



Tesuque Planning Committee Meeting Meeting Summary 2.10.20

Public Participation

The Tesuque Planning Committee reconvened on Monday, February 10th at the Santa Fe County Admin Complex. The group had not met since October 2019 because of unexpected staffing changes and capacity. The Planning Committee started meeting in spring 2019 shortly after the Tesuque planning process was authorized to update the 2013 Tesuque Community Plan. Santa Fe County planning processes focus on consensus-building and public participation to represent the many diverse perspectives within communities. Tesuque Planning Committee meetings are always open to the public and members are encouraged to invite and bring neighbors or other interested individuals. Planning materials to date can be found at the Tesuque Planning page on the County's website:

https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/tesuque

Tesuque Fence and Wall Standards

The initial intent of the Tesuque Plan Update was to bring the 2013 Plan into alignment with the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan and the Sustainable Land Development Code. In reviewing these changes, the issues of fence and wall standards in the current Tesuque Community District Overlay became a discussion point.

Some members of the Committee feel that the standards outlined in the current Overlay restrict the residents' safety and do not align with the existing walls in the community. The February meeting asked participants to find areas of agreement in moving forward with revisions to the fence and wall standards.

The following conditions were agreed upon:

- Distinguish the Bishop's Lodge Road and Tesuque Village Road Corridors (excluding the Commercial Zone) standards from interior standards;
- Enable property owners to replace fences and walls to the same standard as they were previously built;
- Include Administrative Approval possibility for extenuating circumstances;
- Identify certain traffic safety points where visibility should be required and vary standards in these areas from overall Corridor standards;
- Include other safety factors- speed limit, road engineering and culvert maintenance, foliage maintenance – some of which could be determined by conducting a road safety audit;
- Propose a 3' wall height at 25 ft. setback from Corridor road and County height standard (6 ft.) beyond 25 ft. setback.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at the Santa Fe County Complex. Meeting materials can be found at:

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