrictions related to items such as nuisance and hours
- The group reviewed a provision that allowed the “guest animal” points to increase to 100% regardless of your parcels size, with various additional restrictions related to items such as nuisance and hours.
- May not exceed ten consecutive days for guest animals if animal point count is exceeded.
- A provision was discussed that allowed an administrative variance. This would allow for a permit to exceed your animal count, but the parcels must be larger in size.
- Various point count increases were discussed. These ranged from 33% to 50%.
- It was noted that animals can graze along any fenced line, but animal pens have to meet the same setback as the primary structure.
- The group requested language be added to state that with one additional half acre, one additional market swine project will be allowed not to exceed 5 per parcel. Swine will be limited to one swine project per youth exhibitor.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 P.M.**

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30 PM.

-Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 P.M.

Additionally, Director Knight asked the Workgroup to continue looking into and adding on to these topics before the next meeting to assist in future discussion and decisions.

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

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

**Closing:**

The meeting was closed at 7:30 P.M.