



## **Notes: Equestrian Advisory Group Meeting: June 28, 2010**

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

**Staff Present:** Laurie Lebowsky, Lisa Goorjian, Chris Cooke, and Jose Alvarez

**Public:** Mary Ann Simonds

### **Adoption of Meeting Notes:**

- The date of the meeting notes needed to be changed.
- The group consensus was to unanimously adopt the notes as is except for date change.

### **Comprehensive Plan Language:**

- Equestrian language needs to be included in both the economic development and rural resources chapter.
- It should also include the study from the Executive Horse Council regarding equestrian owners in the County.
- Chris Cook said the terms need to be defined.
- Mary Ann Simonds said the issue was the urban area.
- Butch and Cheryl both said there needs to be a separate equestrian chapter. They expressed concern that the equestrian issues would be buried in the text.
- Lisa recommended that language be included that the county include a park code in its Title 40 development code language.

### **Equestrian Overlay:**

- Butch said that the Equestrian Overlay should be over rural centers.
- The question arose whether or not equestrian uses are allowed all over the county or not.

- Chris Cook said to clarify what are the uses regarding equestrian activities.
- The group recommended that the county consider equestrian uses in the upcoming update of the road design standards.
- The discussion turned to the purpose of the overlay.
- Sue said its purpose was to protect equestrian owners from complaints from neighbors.
- Kathy said trail links and stables needed to be protected.
- Mary Ann said that open space, wildlife corridors, and fire trails be considered.
- Lisa asked if design guidelines should be included.
- Group recommended to allow the overlay everywhere in the county, primarily due to the concern of future expanding urban growth boundaries and annexation.
- Chris Cook discussed the proposed inclusion of "Right to Farm/Log" language on page 3.
- Discussion ensued regarding the "Right to Farm/Log" language and ultimately, the group recommended to delete this language from page 3 of the overlay.
- The group wanted new development to be compatible with the existing equestrian uses.
- Chris suggested to requiring property owners to sign non-remonstrance agreements.
- Laurie said she would email the comment spreadsheets to the members.

### **Rural Clusters:**

- The group had a very short discussion regarding the proposed rural cluster language.
- The group said to take out the current density bonus language, but recommended that the county, in the long-term, should consider density bonuses.

### **Public Comment:**

- Mary Ann said that staff has done an excellent job in drafting proposed equestrian plan and code language.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.**