

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Section 305 Workgroup Meeting

In Attendance: Cheri Wischmeyer, Claudia Hauser, Mary Phelps (Zoom), Linda Buchanan (Zoom) Community Development Director John Knight, Acting Town Manager Gayle Mabery

Group Members Stephanie Johnson and Trampus Mansker were 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 entitled Animal Ordinance Comparison, which he stated was for the purpose of comparing the old Section 305 Ordinance with the changes that have been made within the Work Group.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review the Table showing comparison between existing & proposed Ordinance.
2. Discuss content & timing of the survey.
3. Timeline for moving forward:
 - a. 5/14 Workgroup Meeting – review updated Comparison Table and revised survey
 - b. 5/15 Post on website – draft ordinance, PP, survey
 - c. 5/21 Public Workshop & Open Survey electronic & hard copy
 - d. Note- Memorial Day 5/27 & High School Graduation 5/16
 - e. 5/28 Close Survey
 - f. 6/4 Workgroup Meets – discuss public comments from Workshop and survey and review possible changes to ordinance
 - g. Planning Commission
 - h. Town Council
4. Review Draft of Ordinance & remaining issues
 - a. Definition of “Pen” (as it relates to setbacks)
 - b. Change to section referring to “good horticultural practices”
 - c. Confirm increase of Guest/Non-resident Animals limited to 200%
 - d. Administrative Variance – Change term to “Administrative Adjustment Permit”
 - e. Confirm Criteria for Administrative Adjustment Permit – 1.5 acre minimum
 - f. Discuss process of written objection of 20% of neighbors w/in 300’ (requires submittal of a Use Permit)

The Ordinance Discussion centered around:

The greater part of the meeting centered around comparing the current ordinance with the new provisions, additions, and suggestions of the Work Group.

Additionally, there was discussion on:

- Swine and their maximum allowance on a parcel. While put into the point system, what is the proper cap on swine if a parcel has larger acreage?
- The proper survey structure and amount of time to have the survey open to the community to gain the best feedback.

There were minor revisions and wordsmithing done as well.

Work Group Decisions:

- Llamas will stay 6 points, alpacas and emus will be at 3 points
- Cattle < 600+ #'s
- Youth permits are for those that are under the age of 20
- Swine is limited to parcels of 2 acres or more and a maximum of 5 per parcel. Max 1 breeding pair per parcel.
- Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of animal manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch.
- Animal points, for any purpose, cannot exceed 200%
- Guest and non-resident animals cannot exceed 200% if youth/equestrian permits already exceed 200%
- 2 acres minimum for administration variance.

Meeting Schedule:

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

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 4th 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.