



Notes: Equestrian Advisory Group Meeting: September 26, 2011

Members Present: Cheryl Manford, Laurie Burgess, Sue Svendsen, Butch Reynolds, Kathy Cannon

Staff Present: Laurie Lebowsky and Jose Alvarez

Public: Jodi Sharp

Meeting Notes: Sue motioned to adopt March's meeting notes as is. Kathy seconded that motion. It passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Language & Title 40: There was a discussion of the agricultural building issues. The group unanimously re-affirmed that they support the proposed comprehensive plan and Title 40 plan language for the equestrian plan.

Equestrian Overlay Zone: The group had a discussion of submittal requirements. There was concern they would be implied as being required. Staff recommended the language be revised to make it clear that items such as, covenants are not required. If there are covenants, for example, that information should be supplied as part of the application materials. The group discussed an equestrian overlay association and if it is referred to, then the term should be defined. The group decided to take out all reference to an equestrian overlay association.

Staff then asked the group about the concern that the proposed equestrian overlay does not involve the county or land use issues. The group said CCRs protect properties. Cheryl said she likes the idea of an overlay defining an equestrian area, which the County would be recognizing. She also said that the overlay will also help with transportation planning for the trails. The group asked staff to look at other jurisdictions to determine the status of urban livestock ordinances in neighboring jurisdictions. The group also made a recommendation that the County and Cities develop an urban livestock policy.

The group voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the Equestrian Overlay code language, with the revisions that were made at the meeting. Staff brought up the \$10,000 filing fee for an Annual Review, which would be required to obtain the equestrian overlay. Kathy said it would give incentive to get more property owners involved and, thus, lower the fee amount for individual property owners.

Cheryl asked staff to research about property tax exemptions for an overlay.

Rural Reserves Study: Jose described the study for rural reserves. He said rural reserves would be areas off limits for being brought into the UGB. He also described the public benefit rating system. The rural reserves study would also include a component for a possible Rural Planned Unit Development, where multi-family development with a sustainability component would be allowed in the rural area. The group recommended supporting the rural lands review study and the rural reserves study should equestrian lands, and also the public benefit rating and the rural PUD will also include consideration of equestrian development.

Public Process: The group agreed that the Equestrian Plan would be discussed at the November meeting of the Executive Horse Council. The group said that the Back Country Horsemen and the Trail Riders Association should also be included in the public involvement process. Staff said an open house would also be scheduled to discuss the equestrian plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.