

## **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Notes November 1, 2023, Meeting

### Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Chavez

Sarah Cobb

Ray Cvetic

Hank Kelly

George Radnovich, Trustee

Gil Benavides, Trustee

Shelleen Smith, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

Maida Rubin, Planning and Zoning Director

### Other Attendees:

Sandra Gaiser, Consultant, by Zoom

### Notes:

- The group discussed the definition of open space. The term “industrial scale” agriculture would need to be defined, although the group was in agreement that generally industrial scale agriculture may not be appropriate for use in the conservation open space. The group was in favor of aligning agricultural uses promoted by the Agrinature Center with the uses promoted in conservation areas.
- Discussion about the proposed open space areas and uses: They must be appropriate to each particular piece of land, not one size fits all – room for flexibility.
- The group discussed the compiled list of proposed changes to the Pilot Ordinance and to the allowed uses for the conservation area. Group input included:
  - Not requiring federal trail standards on trails if the land is not dedicated to the Village. Discussion of public access vs. public property.
  - Concern about size of structures – require justification in management plan.
  - Encourage historical structures to remain if in decent condition.
  - Require acequia rights to not be severed from the property.
  - Open space must be entirely permeable excepting approved structures.
  - Add allowable use of equestrian riding ring.
  - Add allowable use of parks in R zones.
- There were many ideas from the members as to what conservation space is and thus the need to be flexible in its definition.
- The group discussed having a public meeting to present proposed changes before Thanksgiving, staff to identify date and time.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday November 15, 2023, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

Los Ranchos Village Hall, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd., NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107

