



FREE ROAMING HORSE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2018

Members Present	D1 Commissioner Dr. James Holden-Rhodes, SCSO Captain Allen Mills, Community Services Director Anne Ryan, BLM Regional Manager Angel Martinez, State Veterinarian Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, Citizen Member Peggy Roberts, Citizen Member Paul Fish, and Citizen Member Jessica Johnson. (The fourth Citizen Member seat remains vacant as the nominee for Commissioner Block withdrew. The application link remains live so that Commissioner Block can consider others to nominate from his District).
Members Absent	N/A
Non-Members Present	Sandy Johnson, Laurie Jaramillo, Clea Hall, USDA Rep., Adam Lujan (BLM), Sean Davis (NMLB), Bill Divens (Signpost).

Welcome and Introductions:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
Council Members and Interested Parties in attendance introduced themselves, and all were thanked immensely for their time, effort, and applied subject expertise. Attendees were asked to encourage subject-relevant residents of District II to apply for the open Council seat through the County website.	

Review of Resolution and Bylaws:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>County staff shared that the Resolution and bylaws will remain posted on the County webpage specific to this issue for easy reference, and Members were also provided paper copies. Reviewed Council structure per the bylaws and its advisory role to the Commission. Council reminded that the NM First Report (and Exhibit A in the Resolution) remains as a relevant roadmap to reference. Council also reminded that all recommendations must remain in compliance with NMSA 77-18-5, a statute that was provided to and reviewed by the Council. Also provided were NMSA 77-2-1.1 and the County’s Animal Control Ordinance as it will likely need to be adjusted commensurate with State Statute.</p>	<p>Members will remain familiar with and in compliance of applicable laws when developing plans to recommend.</p>

Crosswalk of Webpage:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>County staff shared that the webpage contained on the County’s website will be the Council’s to maintain and can serve as a centralized source of information for the community. It will also include full Council meeting dates/times/venue, with Agenda’s posted at least 72 hours in advance and subsequently full Council Meeting Minutes and related materials.</p>	<p>Members to review and recommend additions, changes, resource material, and related on an as needed basis.</p>

Election of Officers for CY19:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>The Council concurred with Paul Fish that until the fourth Citizen Member is appointed, those elected shall serve in an interim capacity. Anne Ryan was elected as (interim) Chair. Peggy Roberts was elected as (interim) Vice Chair, and the position of Secretary remains vacant. Until that role is filled, Peggy Roberts agreed to serve as (interim) Secretary.</p>	<p>Revisit once fourth Citizen Member is appointed.</p>

Scheduling of Council Meetings for CY19:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>The Council agreed that the Old County Commission Chambers in the Town of Bernalillo is an appropriate, consistent venue to hold full Council meetings, and at present they will meet on a quarterly basis for 2019 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weds, Jan 9, 2p – 4p • Weds, April 10, 9a – 11a • Weds, July 10, 2p – 4p • Weds, Oct 9, 9a – 11a 	<p>Anne Ryan will send calendar invites to Council members and post to webpage.</p>

Establishing Committees:

- Planning Committee
- AD HOC Committees

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>Attendees provided handout (attached) suggesting not more than three committees, which may consist of up to five people within the community possessing skillsets tied to committee tasks. Each committee will have a Lead determined by the Council and empowered to select the most appropriate committee members whom may change over time commensurate with needs/tasks. Leads will be provided names of those whom applied for Council seats to consider. Committees meet between full formal Council meetings and are informal in nature and can meet according to Committee Lead preferences. Research and Task-oriented. Quick and nimble. Reports back to full Council re devised recommendations for Council votes where applicable. Committee activity must be reported and recorded during full Council Meetings.</p>	<p>The Council agreed that the suggested structure for the subcommittees made the best sense as a starting point.</p>
<p>The Planning Committee is contained in the bylaws and is comprised of two annually elected members of the Council, one of whom shall include the Chair. Develops potential action items based upon recommendations from the Council. Serves as the administrative arm of the Council. Sets Agendas for full Council Meetings. Anticipates and addresses policy and legal considerations. Maintains website. Lists formal Council Motions for consideration by the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners, among other duties.</p>	<p>Anne Ryan and Peggy Roberts will be in contact later in the week to determine other appropriate committee members, development of the January 9 Agenda, and related matters.</p>

<p>The Public Safety/Public Awareness Committee may consist of both Council members and other individuals important to the work of the committee. Reports back to the Council at regularly scheduled full Council meetings. Serves to develop greater public safety measures (speed control, fencing, cattle guards, etc). Provides public awareness on activities and works to create a cooperative climate within the community. Helps to support fertility control program. Short-term planners focused on feasible, immediate, interim measures that mitigate risk.</p>	<p>Captain Allen Mills was named by the Council as Lead to this committee, and he will consider other appropriate members and report back to the Council at the January meeting. Laurie Jaramillo alerted him to her interest in serving.</p>
<p>The Preservation, Protection, and Resource Development Committee may consist of both Council members and other individuals important to the work of the committee. Reports back to the Council at regularly scheduled full Council meetings. Serves to develop recommendations related to items such as land, labor, funding sources, volunteer recruitment and management, Ecotourism, and related. Long-term planners focused on larger vision supported by a sustainable structure. Full Council was provided copies of SM35 from 2008 and resulting State proposal letter for reference by those assembled in this committee.</p>	<p>Jessica Johnson was named by the Council as Lead, and she will consider other appropriate members and report back to the Council at the January meeting. Sandy Johnson and Commissioner Holden Rhodes alerted her to their interest in serving.</p>

NMSU Symposium on Horses:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
<p>BLM’s Angel Martinez requested clarity from Commissioner Holden-Rhodes on the Council’s ultimate goal/overall vision. SCSO Allen Mills offered his perspective, which aligned with the Commissioner’s response of Public Safety for people and protection of horses. Angel Martinez encouraged the Council to attend the Symposium so that all can equally understand the environmental impact of equines on land in order to factor this</p>	<p>Those able to attend for all or part of the Symposium will do so for discussion during the January meeting and were provided the link to register. The event will occur at Hotel ABQ on Jan 7th from 8:30a – 4p.</p>

important piece into both planning and recommendations. Council was referred back to bylaws which articulate Mission.	
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Other Business:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
N/A	

Public Comment:

Discussion	Applicable Action(s)
Occurred throughout the meeting in open discussions.	

The Meeting Adjourned at appx 11:30a.