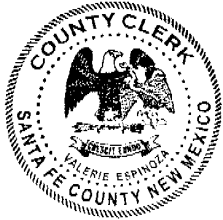


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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 3:10 p.m. by Chair Virginia Vigil, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Randy Herrera, and State Pledge, led by Stephen Ulibarri, roll was called by County Clerk Valerie Espinoza and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Chair
Commissioner Jack Sullivan, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Paul Campos
Commissioner Mike Anaya
Commissioner Harry Montoya

Members Absent:

[None]

V. INVOCATION

An invocation was given by Chaplain Jose Villegas.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- A. Amendments**
- B. Tabled or withdrawn items**
- C. Consent Calendar: Withdrawals**

CHAIR VIGIL: Mr. Abeyta, are there any amendments or tabled or withdrawn?

ROMAN ABEYTA (County Manager): There are, Madam Chair. The first being under IX. A, that item has been withdrawn at this time. Then on page 2 of the agenda, XIII. Public Hearings, A. Growth Management Department 2, we amended the language on

this item because this is actually the ordinance that we're hearing. The original language in the agenda said Authorization to publish title and general summary. That was done last month. So we had to correct that language.

Case #4, LCDRC Case VAR 07-5060, Jonathan and Mandy Garcia, we received a request from the applicant to table case #4.

Finally, Madam Chair, on page 4 of the agenda, item 11, an ordinance amending Article III, Section 10, Article V, Section 9, and Article VII, we had inadvertently not put this on the agenda. It was noticed properly, so we added it to the agenda, and I actually wanted that to be heard as item #4 since we're doing ordinances up front. The only reason why I put it at the end of the agenda was to not mess up the numbering in the packet.

CHAIR VIGIL: Item #4 under Public Hearings?

MR. ABEYTA: Yes, Madam Chair. And other than that there are no other changes from staff.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Any requests from the Commission? Any moving up of items? Hearing none, is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved, as amended.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion. Second?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Are there any items on the Consent Calendar that need to be withdrawn?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: XI. B, items 2 and 5, those are requesting variance approvals. I would just like to have some information from staff as to the facts of the case and the justification for the variance.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Any other Consent items?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So moved. Are we making a motion again?

CHAIR VIGIL: Are you approving the Consent Calendar with amendments where we hear items B. 2 and 5 separately? Is that your motion, Commissioner?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I thought my motion was to approve the agenda. We approved the agenda but now you're moving to take off from the Consent?

CHAIR VIGIL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Well, that's the prerogative of every Commissioner without motion. We basically say I want to take these cases off for further consideration. We've never made that by motion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: What my motion was was to approve the agenda as amended, and then we went back - I think we should have went with yours first before mine, right?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: It should have been included in the motion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Yes, it should have been, but I didn't know you had something to take off.

CHAIR VIGIL: So you withdraw your motion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I withdraw my motion.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. We're looking at Consent Calendar withdrawals. There's a request to withdraw items 2 and 5.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, move for approval as amended and removing those two items on Consent.

CHAIR VIGIL: That's the motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

VII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 10, 2007

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Some typographical corrections.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Any others? Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Move to approve with corrections.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

VIII. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN – NON-ACTION ITEMS

CHAIR VIGIL: This is the part of the agenda that we request from the audience if anyone is interesting in addressing the Commission on any matter that is not a part of the agenda, you may come forward. Please state your name and address. Are you the only one speaking? So there's two. Is there anyone else out there that would like to address the Commission? Hearing none, we'll hear from two speakers. Please state your name and address. Thank you for being here.

GAIL RYBA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Gail Ryba. I live on West Zia Road. I came today just to speak briefly about bicycling in Santa Fe and to request that the Commission direct its Public Works Department to institute a complete street policy, which would accommodate bicyclists and pedestrian on and along and across all roadways. In particular I would like to draw your attention to have on-street bicycle facilities. Professional

bicycle engineering around the country and state of the art comprehensive bicycle transportation plans are including bicycles on the roadways.

The reason for this is that bike paths, in addition, bike paths can be useful tool but there we've noticed a tendency in Santa Fe County to install a side path in lieu of an on-street bicycle shoulder or lane – a shoulder, which can serve many functions, or a designated bike lane. The reason we're concerned about going solely with side paths is that for commuter cyclists who typically travel at 15 miles per hour or for some us at closer to 12, we do not, we are impeded by having to slow down for all cross intersections where there is a conflict of traffic. All traffic engineers know that we should be minimizing conflict between regular high-speed bicyclists and high-speed cross traffic.

Statistics bear this out, that it is safer for a commuter cyclist to be on the road, sharing the road on occasion. Your current traffic engineer is extremely competent and I commend him for what he's done, for example on the traffic circle at Richards, in which bikes can merge into a slow-moving traffic circle. That is the correct, modern roundabout configuration that is safer for all users. Side paths are good for children, pedestrians, slow-moving people, strollers. But they are not a substitute for on-street facilities.

One other point which I've raised with this Commission before. I would duly request that there be a complete facilities – that you address complete facilities, including what we call end-of-trip facilities. In particular the County Commission building removed a bike rack in front of the building and moved it to the service entrance in the back and we don't. Most modern ordinances require that it be visible from the front entrance and not back with the dumpster. This is a better, safer configuration for promoting bicycle transportation and I appreciate the work that you all do. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Gail. Would you please state your name and address for the record?

STEVEN NEWHALL: Hello, I am Steven Newhall. I live at 125 E. Santa Fe Avenue. I'm also the manager of Rob and Charlie's Bike Shop. I'm also a student at Santa Fe Community College, which is the specific reason I'm out here now, is the new, allegedly green facility at Oshara Village has made it incredibly dangerous for bicycles to ride down Richards Avenue. They have blocked off the bike lane, forcing a bicycle into the middle of the travel lane, and then put a median divider down so that the cars can't even move around the cyclists. It is horrendously dangerous and someone should be out there tomorrow morning with a jackhammer to take it out. Then we'll figure out exactly how to do it correctly. Right now it's a lawsuit waiting to happen. It is a horrendously dangerous situation. It's just been built within the last few weeks. School starts this weekend, so it needs to be taken care of immediately.

And then I think a broader situation needs to happen is that I really think there needs to be some kind of bicycle input into what the County is doing in various streets, so instead of having to take stuff out after it's been built and essentially pay for it twice, to do it right the first time. But the situation on Richards Avenue as it is right now is incredibly dangerous. I've already known one cyclist friend who's had a run-in with a motorist because the cyclist is forced into the middle of the lane. Santa Fe drivers, not all of them are willing to slow down to

15, 20 miles an hour. I don't know why it was designed that way and it's horrendously unsafe. And somebody collides out there at least three times a week. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Campos.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Comment on the bicycle issue, last week, or last meeting we had a discussion about the Agua Fria reconstruction and I asked a question about bicycle lanes and I was told that we didn't have enough width and we would have to acquire right-of-way in order to accommodate bicycle lands. I was just hoping that our County Manager could look at that issue because I think if we could put bicycle lanes on Agua Fria that would be really important. If we need more right-of-way I think we need to talk about that. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: I would just ask our County Manager to have Public Works check out the Oshara Village situation tomorrow and get back with you. Unless you have some feedback on it right now.

MR. ABEYTA: I don't, Madam Chair, but I will get together with Public Works and we'll bring it back.

CHAIR VIGIL: And I would just also let our presenters know that this Thursday at 3:00 the Metropolitan Transportation Policy Board will be considering the resolution for the complete streets bicycle policy. One it is recommended, if in fact it passes through there and I expect it has strong support, it will probably go to each respective governing body. So that is a policy that should be established from my perspective. So if you'd like to let the organizations know, that meeting is 3:00 at City Hall, if they'd like to be in support of that resolution. Anyone else? Commissioner Duran. Welcome.

PAUL DURAN: Hello, Commissioners, Madam Chair. My name is Paul Duran. I reside at 12 La Vareda, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and I'm here today to express a little concern about the process that Commissioner Sullivan is proceeding with item XIII. 11. This is an amendment to the ordinance that Commissioner Sullivan has been pursuing for quite some time. You approved to have this thing brought forward as an ordinance and to have the two public hearings. And Commissioner Sullivan has known about this for quite some time and there are a number of people that want to speak to the issue, typically, those that want to speak to the issue. And the problem is that a lot of the people that were wanting to speak to the issue were not given adequate notice. We had thought that it was going to be brought forward at this meeting but last week it wasn't on the agenda, so all of those people that wanted to speak in support or not in support of this ordinance didn't have the opportunity to set this time aside because it was only brought forward as an amendment to the agenda yesterday.

I guess I'm just concerned why it had to be put on the agenda 24 hours before the meeting when Commissioner Sullivan has known about this for so long. It just seems like he's trying to get this thing passed without the proper input from the community. So I would like to ask the Commission - I know this might be out of order, but to amend the ordinance to table this until the next meeting so that those that would like to speak to the issue have time to

mobilize and come out and discuss it with you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Duran, because this is a first public hearing, for the second public hearing, would that be sufficient time for those people who are interested, because we will not be taking action on it today. We'll have a second public hearing probably at the next land use. Is it necessary that the information that you advocate for be given to us today or can it wait till the second hearing.

MR. DURAN: I know that it takes two hearings to approve or disapprove this kind of amendment. But it seems to me that we're wasting one meeting because it wasn't - we weren't given the proper notice. I'm sure that we can mobilize for the second meeting, but at that time maybe we'd need another meeting. I think that if we have two meetings to discuss this ordinance that we should be given proper notice, and I don't think we were given proper notice. I think that it circumvents the process by giving us 24-hour notice that you're going to have the first hearing on this.

CHAIR VIGIL: And let me just get a clarification here, because I think that what I heard when we were going through the agenda is that it was inadvertently not included and so I think it was intended to be there, but would you explain that further?

MR. ABEYTA: Madam Chair, that's correct. There was a miscommunication in the Legal Department as far as who was going to submit the caption, but it was noticed as it's supposed to be, which is the legal ads and things like that. And that's why we felt comfortable putting it on the agenda because it did meet notice requirements.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. So it just didn't come out in the original agenda but it got amended in the appropriate time.

MR. ABEYTA: Yes.

CHAIR VIGIL: But it was also noticed with the appropriate caption?

MR. ABEYTA: It was. Yes, Madam Chair.

MR. DURAN: So just the amended agenda was the one that - it was noticed properly last week? It just didn't make it to the agenda? Is that what I just heard?

CHAIR VIGIL: Yes. That's what he just explained.

MR. DURAN: So that makes sense, but are you still dealing with the public properly by - what's the problem with postponing it for one more meeting?

CHAIR VIGIL: I'll defer to how the other Commissioners feel. I just was asking questions with regard to the clarification as to why it was inadvertently omitted. And I guess the point, Commissioner Duran, that I was making is if in fact and as you state those who want to testify can come for the second public hearing, and if there is a need to extend it, we can do that at the second public hearing also.

MR. DURAN: Okay. I just wanted to voice my concern that I think this kind of ordinance requires two public hearings and I think that we were short-circuited.

CHAIR VIGIL: Is anybody else here to speak on this particular ordinance?
Okay.

MR. DURAN: Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you. Is there anyone else out there that would like to

address the Commission? Okay.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

CHAIR VIGIL: We actually have withdrawn the only item under Matters from the Commission so I would just ask the Commissioners if they had any particular matters themselves. Start with Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have been approached and have met with some members of the bargaining unit for AFSCME and for our local union representatives. I think the message that we need to be sending to them should be clear and consistent in terms of the way we want to negotiate with them, the message being that we want to include them and we should include them up front in any sort of negotiation, any sort of discussion that comes about that's going to affect anything that has to do with labor and with the union. I think some of the experience we've had in the last couple of meetings that have drawn opposition, to me unwarranted opposition in terms of what we've done with our salary schedule and the discussion of the local labor workforce board, discussion items that is probably just an oversight as happens many times in terms of any actions that we may engage in that may omit for no purposeful reason someone from the table.

I think, just again Roman, if whenever we negotiate that we just invite them to the table so that there's not this perception that we're trying to circumvent them or surprise them and then they come and speak in opposition to something that's a good thing for the County, just because they haven't been included. So I think that's one of the things that we just need to make sure that try and include as much as possible.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Could you mention specifics? I don't understand what you're talking about.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Specifically, when we passed at the last meeting the pay raise, the adjustments that were happening on the salary schedule and the reclassifications and all that - they weren't included in that up front, in the discussion. And they felt that they should have been included in the discussion up front, as opposed to waiting to hear, either at the Commission meeting or the day before the Commission meeting that it was going to be on the agenda. It's just really a matter of including them up front in any labor discussion. So that was there contention.

And then the other thing is that - and I believe it's been circulated, the Association of Counties did come out with their priorities and those have been forwarded to all of the Commissioners and if you didn't get them I'd be glad to share those with you.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I didn't get them.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: I'll be glad to share them with you. That's all I have for now, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Just ancillary to that, there are five priorities. It's

eliminating voting machine debt, the recording fee changes, the recognizing County detention facilities for Medicaid purposes, the revision of volunteer firefighters PERA plan, and the franchise fees. So I also have a summary of each one of those priorities and they also have affiliate resolutions that they're going to support. Commissioner Campos.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I'll pass.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. So I guess to follow up on Commissioner Montoya's question about the labor force, were you asking staff to meet with them before they bring that before us next month?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Well, more specifically, yes, in answer to that question and even before it gets to the point that it's at now, this should have been included way back.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So before they come before us to talk about the labor force, I don't have a problem with what you said in having them sit down with those people that are concerned, or the ones they left out, to talk about it. Is that what I'm hearing?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Yes. Exactly.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I don't have a problem with that. My question and concern is the new oil and gas ordinance that we're going to be bringing forward. When are we going to start that process?

MR. ABEYTA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, I'll have Jack Kolkmeier - he may have a better idea for where we're at. I know he's working with the Legal Department in drafting an ordinance but he'll know when we're going to bring forward the title and general summary and then the ordinance itself.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Because I've been getting telephone calls from concerned citizens and I'm just trying to find out what page we're on.

JACK KOLKMEYER (Land Use Administrator): Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioners, good afternoon. Commissioners, we've done a lot of work in looking at oil and gas ordinances across the state and southern Colorado, looking for models that might help us. We've completed that aspect of our research. We're also looking at whether we'll actually have to do a whole new ordinance or whether we need to just amend the portions of the existing mining ordinance that we have already. Legal has been helping us with that, and I suspect that we'll probably be ready to give some kind of report back to you about where we're at with that, probably at the next BCC meeting. We'll try to do that. And then in the interim of course we've received no application for oil or gas drilling at this point, so no activity has occurred at this point so we have some time here to really make sure that we're doing this correctly. And we'll report back to you at the next BCC meeting in detail on that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, great, Jack. Thank you.

MR. KOLKMEYER: You're welcome.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: The other thing that I wanted to bring up was

the music fest that happened in La Cienega at the racetrack last week. I just wanted to commend the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Santa Fe County staff, Jack Kolkmeier, your department, for a job well done. I had a briefing on Friday with Martin Vigil who's here and Greg Solano, our Sheriff. And I was really impressed with the stuff that they put together – the emergency response packet or whatever you call it. I forget the name, but I was really impressed with how our staff took this so seriously to protect the people that were going to the event and protect the citizens that weren't going to the event.

If you could, just give us a little briefing on how it went. I believe it went well. Martin, if you could just real short, give us your two cents on what happened.

MARTIN VIGIL: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I'm not sure people know how large this could have gotten. It was expected, particularly on Saturday upwards of 25,000 people with one particular band that has a large draw as they've been doing their venue. I would like to first start with just the exceptional cooperative nature by all emergency responders that came together, both in the planning and then the operation, as you mentioned, Land Use was tied in with us at the beginning. Santa Fe County Office of Emergency Management sort of took the lead in coordinating and developing the emergency response plan, which was an all-hazard plan.

I'd like to recognize Joyce Clock, my emergency management coordinator who spent a lot of hours, particularly up to the start of the event putting this together. The Santa Fe County Fire Department had both onsite and offsite assets for fire protection and backup emergency medical services. We were very concerned about the additional call volume that this would generate on the I-25 corridor so we built in some advanced life support as well as basic life support. We used all of our volunteers from the La Cienega fire district as well as the western region – came together to support them in handling the day-to-day 911 calls. Exceptional working relationships with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department.

We had both the County and City SWAT teams on activation triggers. The Santa Fe County Regional Emergency Communications Center was plugged in and changed some of the 911 traffic protocols. I worked hand-in-hand with Moya Security that provided the actual even security. For the first time we worked with Rocky Mountain Emergency Medical Services, which is a private company, and really had a seamless approach to emergency medical services. St. Vincent Hospital was plugged in and we had disaster activation triggers with them. For the first time, I've been doing some work with the Santa Fe Community College in developing their emergency response plans and we've created an incident management team and we had the opportunity to bring them over to help us in the command vehicle.

The sobering center stepped up to help out. County Corrections had personnel there. Carl Potter with Pojoaque Pueblo was just right with us the whole step of the way. So just really exceptional. It was fairly uneventful. We did not have the numbers that we expected. We had probably half a dozen ambulance transports. We did have one weather related incident that we followed our plan and did a concert delay, had partners with the

National Weather Service on that.

If this should occur in the future I really suggest that this needs to be a year's worth of planning. We were scrambling every step of the way. A number of us took a pretty significant financial hit and I believe we have in the works two levels of after-action reporting. One is to look at how we're going to start handling some of these bigger venues coming into Santa Fe County and what the process needs to be and the timeline. And then the second one would be an operational after-action report.

This one particular band has had a history of bringing in, I believe at LA they sold 66,000 tickets in less than 30 minutes. In El Paso they were drawing 44,000 and we are all doing the best we can on a daily basis to provide services. There is very little surge and reserve capacity and things like this really need to be looked at from a public safety standpoint. I'm just real pleased with how, in a very short amount of time, how all of these players came together, and we did have quite a bit of assets there and I'm very thankful that it was not the big draw that could have happened, because I'm not sure we could have handled something that big. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Martin. We learned a lot from it. You guys did an excellent job.

MR. VIGIL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I have one more item and that is how can this body shorten our meetings? Last meeting we didn't even get to finish our agenda because Commissioners had to take off for various reasons. I would like to see maybe staff look at how we can shorten our meetings and maybe get input from the Commissioners so that we're not up here for 12 hours every two weeks. It does get tiring and I tend to not be as focused. I think that there is ways that we could limit the time we spend up here. Maybe limit the Commissioners on how much time they can talk, limit the public on how much time they can talk. Limit staff. But it does get very tiring after 8, 12 hours on the bench. So that's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Campos.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: A question for Mr. Abeyta, on the music fest. It looks like a lot of County resource were used and I was just curious if there's going to be compensation by the folks putting on the concert. I just don't know.

MR. ABEYTA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Campos, my office is coordinating a meeting, kind of a debriefing meeting, with all of the parties that were involved, including the promoter himself so that we can talk about the lessons that we learned and the process that should be followed for the next time. I expect that we will be having that meeting in the next week or two. There were a lot of things that we learned through this process. Most of the services that were rendered were paid for by the promoter. There was a hefty bill for the Sheriff's officers that were out there and also Fire. One of the questions is going to be was that enough? Did it cover the resources we put in or not? And if not, then we'll adjust the fee schedule for that. But we're not going to just let this kind of happen and go away. We're going to meet and we're going to talk about the

things that went right, the things that didn't, how we can improve the process for next time all the way around.

For example, we realized we didn't notify or didn't have the Corrections Department participate, and we really should have. When you have these events like that they need to be aware that there could be a possibility that people are going to be arrested and do we have the cells available and the staff available. St. Vincent Hospital is another one that I heard from at the very end. They should have been put on notice since way back so that they would be prepared in case there was an emergency.

But I think with bringing everybody together again we'll be able to flesh this out even more and have a good process in place for next time, a better one. It went well thought. But this was the first time we've had an event this big in a long time and we want to make sure that because of the success and when new ones come – and we're already getting calls for people that want to have others at that location and throughout the county, so we're going to make sure that we have a good process in place for that.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Thank you. In response to Commissioner Anaya about the length of the meetings. I agree. They're just too long. I think it's going to take some discipline by the Commissioners because we can't be a Commission that has a job that takes an hour but if we have two hours to do it. I think we all have to cooperate. I think we should end our meetings probably no later than 9:00. Every meeting. After that, we're trying to process things and we're not doing a very good job. It goes on too long. So I think we all need to work on that. We all have to be a little more disciplined and being more prepared for the meetings, not stretching them out like we have a tendency to do. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. The only item I have is I wanted to announce that Joseph Quintana, Von Sandoval and Rita Maes have been working together with the Board of Trustees at Agua Fria for the grand opening for the Nancy Rodriguez Agua Fria Community Center. Those festivities are going to take place Thursday, August 23rd from 5:30 to 7:30 and I think the invitations have gone out and further notice will be given and advertisement. I just wanted to thank Joseph, his department, Rita, and the community for the work they've put into this grand opening.

And with that, we'll move on. Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I know you were leaving me until last.

CHAIR VIGIL: I was going to skip you.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: We were just trying to make the meetings shorter.

CHAIR VIGIL: I've been given a directive here.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I'll make a Biblical reference here.

Physician, heal thyself. Okay. I just have one thing and that is I want to congratulate the folks who organized and participated in the County Fair this past week, and also the DWI Planning Group that also simultaneously held the designated driver rally at the fair. I saw both Commissioner Montoya and Commissioner Anaya there. We had good representation.

The *New Mexican* did a really good write-up of the winners, multiple pages of the winners of various categories and pictures and several articles, so I think it's become a really enjoyable and community event, more so than just the 4-H-ers and their group themselves, it's become a learning event for the rest of the community and an enjoyable event for them. The Fire Department had exhibits there as well. HO Train Club had exhibits there. So there was just a lot for everyone to do, whether you were interested in rabbits and pigs or not.

So I want to compliment all of those and of course the winners in their categories in those events. It's just good to see the wholesome youth atmosphere that that event demonstrates. Thank you, Madam Chair.

X. Appointments/Resignations

A. Appointment of Larry Lopez and Frank Angel to the Protest Board (Assessor's Office)

CHAIR VIGIL: Domingo, welcome, and thank you for being here.

DOMINGO MARTINEZ (County Assessor): Madam Chair, members of the Commission, I stand before you today to seek your approval in appointing two members to the Valuation Protest Board. The current board went out of existence on August 10th so we've got to appoint some new ones. We do have two new ones that we're going to seek your approval. These are individuals that sit on the Valuation Protest Board, by statute. In other words, when a property owner comes to us and disputes the value we set on their property, they get due process by protesting that value.

These individuals sit on the valuation protest board to hear the testimony and any evidence that they bring about, and they will make the ultimate decision as to what the evaluation should be. By statute, one individual has to be learned in real estate, appraisal, those types of things. Mr. Larry Lopez is a real estate agent and has quite a bit of appraisal knowledge. The other individual is a layperson. That individual is Frank Angel. He is more of a computer type person. He about five years ago retired from the state as a computer person, as a director in the General Services Department, and also the Highway and other departments of the state. So although he doesn't have real estate and appraisal, he doesn't have to have it. He has quite a bit of experience in other matters.

These individuals are paid a small stipend for serving on the board. That is paid by the state through the Property Tax Division, so there's no cost to us, and I would hope that that the Commission would approve these at this point in time because we're looking to put them to work probably the latter part of September and starting hearing the protest that will come to the board for them to make the decisions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Domingo, and thank you for providing the résumés. Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Domingo, how are these individuals selected?

MR. MARTINEZ: What we do is we look at real estate agents from Santa Fe County. These are individuals that we know and have had experience with and they understand the laws and they understand what's going on. So we just come about and we look at some individuals. We ask them to be on the board and if they accept we look at their résumés and those types of things. These are the ones that we feel are the ones that stand out a little bit better than others. The protest board members that were there before, we felt that we needed a change for this next year, and that's why we're asking for these two new people to be put on the board this time.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And there's a total of how many on the protest board?

MR. MARTINEZ: There are three protest board members, these two plus one individual that is an employee of the Property Tax Division who sits as the chair of the board. Sometimes when the issue becomes heated there is also an attorney that is paid for by the Property Tax Division that will sit and look at that also. Sometimes, because of some of the legal matters, sometimes we will ask our County Attorney to also be there with our appraiser so that we can get that taken care of.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So we don't necessarily advertise or solicit applications? It's more of a recruitment?

MR. MARTINEZ: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And in terms of – I've been getting a lot of individuals calling me regarding the assessed values that have gone up, in some case 1200 percent from last year to this year. Is this the board that hears those cases?

MR. MARTINEZ: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further questions? What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Move for approval of the appointment of Larry Lopez and Frank Angel to the protest board.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion and second.

The motion to appoint Larry Lopez and Frank Angel to the protest board passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you very much, Domingo. Good luck.

XI. Consent Calendar

A. Miscellaneous

- 1. Request Approval of Two-Month Extension on the Value Options Letter of Agreement in the Amount of \$183,159 Related to Administration of the Access to Recovery (ATR) Voucher Program (Community Services)**
- 2. Resolution No. 2007-118. A Resolution Establishing a Management Protocol at the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility; Vesting Authority for Operation and Management of the Facility in the Jail Administrator; Clarifying the County Sheriff's Role in Operation and Management of the Facility; Making Amendments to Resolution No. 2007-60 to Clearly Define the County Sheriff's Responsibility to Investigate Alleged Criminal Conduct at the Adult Detention Facility (Legal Department)**

B. Findings of Fact

- 1. EZ Case #S 02-4494 Northwest Ranches Subdivision (Phase II) - Approved**
- 2. EZ Case #V06-5720 Gerard Martinez Variance - Approved ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- 3. EZ Case #DL 07-4120 Rudy Fernandez Land Division - Approved**
- 4. LCDRC Case # 06-5460 Alvaro Leon Variance - Approved ISOLATED FOR DISCUSSION**
- 5. EZ Case #S 06-4200 Mattson Subdivision - Approved**
- 6. EZC Case #S 06-4500 Leyba Family Transfer - Approved**

CHAIR VIGIL: We will be hearing item XI. B. 2. Commissioner Campos, your concerns.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I don't have concerns. I just wanted information from the staff as to what the basic facts were in each case. The two involve variances.

SHELLEY COBAU (Review Division Director): Members of the Commission, Commissioner Campos, do you mean item 4, which is the Alvaro Leon Variance?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: There's two.

MS. COBAU: And item 2, which was Gerard Martinez?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Yes.

MS. COBAU: Okay. I have the two case planners, Jose Larrañaga and Vicente Archuleta, who took those cases forward to committee and they can address any questions you may have.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I want just background. That's what I would like to have. Just brief.

VICENTE ARCHULETA (Review Specialist): Madam Chair, Commissioner Campos, Gerard Martinez was requesting an application to be allowed to zone his property as commercial. His property is located next to Gabriel's on 285. His reason was the other properties are zoned commercial.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: This is a variance to become part of a commercial zone?

Va: That's correct. He asked for the potential to be a commercial lot.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: What was the vote on that?

Va: I don't recall the vote.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Four-zero, I think.

Va: Madam Chair, Commissioner Campos, it was three to one, Commissioner Sullivan voting against.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Okay. And the other case, the Leon case?

JOSE LARRAÑAGA (Review Specialist): Madam Chair, Commissioner Campos, the Leon case is disturbance of slopes over 30 percent. The applicant was – the buildable area was all within 30 percent but it was platted as being slopes of 20 percent or less. He already has a home there and he started grading up above that and had a notice violation.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I remember the case. You know, it would be nice to have just a little bit of information about each case that involve variances for me. That's what I would like to have. I'd like to be able to remember something. I just don't remember the facts of the case.

MS. COBAU: Commissioner Campos, would you like that on the agenda or would you like just a separate summary of each case to be in –

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Just a brief summary.

MS. COBAU: Okay. We can distribute that before each meeting. No problem.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. No other items have been moved from the Consent Calendar. What's the pleasure of the Authority on items XI. A. and B. We need a motion.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Items B. 2 and 4.

CHAIR VIGIL: B. 2 and 4.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Move for approval on items XI B 2 and 4.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Is there a motion to approve the other items?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, move for approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar items.

CHAIR VIGIL: Second.

The motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

XII. Staff and Elected Officials' Items
A. Matters from the County Manager
1. Update on Various Issues

MR. ABEYTA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I've asked Shelley to assist me. We're going to distribute a couple of flow charts to the Commission. *[Exhibit 1]* A few months ago the Commissioners asked me to develop and document a process that complaints would be handled and followed through. The first is a constituent complaint process. The purpose of the flow chart is to show how a complaint that comes into the Manager's office will be handled. It will begin with the County Manager's office and after the situation is dealt with the action will be given back to the Manager's office and the constituent -- our goal is to keep the constituent informed throughout the process.

So the first flow chart shows that we'll receive complaints by either telephone, e-mail, in person or in writing. Once I receive a complaint, I will distribute it to one of the constituent service liaison's, depending on whose district the complaint has come in from. Lisa Roybal handles Districts 1 and 4, Rita Maes handles District 2 and Jennifer Jaramillo handles Districts 2 and 5. They then generate a Commission action request. They forward the action request to the appropriate department and I also get a copy of that request. Then the department takes the appropriate action, they get back to me and the constituent service reps, and we follow up with the constituent as to what action was taken.

And attached to the flow chart is also a copy of our webpage where you can file your complaint. We have that on our web now as an option. You give your name, your address, your e-mail address, city, zip code, phone number, and then a summary of the complaint. Those complaints will be monitored by the Manager's office. We will go into the webpage every day to see what we've gotten and then we will follow the process.

We have also reserved a new telephone number that is going to be dedicated solely for complaints and then at the bottom, the number is 992-HELP. I don't have a phone in front of my what the letters HELP have the corresponding numbers are. But that will be a line that will ring in the County Manager's office directly. So we will receive those complaints through that line and we'll be advertising that new telephone line.

Then the second kind of complaints we get, and sometimes they're not always complaints. They could be also compliments that we receive regarding the service that was rendered by County employees. We've created a flow chart to show how an

acknowledgement by a constituent regarding service rendered will be processed. First again, a complaint or a compliment could come in via the telephone, e-mail, on the web, in person or in writing. I've insisted that all of those, both again, negative and positive, come to my office. I will distribute it to the appropriate department director. We will notify the employee on Human Resources, and if it was good service that was rendered we will fill out an employee recognition form. If it is bad service that was rendered we will take the appropriate corrective action. Again, those complaints can be filed via the County HELP line at 992-HELP, or through the Internet, walk-in, or letters that we receive.

So this is something that we have developed in the Manager's office with the constituent service liaisons and we'll be sharing with staff at our upcoming staff meeting.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Roman. Any questions?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I didn't get this one but Jack didn't get that one so we switched here. So this one again was for complaints and for employees that do good and employees that don't do good.

MR. ABEYTA: Right.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Do you have a tracking system?

MR. ABEYTA: We have a tracking and an acknowledgement and recognition of both.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Oh, okay.

MR. ABEYTA: So when you do good, you're going to be acknowledged also, through an employee recognition form that we've developed.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I think this is good. Now, do we have to adopt this as a policy or is this good enough?

MR. ABEYTA: I believe that I have the authority to implement this policy, so I just wanted to make sure that the Commission knew that this was something I was working on because this was originally requested by the Commission. I believe both yourself and Commissioner Sullivan had asked that we have a formal process that these complaints should follow.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. That way we don't lose anything in the shuffle. Thanks.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any other questions?

MR. ABEYTA: And Madam Chair, if you have any questions or comments or want to make changes, feel free to let me know between now and the following few days, and then I will be discussing this with all of the staff directors at our next senior staff meeting.

CHAIR VIGIL: It seems to me that we've been operating somewhat within this framework already, because I've seen the Commission action request forms and the follow-up by staff. They've been brought to me and I've been keeping files, but I'm glad to know they're being centralized. I guess the only concern I would have is who in the

County Manager's office will be responsible for keeping this information, disseminating the complaints and are we staffed appropriately for that?

MR. ABEYTA: We believe we are with the three staff members we have with Tina Salazar, Naomi Salazar and Meeka. Meeka will be primarily responsible for the generating of the paperwork that's required and starting the process. That seemed to make the most sense. One of her responsibilities now is to answer the main line, so naturally she would be getting the complaints anyway. And she'll have assistance from both Tina and Naomi to help her out, but for now we think we can handle it with the staff we have.

CHAIR VIGIL: And Roman, do we still have an 800 number?

MR. ABEYTA: I believe we do and we're looking into that now that we redo the phone system. We're looking into whether or not we still have that 800 number. But I thought we did.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So the telephone number was 992-4357.

MR. ABEYTA: Right. Or 992-HELP. We chose HELP so that it would be easy to remember.

CHAIR VIGIL: Anything else?

MR. ABEYTA: That's all I've got, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Madam Chair, I like this. I think it's set up where it's outlined exactly who's going to do what. So I would hope that things flow as smoothly as this chart. Thank you, Roman.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Roman.

XII. B. Matters from the County Attorney

2. Resolution No. 2007-119. A Resolution Authorizing Publication of a Notice of Sale of Santa Fe County, New Mexico General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 B in a Principal Amount of \$20,000,000

CHAIR VIGIL: Good afternoon, Mr. Franklin.

PETER FRANKLIN (Bond Counsel): Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. Madam Chair and Commissioners, before you is a resolution which was tabled at the last meeting. This is a resolution authorizing publication of a notice of sale of the next series of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$20 million. This would be the second series authorized by the voters of Santa Fe County in November 2004. The purpose of this series is to fund water projects in the amount of \$8.5 million and to complete the road bond authorization in the amount of \$11.5 million.

The resolution is part of a notice that will be published. We will publish the notice and accept bids on September 11th and determine what the best bid is based on the lowest true interest cost, and then after a Commission meeting that day, we anticipate that the

bond should be awarded to the best bidder. And we're expecting to close this issue sometime in the second half of October. I'd be happy to stand for any questions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Questions? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Peter, so tell me again, this is a \$20 million bond – you said the second half. What was the first half?

MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, this is actually not the second half. This is the second series. You may recall that in November 2004 the Santa Fe County voters approved a total issuance of \$72.5 million in general obligation bonds. We've now issued \$20 million in late 2005 for water and road projects. A portion of that was actually reauthorized about eight months later for the fire station use, which was also part of the authorization. So this would be the next of what we anticipate will be a total of three series, which would complete the amount and the purposes authorized by the voters. So we're looking at the last series, which would be \$32.5 million, probably about a year from now for water projects. Probably for the Buckman Direct project.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So if this is approved, then you're saying that \$8.5 million is going to be used for water projects in the county, and \$11.5 million will be used for road projects in the county.

MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, that is correct. I should say that of the \$11.5 million authorized for road projects, quite a bit of that is allocated to the completion of the Public Works facility that the County is constructing.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: How much?

MR. FRANKLIN: I believe about \$8.5 million. Is that correct? Joseph says more or less.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Questions?

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: Peter, is what we were just handed different than what was in our packet? *[Exhibit 2]*

MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, it's different in that we've got today's date on it as opposed to a couple weeks back. RBC Capital Markets, the County's financial advisor, because of the later sale of the bonds, due to the two-week delay, slightly changed the way the bond will mature, which appears on page 4 of the resolution, and also again on pages 7 and 8 of the resolution. What they're trying to do there is make sure that they structure the amounts maturing so that the debt service on the bonds creates a level tax rate to avoid any jumps, up or down, in the tax rate that the property owners in Santa Fe County will pay.

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: And the project sale date on this one then is today?

MR. FRANKLIN: The projected sale date is September 11th.

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: September 11th. Okay. And these numbers

will hold.

MR. FRANKLIN: These numbers will hold. These will be the amounts that the investment banks and so on will bid their interest rates on.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: And then Peter, on page 18, was there a page missing prior to that? Because it says Member [blank] and then seconded. But before that I don't see where anyone makes the motion. Or is it like way up front.

MR. FRANKLIN: Actually, it is on page 1. It's kind of a strange form, but basically, the record of who was present and who moves approval of the resolution appears on page 1. Then you've got the whole body of the resolution for the next 17 pages. Then on page 18 you have the voting record. Actually, it's seconding and then the voting record, and then the signature page follows.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: All right. Madam Chair, I'll make a motion to adopt this resolution.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion and a second. Discussion? I have one question and then I'll go to Commissioner Sullivan. Actually, let me defer to Commissioner Sullivan. He may ask it and I may not need to. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I just had a quick question. With the problems in the subprime market recently and the pressure on the Fed to lower interest rates, do we think that by backing this up a little we'll get a better rate on our bonds?

MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, I guess I don't really know. To some extent the problems that the stock market has been having because of the subprime issues out there has already resulted in lower interest rates in the bond market as a whole. Now what investors will actually bid, I'm not sure. They will bid at a level that is competitive with other similar types of issues. You don't happen to know when the Fed is next meeting, do you?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: They just had one.

MR. FRANKLIN: Right. I don't think it will make a lot of difference, because these are GO bonds and this is the highest rated credit that people typically see in the market.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I just wondered if this was, you felt, the right time. Our bond advisor felt this was the right time, given the volatility in the market.

MR. FRANKLIN: I think - I am guessing from some discussions I had with Kevin Powers, the financial advisor, the big concern is that in order to maintain level debt service and level tax rates, this is the time to try to sell these bonds, because otherwise what will happen is the County is going to make - or actually the County has just made a big payment of principal on all its outstanding bonds on July 1st. So unless the expected debt service on these bonds is sort of calculated into the tax rate that DFA approves for the County in the coming tax year, unless these are included in that what's going to happen is the tax rate for debt service is going to begin to drop, and I think the concern in the County's bonding plan attempts to keep that tax rate very level. And that increases the

bonding capacity and so on. And I understand from Mr. Powers that the time to sell the next series is now in order to make sure that happens and a delay is going to cause some sort of ups and downs in the tax rate that the taxpayers see.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further questions? Mr. Franklin, is there a reason why we're going out to bid on the same day that the County Commission is meeting? Do bidding and validation have to occur within a 24-hour period?

MR. FRANKLIN: That is correct, Madam Chair. That's a very important point. The bids are really only good for a very short time and if the investors have to hold their bids the County would pay an interest rate premium for that. They would bid higher, sort of hedging against a movement in the interest rate market. So in order to get the best rates for any given day we want to be able to accept the best bid on that day.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. So that by the end of the Commission meeting on that day we will have to take official action as a Board.

MR. FRANKLIN: That is correct. In fact, what we will try to do is schedule the Commission action to occur probably by about mid-afternoon that day if we can. We'll work with the County Manager and try to make that happen.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Franklin. There's a motion and second. Any further discussion?

The motion to approve Resolution 2007-119 passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Campos, Montoya, Sullivan and Vigil all voting in the affirmative.

MR. FRANKLIN: Madam Chair, Commissioners, thank you very much.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you Peter, for all your work on this.

XII. B. 2. Executive Session
a. Discussion of Pending or Threatened Litigation
b. Limited Personnel Issues

CHAIR VIGIL: We will need a motion and a roll call vote on that.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: What are we going to discuss?

CHAIR VIGIL: I believe we have discussion of pending or threatened litigation, limited personnel issues, discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, and discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations with a bargaining unit.

MR. ABEYTA: Madam Chair, we're only going to need to discuss a. and b. in executive session. Unless of course the Commission had anything under c. and d. But from staff we only have issues of pending or threatened litigation and limited personnel

issues.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So moved.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion that we go into executive session for items a. and b.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous [5-0] roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Campos, Montoya, Sullivan and Vigil all voting in the affirmative.

[The Commission met in executive session from 4:20 to 5:45.]

CHAIR VIGIL: We need a motion to come out of executive session, where we discussed only limited personnel issues and pending or threatened litigation.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So moved.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

The motion to come out of executive session passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

XIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Growth Management Department

1. Request Approval of Resolution 2007-120. Amending Resolution 1999-137, the Santa Fe County Growth Management Plan, to Adopt and Incorporate the Pojoaque Valley Community Strategic Plan SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

DAVID DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Dave Dogruel. I'm the chair of the Pojoaque Valley Planning Committee, also a lifelong resident of Nambe. I will be doing the first part of the presentation then I will turn it over to Ms. Villareal for the second part.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Dave.

MR. DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, Commissioners, County staff and guests at this hearing. I'm going to present a very quick overview of the core, which is basically going to be the goals and actions of our community plan. This is the result of almost five years of work by members of the Santa Fe County Planning staff and members of the Pojoaque Valley. If you have any questions please stop me during the presentation of my section. Otherwise, afterward I'll try to answer as many questions as I can.

Our community plan focuses on five major thematic areas. These are the five goals and the actions that support them. The first one we'd like to achieve is to create some

public places in the Pojoaque Valley that will serve our community and in particular serve our youth. One of the keystone actions of this goal is to provide a multi-purpose community center for our community for a number of uses including educational, community programs and events can be held.

The second action regarding community places is to create a connected trail system. We currently have a small trail system in the Pojoaque Valley that is used by both the local school runners, local athletes, and athletes that actually come to the area from all places in the country as well as internationally to run. So we'd like to formalize the trail system and that ties in with our community center.

The third action under this goal for community place is to provide community support for our youth in terms of quality education, more job opportunities and recreation.

Another goal of our plan is to ensure a clean water supply. That's something that's important for all of us in Santa Fe County, not just those who are in the Pojoaque Valley. And we have four actions under this particular goal, those being to improve acequias, diversions and delivery systems, continue to protect and utilize domestic wells to the extent possible and the extent allowed by the future settlement of the Aamodt water suite, to develop and implement strategies for water conservation, and to pursue options for wastewater management and treatment systems.

A third goal of our plan -- because of the unique nature of the Pojoaque Valley being landlocked between three Native American tribes as well as several land grants is to strengthen good relationships with our neighbors and other government entities. The tribes are considered sovereign nations. We'd also like to increase local input into zoning regulations.

A few actions here, these are kind of interesting actions. The first one is an attempt to create a Council of Youth of both Pueblo and traditional community youth to work with each other with the adults in the community, with the County, to address youth-related issues. A second action under this goal is to address community problems in collaboration with these government agencies, both County and our Pueblo neighbors. Some of those issues include vandalism, graffiti, animal control, speeding, litter and some social programs. We feel that cooperation with our neighbors is going to be very important to solve these in a more holistic manner.

A third action under this goal of working with our neighbors, and it's really our neighbors in the community. When we come down to it, a community plan really is an opportunity and zoning document, a growth management document and here we'd like to better communicate, evaluate, modify and update zoning regulations as needed to address growth in the valley, land use issues, including density, family transfers and things like affordable housing which is an important project throughout the County of Santa Fe. Currently our plan is to make no changes to density in the traditional communities in the Pojoaque Valley, ¼-acre minimum lot size is currently supported as being sustainable by both water quality and wastewater testing. The plan seeks to maintain family transfers, which is one of the options for affordable housing. We'd like to encourage alternative

development patterns – things like clustered housing and affordable housing patterns.

We have created a land use tabled that's been tailored specifically for the traditional communities of the Pojoaque Valley to accomplish some of this. Our plan also seeks to improve the public notification process for any community developments that will high impact or impacts on the entire community. And further, we'd like to continue working on resolving boundary issues, primarily with our neighbors, the Pueblos.

A fourth theme is growing the local economy. Several actions under this being improve and revitalize traditional agricultural practices, promoting arts and crafts and supporting home occupations and home business. Our district land use table really speaks to the increased opportunities for these home occupations and home businesses which are appropriate for our traditional community.

An action under growing the local economy that we propose is to establish three additional mixed-use districts or corridors in the Pojoaque Valley for businesses. Those are shown on the map here, these areas in red. One is along US 84/285 north to 503, the second is along New Mexico 502 in the Jacona area, and the third is again along New Mexico 503 a little further in the vicinity of the Jacona land grant and the entrance to the Pojoaque schools. We feel the inclusion or creation of these mixed-use districts hopefully for those landowners and entrepreneurs that want to pursue those uses will facilitate those type of appropriate developments.

And finally, this fifth action which is kind of a thing that really has to come first in the plan is how to take the plan from its stage now to actual implementation. So we're proposing creation of an entity that looks after the interests of the valley akin to a local development review committee with a slightly expanded scope and interest to both plan cooperatively with the County and the state, the federal government and our local land grant and Pueblo neighbors So this committee is envisioned as having a traditional role as an LDRC, a local development review committee to review land use development plans, but it will also be the focal point for community issues and projects and a conduit between the community and the County.

So now I'd like to turn the presentation over to Ms. Renee Villareal from County Growth Management office to address some concerns and questions that arose after our first public hearing. Renee.

RENEE VILLAREAL (Planner): Thank you, David. Good evening Madam Chair, Commissioners. The first public hearing we had in July there were some issues brought up that I wanted to briefly go over today. Running through the first issue that was discussed was that there were no water restrictions or limitations that were stated in the plan for the traditional communities within the district boundaries. Currently in the Code, the restrictions – I just wanted to reiterate what those are. The hydrologic zones in the country restrict water use withdrawal anywhere from a quarter acre-foot to one acre-foot per lot per year, depending on the area. In the traditional communities, which are located within a hydrological zone, they have a restriction of one acre-foot of water per lot per year unless otherwise indicated in the community plan or restricted further by covenants.

Additionally, I just wanted to bring up with the Aamodt water rights adjudication lawsuit, which is the longest running suit in the federal court system, in excess of 40 years, will resolve groundwater rights in the Pojoaque Basin for both Pueblo and non-Pueblo users. Water use restrictions will be established for all users in the final form of a settlement agreement which is to be determined in the near future, and depending on the category of well one has in the valley, the restrictions may be as low as .3 acre-feet per year or historic beneficial use, whichever is less.

The planning committee and County Planning staff recommendation at this time is the following: We would like to follow the current County Code restriction of one acre-foot per lot per year for the traditional communities. As I said before, the Aamodt settlement will dictate water restrictions for Pueblo and non-Pueblo users. In the strategic plan we acknowledge that water use restrictions will be determined by the outcome of this suit and therefore we do not seek to impose any additional water restrictions for the traditional community district boundary. The consensus of the planning committee, which is also reflecting the sentiment of the community is attempting to have the community plan impose additional water use restrictions would result in less support for the plan.

However, the planning committee continues to support an integrated approach to wastewater in concurrence to the proposed settlement as well as efforts in the community plan to maintain and improve acequias. The community plan also advocates for additional innovative local water conservation and use policies such as water catchment, advanced treatment systems and small scale community systems to help the community remain as independent and sustainable as possible.

The second issue was brought up was that there were no provisions on guesthouses in the valley. At this time, just to reiterate what the current land use code says, the existing code allows accessory structures of less than 2000 square feet with a bathroom or a kitchen but not both to be approved administratively. Guesthouses on the other hand are considered dwelling units and all density criteria must be met before they're approved administratively. At this time the planning committee and the County Planning staff recommendation is the following: We feel the existing Code governing accessory structures is adequate and additional restrictions for the Pojoaque Valley are not needed. What we do feel is that there will be a need, and there is a need for Code enforcement officers in order to mitigate the problem of accessory structures becoming permanent residences throughout the county.

At this time we are wrapping up our presentation and we stand for questions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Questions? Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, on the trails issue, at the end of our packets, the last map in the packets is the trails map, for anybody who wants to look at it. The only trail – my question is, is this the only trail that you've identified in the entire community plan? It seems to be primarily on Jacona land grant land with a little bit of it on BLM land.

MR. DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, what I've

projected should be fairly close or identical to the map that's in your packet. You are correct in that the majority of the trail, the length of the trail is on land owned by the Jacona land grant, a small portion is on BLM land, and then a very small piece intersects and crosses a small corner of land owned by the Pueblo of Pojoaque. These trails are currently in use. They have been in use for years. However, the Jacona land grant and the Pueblo of Pojoaque seek to formalize through either a memorandum of agreement or a memorandum of understanding clear delineation of the trail itself and also seek to address what are technically currently trespass issues.

Both entities in discussions, both at community-wide forums and in tribal summits held between the County of Santa Fe and the Pueblo of Pojoaque support the continued use. However, they desire these memoranda to formalize things like fence crossings and addressing trespass issues as well as the construction of informational signage at the trailheads and trail markers that clearly delineate trails once they cross into jurisdictions, be they BLM, Jacona land grant or Pueblo of Pojoaque.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I guess my question was, is this the only one? And I think the answer that you said was yes. And this one's already in use. One of our key things that we get out of these community plans, in addition, typically to some consensus on water usage which I discussed at length at the last hearing and I'm not going to repeat that; it's in the minutes. I think that is the function of a community plan is to step up to the plate with regard to water. But one of the things that we find is useful in these community plans is to set up a map, a trail map, showing interconnectivity of proposed trails. And we generally like to see them in a broad fashion so that they can move one way or the other as developments come forward. At least as land approvals come forward you get a feel and you can require commitments to be made, if the easements are necessary – it's a good planning tool for our Land Use staff when they have a trail to work with.

When we have to come back after the fact and acquire easements and negotiate these trail rights-of-way it becomes really hard and expensive to do. So was there any look at – this is a big planning area as we can see in your map in the packet. Were there any options for trails anywhere else?

MR. DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, the short answer to your question is yes. Though it's not shown on this map specifically, we do have both some conceptual and some draft maps that have been prepared that show some concepts for connectivity from the Pueblo of Nambe to the Rio Grande to our trail system here in the Jacona area, connecting to the Caja del Rio trail in the BLM, extending far, far down into the Caja del Rio. So we do have some conceptual ideas that are not currently captured on this map. We'd be happy to attempt to get those maps more formalized and share them with you and your staff as soon as we can if that will help you. We do support the vision of Santa Fe County for an integrated trail system throughout the county. Recently at a trails meeting hosted by Santa Fe County the Pueblo of Pojoaque did express at least conceptual agreement for a trail system along the bosque and river areas of Pojoaque, so that would tie in very well with the proposed Jacona trail system here and the Caja del Rio trail system.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: That's good to hear. So are those maps a part of this plan that we're being asked to approve this evening?

MR. DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, for exact clarification on that matter I'm going to have to turn that question over to Renee.

MS. VILLAREAL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, the way we had stated in the plan is that any additional or future trails that come up specifically with Caja del Rio and Pojoaque Pueblo proposing a river trail, is that ours would integrate nicely with those, that there would be connections and if the gentleman took away the map but basically the areas where our trail begins at the top where the school is located, up at the top area, there's a possibility to connect that goes up north towards the river, and then down below where we end our trail is a possibility to end up with Caja del Rio. So the way we stated it in the plan is to have options for integration for trails that may come up in the future, although right now nothing is set in stone.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Well, is there any way to put these on a map? It's really nice to see them on a map because that gets people thinking. Just a general statement that we want to integrate trails is pretty much motherhood and apple pie. But really what we'd like is some finite recommendations. Again, this is a plan; it's not an ordinance, so I think we can be creative in the plan. We can throw these things out there. If they don't come to pass for jurisdictional reasons, so be it, but if we don't even throw them out there they never get defined.

MS. VILLAREAL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, I think what we could do is probably show where the Caja del Rio trail actually ends, if it's not too far down. I'm not really sure how far down on the map we can show that. But I think we will probably have to wait in the trail system for the river, because nothing's been formalized. There have been discussions with our Open Space Division and some of the Pueblo members. So right now I think we should probably wait on that. There's an individual here that works for Pojoaque Pueblo that may lend some further information about that, but at this time I think that we probably would be able to just add Caja del Rio trails as possibilities for future connections.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further questions? Seeing none, is there further presentation? David.

MR. DOGRUEL: Madam Chair, this is not directly related to our presentation. However, I'd just like to take the opportunity in particular in front of Commissioner Anaya for the Thank You letters that he sent out to the many hundred Santa Fe County fire and emergency services volunteers. As a volunteer district fire chief, some of my members have expressed their appreciation so I'd like to pass it on to Commissioner Anaya. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: That's unrelated to this, correct, David? Or was it related to this?

MR. DOGRUEL: It was unrelated to the presentation specifically, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you very much. This is the second public hearing and I

do believe at the second public hearing we are required to take action on this? Is there anyone out there from the public that wanted to address the Commission on this? I see one hand. Is there anyone else? I see three hands. Would you all come forth and state your name and address for the record. Anyone else out there, so we can take a tally now. Thank you.

CARL BERNEY: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Carl Berney. I'm a resident of Nambe, 13 Callejon Nambe. I've lived there about 15 years. I urge the Commissioners to approve this plan and let us move forward. It represents the best thinking of large numbers of community members in the Pojoaque Valley, probably numbering close to 200, so it's a core group that did most of the work. I think it reflects what we would like to see in the valley over the coming years, and there's a number of people who are ready to help move this forward. So I would request your approval.

I also would like to acknowledge the wonderful help and guidance we got from Jack Kolkmeier and Renee Villareal in producing this plan and guiding us through this. There were many long evenings and a lot of table pounding, that you don't see in the final result but I think it was their guidance that helped us produce a good plan. So I urge you to approve this.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Berney. Appreciate your testimony. Please state your name and address for the record.

VICENTE ROYBAL-JASSO: Hello, my name is Vicente Roybal-Jasso and I'm a resident of El Rancho. I was lucky enough to serve on the committee in the first part of the planning process and it was very encouraging to see the whole process – how it was really community building and everyone participating. I want to express my deep gratitude for the County staff, Jack and Renee and others that took part in it, and also the core group, the committee that saw the document through and showed their dedication to the document.

I'm very pleased to see it at this point come to you for a vote and I strongly encourage you to pass the plan.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Roybal.

LYNNE VELASCO: My name is Lynne Velasco and I've been a resident of Nambe for 35 years and I also would like to express my thanks to Jack Kolkmeier and many of the other residents who have really been working quite a long time and very hard on this. I urge you to pass this. It helps us not only plan for the future but also protect what we consider a very valuable role for this in the community. This I think will help create that balance, and I hope that you will agree with us. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Lynne. Please come forward and state your name and address and I'm going to ask for the last time, is there anyone else that would like to testify on this items. So this is the last testimony then. Be very quick.

MARY LOUISE WILLIAMS: My name is Mary Louise Williams and I have lived in Jacona for 35 years. I have to say publicly that this would not have come to fruition had it not been for David Dogruel, who has guided us for the last three years in an absolutely superior manner. He has spent long, long hours with Jack and Renee, not only on the computer but physically here. And I cannot let this go unrecognized, because indeed Jack and Renee have been the backbone, but David has been the solid earth out there.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Williams. This public hearing is now closed. Any questions from the Commission? Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, knowing and being in on the ground floor of this whole process, I know exactly what went in, being able to participate as well as – I should say in some of the meetings, not the majority. Like any good plan, I think it speaks for itself. I think there's certainly room for modification and that can be done as people in the community get together to do the things that need to be done and it allows for that flexibility. And again, I think with any good plan it certainly speaks volumes when there's no one here in opposition to this plan. So I would move for approval and adoption of this resolution.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further discussion? Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, I think that we're dealing of course here with a plan and in subsequent periods we'll have an ordinance to deal with. I think when we look forward to the ordinance, I think people have to realize in other traditional communities we have plans also and in those traditional communities people have realized that they can't continue using water they way they have done in the past. And those are rural, traditional communities and they have histories of acequias and issues that are every bit as intense as those that occur in this area. So I for one, when we get to the ordinance stages, will again look very hard at what type of water saving issues that we have to deal with. If there's an Aamodt settlement by that time, fine. That will control. If there's not, we have to make some – we have to ask the community to make some sacrifices in order to provide water for future generations. That's our role, rather than just saying let's keep everything as status quo.

I don't mind approving a plan that says we really like the status quo but I think the plan needs improvement in that area as I've said before. I think it needs improvement in the trails area. It really doesn't provide a bold look at trails. Trails can get to be somewhat controversial and that's why they need to be in this plan or a plan because of that. They need to be discussed. They need to be broad-brushed out and then later refined as we go through the open space process in acquiring these trails once the funds become available. It's very hard for us to plan for trails and set aside funds when we don't have any, when we don't see a picture of any. When we don't have anything in front of us. And then, ten years later, people come back and say, how come we've gotten trails in this part of the county and we haven't gotten any trails in that part of the county. And the reason is because you don't have a plan for trails.

So I think those are areas that I feel that the plan is not up to what some of the other plans, quite frankly, have done. Now, having said that, I certainly don't disparage anybody that's worked on this. I understand you're dealing with Native American communities and you're dealing with lands over which you have no control or very little control and you're dealing with multi-jurisdictions and so it's not an easy process. I want to thank everyone that has worked on it and has put the efforts into it and the staff as well for trying to put together as good a plan as they feel they could. These are important areas, however, and I can only tell you

that in 6 ½ years, these are always the stumbling blocks in good land use planning for your area. You either address them now or you run into them later.

We've had the ability where we have plans that have these components to them and go back and say, look, this was the plan. We have something to hang our hats on. When we don't have anything to hang our hats on then we're faced with confronting each application on a case by case basis and having to reinvent the wheel every time a land use application from the Pojoaque Valley comes up to us with water issues or trail issues or other issues. So that's where a plan like that gets delineated, it helps us as a Commission and the staff to review these applications.

So those are the areas that I feel are important – what I look for in a plan right from the start, but again, I want to thank those who have participated in putting together what we have here this evening. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: There's a motion and a second.

The motion to approve Resolution 2007-120 passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Congratulations, Pojoaque, very well done. Very well done, Renee and Jack. Especially for your first project, Renee, after getting your masters.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: You just got your doctorate.

XIII. A. 2. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2007-__ . An Ordinance Amending Article X of the Land Development Code to Amend the Definition of Community Water System and Include A Definition of a Water and Sanitation District; Renumbering Remaining Definitions FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

CHAIR VIGIL: Who will be taking the lead on this?

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN (Deputy Land Use Administrator): Madam Chair, I will be.

CHAIR VIGIL: Penny, please proceed.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners. On July 10th the BCC granted approval for authorization to publish title and general summary of this ordinance. The proposed ordinance would define a water and sanitation district as a community water system, thereby requiring the same water supply submittals for a development using a water and sanitation district as is required for a development using a community water system. The water and sanitation district would also be listed within the definitions of a community water system. The existing Code does not have a specific reference to a water and sanitation district, which has caused confusion as to the submittals required and standards to be met. So this ordinance would clarify this, and this is the first public hearing. The draft ordinance is attached.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Penny. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone out there that would like to address the Commission on this item? Seeing, hearing none, when will the next hearing be on this, Penny?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, the next hearing will be the September land use meeting, which I believe is September 11th.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Any questions or comments from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, I do have a question. What was the driving force behind this?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District, there's a current moratorium there, and looking forward to after that moratorium is lifted, we wanted clarification. When the Code was first written there were no water and sanitation districts, and now that there is one we would want to include that as a community water system, just for clarification as projects more forward.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So how would this help in that situation?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: This would just make it very clear that the submittals that are required for a community water system would be required for a development using the water and sanitation district as well, and that they would not follow the submittals, for example, that the County or a municipality would follow, or a domestic well user would follow.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, Penny, does this have any effect on any small community water systems?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Anaya, no. They're already considered community water systems. They already follow the community water system requirements.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Penny, when we looked at this item for publication and general summary. One of the concerns I had is getting feedback from community water systems, from those these people directly affect. Have we done anything to initiate those communications and get that feedback?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, this would really only affect the water and sanitation district, as the other water companies or community water systems are already under the community water systems part of the Code. They're already considered community water systems. This is just clarifying that a water and sanitation district is in fact a community water system.

CHAIR VIGIL: So it only impacts Eldorado, or does it impact Edgewood?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: I believe Eldorado is the only water and sanitation district, that they're the only one within Santa Fe County.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, and they don't fall under a community water system definition as it's currently –

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, staff's position is that yes, they would. But we wanted to make this very clear through our ordinance that they definitely do. There had been some debate from the water and sanitation district as to whether or not they did fall within a community water system. So this is something that would clarify that. But it's been the County's position that yes, they do.

CHAIR VIGIL: I don't understand why the need is there if we make that interpretation and have to further clarify. Is there a legal necessity, Rachel?

RACHEL BROWN (Assistant County Attorney): I think, for the sake of clarity with the sanitation district, if we want to ensure that they don't bring some sort of legal action to contest our interpretation of the ordinance, it would be in our best interest to clarify that.

CHAIR VIGIL: So this really clears it up for legal purposes. Is that what you're saying?

MS. BROWN: It does.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Any other questions? Seeing that no one responded from the public, we will reschedule another hearing for a second hearing, since this is an ordinance.

XIII. A. 3. Ordinance No. 2007-__ . An Ordinance Amending Article XV of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code (Ordinance No. 1996-10, as Amended) to Create a Media District Zone Within the Santa Fe County Community College District FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

ROBERT GRIEGO (Planner): Madam Chair, Commissioners, on July 10th the Board authorized the County to publish title and general summary for this ordinance. This is the first of two public hearings for this ordinance. The Community College Development Review Committee on August 1st unanimously recommended approval of this ordinance to the Board. As for this presentation I would just like to highlight the purpose of the ordinance and major amendments to that. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide a specific district where a variety of media businesses, including the film industry, publishing industry and broadcast media can be located.

Santa Fe County identified these industries as target industries in the County's business plan. The media district is located within the Santa Fe County economic development business park, within the Community College District. The media park has a potential to have a major financial impact in the county, and it provides significant workforce training opportunities for higher wage employment for county residents. The

recent technology explosion has increased the demand for media related employment. In addition, the state is offering significant financial incentives for film and television productions. These incentives have created an increasing demand for film and film production in the state.

The ordinance specifically amends the employment zone of the Community College District Ordinance to create the media district zone and allows the uses that are identified in the employment zone of the Community College District. In addition, it allows uses specific to the media district for film and publishing industry uses, and I can go over those but they're in your packet.

It also amends the zoning matrix for the media district zone. The media district zone also creates development standards that would allow these film studios and media-related businesses to be located within this district.

The major zoning matrix amendments include, in the definition section of your ordinance with the zoning matrix, there is the existing zoning matrix in the existing Community College District Ordinance. This would amend it specifically for the media district. I'll go over the major amendments that we've made to this.

In Section A, Definitions, it amends the definition section to include special needs structures, perimeter service roads and studio backlots. Section B is the zone that creates the media district zone. Section C, Principles, purposes, intent is identified. Much of D and E are basically the same as they were in the Community College District Ordinance – no change. The density on F would be – the residential density, there's no requirement for residential within this district. Within the height, the maximum building height standards are amended for this ordinance, and I want to go on to Section I, which is buildings. The building section also has massing required for vertical and horizontal offsets for building structures.

K, Road types, also is amended to allow the perimeter service roads. Open space requirements are amended. There's no open space requirements within this district. Residential, there's no residential requirements, and other, on Section 2, Noise and Lighting, there's some amendments to the Noise and Lighting for the studio backlot. In regards to that, we can go over some of those changes if you'd like to go over the specific changes on those.

CHAIR VIGIL: Continue.

MR. GRIEGO: In regard to building height, the media district zone increases the maximum building height to 36 feet with up to 45 feet for up to 40 percent of the building footprint. In regard to the special needs structures, the special needs structures, the maximum building height is 60 feet and is up to 80 feet for up to 40 percent of the building footprint. And then that goes on to the building massing on Section I to incorporate vertical and horizontal offsets as well as architectural detailing that provide articulation as well as visual and tactile relief.

The need for the building height amendment is basically if you're going to do studios, they require maximum height and clear space within the building, and I've

provided some of that information in your packet, to show the interior of what a studio production facility would look like.

In regard to the special needs regulations for studio backlot, permanent facilities – I'll go ahead and read it to you. Permanent facilities in the studio backlot must meet the noise and lighting standards. The temporary uses that do not comply with noise and lighting standards may be allowed and shall require a special use permit. There's a potential that these lighting – the permanent facilities must meet the Code requirements that exist now, which would include the Night Sky Ordinance, which was brought up at the request for authorization. Staff has looked at that and thought that the best way to approach that would be to have the applicant come forward if there were going to be a special need that didn't comply with the County Code, it would still need to comply with the Night Sky Ordinance.

So if there are some specific questions in regard to the Night Sky Ordinance, we have legal to address that. That concludes my presentation.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Robert. Questions for Robert? Seeing none at this time, this is the first public hearing. Is there anyone from the public that would like to address the Commission on this item? Seeing none – Commissioner Sullivan, do you have questions for Robert?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: No, I just have a comment.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay, then I will close this public hearing. Please proceed.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, there are two items that I think we need to work on on this. One revolves around the lighting, and I've discussed this with staff and staff had a public meeting last night out in the Community College area. It wasn't very heavily attended. I was there. But it gave me a good opportunity to visit with staff anyway about this. With regard to lighting, we looked at the state statute on lighting and it does cover both temporary or portable lighting as well as fixed lighting. So we need to be sure that – we obviously can't enact an ordinance that gives administrative authority to the County staff to approve changes in night sky lighting requirements that are required by state statute. So that's the one issue that I feel needs work on this matrix, because this is pretty clear to me that the state statute – in fact the state statute is a little more restrictive than our Night Sky Ordinance is. Our Night Sky Ordinance just says no lighting above the horizontal. State statute says no lighting above a 15 degree line below the horizontal. So the light is further directed down. So probably our current ordinance doesn't match state statute on that. So that's one area.

Then the other area to look at is on these special needs structures. We have a recommendation here that special needs structures can be up to 60 feet and then they can be up to 80 feet for 40 percent of the footprint. Special needs structures are, I think, too broadly defined. They say definition is structures for particular media uses such as sound and recording stages and broadcasting studios. It doesn't say for sound and recording states and broadcast studios, it says for something like that. So it really could be anything that the applicant could say this is a special needs structure and we could end up with 80-foot tall

buildings all over the site. And that wouldn't be a good idea either.

So I think those are two areas that between now and our next public hearing perhaps we could get a staff report on those specific areas. You don't need to go into detail now unless you have some other comments. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Further questions, comments? Robert, thank you, and Legal and Land Use staff for working on this. The way I interpret that 80-foot, I think it's for 40 percent of the footprint, and it makes sense to me that from a practical perspective that the media industry would like liberty to be able to use an indoor studio for a variety of purposes, many of which might be unpredictable. So I think what Commissioner Sullivan is requesting needs to be balanced with what is standard in the industry and what might be the concerns of prospective tenants out there. When will the next hearing on this be? In September?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, this would also be heard September, the land use meeting.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you, Penny. Thank you very much. Thank you, staff, for working on this.

XIII. A. 11. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2007 – An Ordinance Amending Article III Section 10, Article V Section 9, Article VII, Section 6.5 and Article X of the Land Development Code, Amending the Requirements for Community Water and Sewer Systems or Shared Wells For Subdivisions and Land Divisions; Repealing Previous Inconsistent Language (FIRST PUBLIC HEARING)

CHAIR VIGIL: Who will take the lead on this?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, I will.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Penny.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioners, if I could just check – do you all have packets for this? Were these handed out? Steve Ross' staff report and the draft ordinance? If not, Shelley has copies and she's also handing out one other piece of information. *[Exhibit 3]*

Madam Chair, Commissioners, this ordinance, again, was authorized for publication during the meeting of July 10th. The primary changes from the existing Code are in Table 5.1. Table 5.1 identifies when a community water system and a community sewer system is required, and I can run through those changes. Shelley has just handed out a table where there's red and blue on that. The red indicates the new proposed language. The blue should be struck through and is proposed language to be deleted.

It shows that shared wells would now be required per this ordinance as proposed. Shared wells will be required if you're creating between two and four lots, anything up to a size of ten acres. So the three first columns show shared wells required. There would be

an added requirement of a community sewer system if you're creating between five and 24 lots, any one of which is between one and 2.5 acres in size. There would also be an added requirement of a community water system, again if you're creating 5 to 24 lots between 2.5 acres and 40 acres in size, and a requirement for a community water system if you're creating between 25 and 99 lots and those lots are between 10 and 40 acres in size.

Then, on the final row added, if you're creating 100 or more lots, between 2.5 and 40 acres in size there will be a requirement for a community liquid waste disposal system. The other changes proposed - or actually this table has been moved from Article V, where it regulates subdivisions in the existing Code, to Article III, Section 10. That means that it would apply to all divisions, and that includes land divisions, exemptions, as well as subdivisions. A cross reference to the table is left in Article V. Shared wells are also defined and a standard is added to allow no more than four dwelling units on one shared well, and there is also a cross reference in Article VII to New Mexico Environment Department standards for well construction. Since there are no standards in the Code right now it does require a preliminary engineering report, but this would now cross reference ED standards. I stand for questions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Questions of Penny?

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: What is this being done in reference to?

Why is this being amended?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, this was brought forward last month at a request from Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Commissioner Sullivan, what are we trying to do here?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, we're trying to do several things. Number one, we're trying to improve the health and safety of the water systems that are being constructed in this area and where these systems are constructed beyond current County systems we want them constructed to these community water system standards so that ultimately they may be able to hook into the Santa Fe County system if necessary, and I can cite examples such as La Cienega and places like that where systems were built many years ago and where now they would like to have some backup fire protection and so forth from Santa Fe County and we run into issues of water storage and line size and things like that.

So that's one thing that it does. It certainly is, number two, an aquifer protection ordinance. We're seeing a great number of subdivisions come forward utilizing domestic wells and the domestic wells have no water rights and there's no control over how much water up to three acre-feet they can withdraw from the aquifer, unless they're in a special purpose zone that's declared by the State Engineer in which case it's one acre-foot.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: How many of those are we getting?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I don't know how many, but we had two at

the last BCC meeting that were proposed with private wells. One that came forward from the meeting before and once they looked into the ability of getting Santa Fe County water they changed their plan and connected into the County water system. So we pretty much get these well subdivisions at almost every land use meeting. And the other differences that occur in these are fire protection. In these well subdivisions you do not have the fire protection that you have with a community water system, where you have fire hydrants and where, if there's a fire, you can utilize the water in that tank to fight the fires, not only the residence that's on fire but it protects the units that are next door to it. So it makes a difference, not a substantial cost difference, but it makes a difference in the quality of the subdivisions that we put together and it enhances the water quality and the economics of the water delivery for the ultimate homeowners.

Now, I would just also mention that staff is working to put together some numbers just to give you some comparisons on what it costs to build water systems, and they're also working with local developers and so forth and getting their input on the numbers and to show you what these various costs are. But I think my concern, in addition to protecting the aquifer and providing safe water to all residents, not just those on County water systems is that we also have a standard procedure, and one given criteria for what we're permitting to be constructed, and everyone knows ahead of time just what that is.

So I think that what we're going to see as you look at these numbers, which haven't been completed yet, are that while there may be changes or a little extra cost in the cost of a lot, what the developer might need to sell a lot for, that the cost to the ultimate consumer ends up being the same or less. In other words, if I sell a lot for x-dollars, if then as a buyer I have to build a well on that lot, that's a certain amount of money, probably over \$20,000. If I have to put a septic tank in, then that's another \$5,000. If I have to pump that septic tank, if I have to maintain that well and replace pumps when needed, that's a cost.

So what I am focusing on is getting affordable housing out in the community that's not just affordable to the applicants who are selling lots but it's affordable to the end homebuyer, to the end resident who lives there and I think that these modifications to the ordinance will do that and I think you'll see that a little later. So I apologize for a long answer but there's multiple objectives there and I think they're all important.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Thank you. Madam Chair, it currently is in the Code then, two to four is allowed individual wells?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, yes. If you're creating two to four lots, there's no requirement for a shared well. You could do individual wells, though as a policy we have been requesting that subdivisions have shared wells.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Of any size?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: When there's two to four lots, or if they were probably even five to 24 lots, more than 2.5 acres in size, rather than everyone drilling their own well, it's usual that we would require shared wells.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Okay. What about - the thing that I'm

actual water rights in that area, assisting communities in doing that. Or perhaps the County

experiencing is probably more contamination and loss of wells. Wouldn't it make sense to start this thing on the two to four lots with rather than shared wells, a shared septic or a shared wastewater system? It doesn't really address anything in terms of wastewater systems at that size.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, the only thing that is proposed is the shared well. A community sewer system is not proposed at that size.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, I know that's one of the things that came up from the opponents on the Aamodt settlement was that it was felt that it would be better to have a wastewater system than a water system regardless of size of the subdivision or a unit – if it's one unit on one lot, that it would be better to hook them up to a wastewater system than to a water system. So I don't know. I'd like to see how that might be addressed if it's going to be something that's going to be countywide. Thank you, Madam Chair. That's all I've got.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any other questions? I have a question, then we still have to go to a public hearing on this, so I'll take public input. Commissioner Sullivan or Penny, or whoever wants to chime in, sometimes with the best of intentions we have what we don't fully consider is intended – they turn out to be unintended consequences. And as I look at this, one of the concerns I have is what is this going to do to water rights? Won't this actually drive up water rights, which we've already done by requiring developers to come to us with water rights Are we pricing ourselves, even ourselves out of the market here? And perhaps someone from Water Resources might want to address that. It's more of a philosophical prospective and retrospective. That may be one of the unintended consequences of something like this. I think that needs to be factored in. And Karen, if you want to just kind of make a few statements about that I'm happy to take your input. And the other thing I actually think I want to include here is – well, go ahead and respond first.

KAREN TORRES (County Hydrologist): Sure, Madam Chair. That's always an issue when you are dealing with a resource. Is it going to be available? There are certain areas of the county where water rights are easier to acquire than in other areas of the county. So for instance, as one of the examples of one of the difficult areas would be Canoncito, where they have had funds that were given to them from the legislature for over a year. They have not been able to purchase water rights for that area. So that does become a concern. On the other token, you have to look at the resource as well. You know domestic wells don't require water rights, yet it is still taking water from the current water users in that area. So it's a balance there on how to do that. I definitely think it would take perhaps some creativity and perhaps some infusion of capital to look at some of these difficult areas and how these areas can be best served.

CHAIR VIGIL: Additional capital for purchasing water rights, is what you're referencing, right?

MS. TORRES: Yes. That may be a way to go, or it may be trying to find actual water rights in that area, assisting communities in doing that. Or perhaps the County

looking at purchasing water rights in bulk and then having it available to other communities as well. These are solely my opinions, not something that will be necessarily addressed unless the Commission would like that.

CHAIR VIGIL: And Commissioner Sullivan made reference to the fact that staff was going to be working for some additional feedback on this with stakeholders, I assume. Who's working on that? Does anybody know?

MS. TORRES: I do. We have Doug Sayre, our utility engineer, and Sig Silber, who actually represents the Sierra Club, has volunteered his services as an economist to start looking at costs to the homeowner based upon changes in regulations that would require improvements to be put in either by the developer or by the homeowner themselves. I think the argument is that ultimately the homeowner will bear the costs of any improvements that the developer puts in. So that will be looked at.

CHAIR VIGIL: I'd like some real, in-depth analysis on that. It doesn't make sense for a Commission who's promoting affordable housing to impose policies that increase the cost of housing. So that would be really critical for me. I also think that community water systems are impacted by this. The current community water systems that exist. I think when we looked at title and publication, this must have been the section I was referring to earlier, I requested that we submit this to the community water systems to get their feedback. Have we been able to do that?

MS. TORRES: Madam Chair, what staff has done is actually looked at that issue. We have not contacted community water systems specifically but we would be happy to do that and to get their input.

CHAIR VIGIL: It could be they're very much in favor of it. I don't know. I just don't like enacting policies that affect these water systems without their input. They may not be here tonight because they may not be fully alerted to the fact that we're looking at this at this point in time but before we take action on it I think we do need to do more outreach.

MS. TORRES: Madam Chair, I'd be happy to get a list of what community water systems the Commission would like us to contact and I can contact them. I have a pretty good relationship with most of them in the area and I know most - at least one board member on each of them.

CHAIR VIGIL: There's how many? Less than 22 in Santa Fe County, if I remember correctly.

MS. TORRES: If you just focus on the MDWCAs I would say there's probably about ten major ones that serve communities, more than, say, 50 households. I'd be happy to. I think I do have contact information for all of them. Additionally, with that economic model that Sig Silber put together we can run various scenarios. We can look at solely improving wastewater, like Commissioner Montoya recommended. We can look at solely looking at community water systems. We can look at different types of fire protections systems and different costs involved with that.

CHAIR VIGIL: I would also like legal input in this. I do believe that we

probably have the authority to look at enacting this kind of an ordinance but I also am a little leery about traversing on State Engineer authority. So I want to make sure that we have a real clear picture of jurisdictional issues on this. I think there does need to be some more work done on it. The idea is good, but I am concerned about the unintended consequences. Thank you, Karen, for your feedback. Any other questions? If not, I am going to go to a public hearing on this. Anyone out there from the public that would like to address the Commission on this item? Mr. Siebert, are you coming forth on this item. Please come forth and state your name and address for the record.

JIM SIEBERT: My name's Jim Siebert. My address is 718 Juniper Drive. I think the concern I have is that if you impose a standard for five to 24 lots for a community water system I think what you'll see is that you've really imposed, except for very large-scale developments, you've really imposed a moratorium in Santa Fe County on land development. If you take a look at, if you're going to buy water rights and transfer water rights within the basin - I'm not talking about transferring them to the new County system, they're anywhere from about \$60,000, \$80,000 an acre-foot and they're almost impossible to get a hold of.

The transfer process is anywhere from two to five years, depending on the level of protest that you can expect with those water rights. I think what I'm trying to say is that there's a realistic aspect to this. I can understand in a case that I just had just recently were the subdivision was right next to the County water system, and one of the conditions of the Commission was that they had to connect to the County water system. I think if there is a reasonable proximity to the County water system I can see that there are merits to having an applicant connect to the County community water system.

Otherwise, I think what you're going to see is you're only going to see the biggest developments are going to be moving forward. The small-scale developers that like to deal with small-scale contractors that are local, I think you're going to just see them disappear. They won't be around anymore.

The other issue is there's a limit of four - as I recall I think it was four lots or four dwellings to a shared well. It's been kind of practice to allow up to six units to a shared well. I'm not sure why the distinction. We've had several areas where they've even had up to 12 to a shared well. It seems to me that if you're looking at costs that's one way of helping to reduce the cost and encourage later hookups to a more regional water system by having more units tied on to the shared well system. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Siebert. Is there anyone else out there that would like to address the Commission? Seeing, hearing none, this is the first public hearing. I'll go ahead and close the public hearing and we will move on to the next item on the agenda. The next hearing on this will also be in September I assume. Okay.

XIII. A. 5. CDRC Case # MP/DP 07-5120 Lamy Railroad – Lamy Railroad & History Museum, Applicant, Linda Tigges, Agent, Request Master Plan Zoning Approval with Preliminary and Final Development Plan Approval to Allow a 9,199 Square Foot History Museum with a Restaurant, Saloon, Offices, Meeting and Conference Rooms, and Retail in the Existing Legal Tender Restaurant and Saloon Building on 1.84 Acres. The Property is Located at 151 Old Lamy Trail, via NM 285, Lamy, NM within Section 33, Township 15 North, Range 10 East (Commission District 5)

CHAIR VIGIL: Mr. Salazar is the case planner. Mr. Salazar, I'm trying to allocate time here tonight because we are trying to get through the entire agenda. Ms. Tigges, how long will your presentation be? If you could tell me.

LINDA TIGGES: Probably not even five minutes and then Sam, not more than three minutes.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay, is there anyone who is here to speak on this item on the agenda, please raise your hands now. I have seven people. We might need to provide a time limit for your speakers so be prepared for about two minutes if you want to start thinking about what you want to say. Mr. Salazar, please continue.

JOHN M. SALAZAR (Review Specialist): Thank you, Madam Chair. On June 21, 2007 the County Development Review Committee met and acted on this case. The decision of the CDRC was to recommend master plan zoning, preliminary development plan approval with final development plan to be approved administratively with staff conditions.

Chairwoman Vigil mentioned that this application is in the existing Legal Tender restaurant. It's to allow a museum with a restaurant, saloon, meeting rooms, conference rooms and retail space. The building was originally constructed in 1881 as a general store and from 1953 to 1998 operated as a restaurant/saloon. The Legal Tender Restaurant and Saloon was given legal non-conforming status by Santa Fe County but the building has not been in use since 1998. Article III, Section 4.2.4a.1 states "Existing development will be allowed to continue as a non-conforming use, pursuant to Article III, Section 4.5."

Article II Section 4.5.2b of the Code states that a non-conforming use of a structure or land, or a non-conforming structure, previously established as a use similar to a proposed new use of the structure or land, or a use of a structure or land which has been suspended by a period of time not longer than one year, may be reused, extended or expanded provided – and there's a list of seven criteria for the non-conforming use.

The applicant does not want to modify the existing building or site plan, but rather wishes to recover the lapsed zoning. Because more than one year has lapsed, an updated master plan is required in order to reinstate the legal non-conforming use previously in place on this property. We reviewed this application for existing development, access,

roads, parking, terrain management, water, fire protection, liquid and solid waste, traffic, signage and lighting, landscaping.

Staff's recommendation: The reinstatement of this legal non-conforming use is Code compliant based on Article II, Section 4.5.2b and Article III, Section 4.2.4a.1; therefore staff recommends master plan zoning and preliminary development plan approval with final development plan to be approved administratively subject to the following conditions.

[The conditions are as follows:]

1. All redlines comments must be addressed.
2. Lighting cut sheets and a lighting analysis shall be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
3. All lighting and signage shall conform to County Code requirements as approved by staff.
4. A detailed landscaping and signage plan shall be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
5. All landscaping shall be in compliance with County Code standards as approved by staff.
6. Compliance with applicable review comments from the following:
 - a) State Environment Department
 - b) State Highway Department
 - c) County Fire Marshal
 - d) County Public Works
 - e) Technical Review Division
 - f) County Hydrologist
 - g) State Engineer
7. Submit cost estimate and financial surety for completion of required improvements as approved by staff.
8. A solid waste disposal contract must be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
9. An access permit will be required from County Public Works and/or the DOT prior to final development plan approval.
10. One additional space must be designated for handicap parking.
11. A detailed drainage plan will be required prior to final development approval.
12. The dumpster shall be screened by a 6' solid wall or fence.
13. Additional landscaping will be required in and around the parking area.
14. Commitment from the Lamy Wastewater System and approval by the NMED will be required prior to final development plan approval.
15. The applicant must furnish a copy of the updated discharge permit.

CHAIR VIGIL: Are there any questions for staff? Seeing, hearing none, will the applicant please come forward. State your name and address for the record.

MS. TIGGES: Linda Tigges, Tigges Planning Consultants.

[Duly sworn, Linda Tigges testified as follows:]

MS. TIGGES: I'd like to introduce Sam Latkin sitting beside me there. He is the president of the Lamy Railroad and History Museum. We agree with the conditions of approval. I've put the maps up here just to remind you of the location. I think all of you are familiar with the project, the former Legal Tender. As John Michael suggested, the project was legally non-conforming during the years many of us went to visit it. In 1996 it was restored with a new kitchen and a different restaurant went in. That lasted for 18 months. It closed in 1998 and it's been closed for the next eight or nine years, thereby losing its legal, non-conforming status.

In 2004 it was donated to the Railroad and History Museum. They have continued to use it for special events, using a special events permit, the County telling them that they needed to get the rezoning back. I want to point out they are doing no remodeling. They are simply here to ask for the former zoning. What they are asking for specifically is for 3500 square feet for museum and gift shop, 500 square feet for storage, and 1500 square feet for the restaurant and the saloon.

They hope to continue their museum and then to continue to have a place for weddings, neighborhood meetings, community meetings and for visitors that come off the train that have special events. The infrastructure is in place, it has been in place for some time. The septic system is a wetlands system which has been approved. It's a little bigger than needed right now. It was built for when the Legal Tender was in operation. It's operating at half capacity now and if this gets approved it would go back to full capacity.

The water, we have a letter from the Lamy water system providing us water and again, it's been a user all along. It never quit being a user. Under fire protection, the board of the museum has worked continuously with Buster Patty and come up with a fire protection system with which the Fire Department is comfortable. With that I'd like to stand for questions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any questions for Ms. Tigges? Seeing none, Mr. Latkin.

[Duly sworn, Samuel Latkin testified as follows:]

SAMUEL LATKIN: 158 Old Lamy Trail, Lamy, New Mexico. Madam Chair and Commissioners, thank you very much for considering our application to zone the Legal Tender building. I'm one of the founders of the museum. Many of our board members are here today. Dr. Tom Chavez was supposed to come and I hoped he would make the presentation but he just called me at 4:00 and his daughter was ill, so I'm just going to do the best I can. If you hear some yelling in the background it's my wife stand up straight or something, so I hope I do.

Anyway, the board members that are here are Fred Friedman, Dr. Bruno Leon, Ed Petrus, Kathy Pilnock and Bob Sarr. And Dr. Ed Williams would have been here but he's been at the Boy Scout Hundred Year Convention in England, sleeping on the ground and it rained every day, and he just got back Monday so today being Tuesday I think he needed some time off. We hope you have time to hear some of the people from our community.

CHAIR VIGIL: I think seven people have said they'd testify and they'll all have two minutes.

MR. LATKIN: Okay. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We're recognized by the federal government, the state of New Mexico and Santa Fe County. Most American cities look alike. If we blindfolded you, you would go in and you wouldn't know where you are. There's just nothing but the same looking stores and same looking houses. The reason Santa Fe and Santa Fe County is one of the most desirable places to come to is that they preserve their history and their buildings, and that's all they're really trying to do here. The Legal Tender is one of the oldest and best preserved buildings in Santa Fe County. It's on the National Historic Register and the State Historic Register.

So far this summer over 1500 school children have come up to Lamy on the Santa Fe Southern train and have come to our museum, which is really something. They've come from Grants and Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Pecos, Santa Fe, Taos, Rio Rancho, several Indian Pueblos and Kirkland Air Force Base. So that's just an example of what service we're providing.

The Lamy Water Board and the church preservation group in Lamy meet in our Legal Tender once a month and we don't charge them anything. It's just a community service. We've had events like memorial services and birthday parties and local high school graduations. We also rented the LT for a movie last month called Conspiracy, with Val Kilmer, and that was kind of fun.

I jumped around a little bit but I did want to especially thank Commissioner Jack Sullivan for his support and encouragement. It's really been a big help to us. Twelve thousand people from all over the world arrive at the Amtrack station every year in Lamy, either to get on or off the train to go to Santa Fe, and lots of them have come to visit our museum. We've had people from every country in the world, just about. So I think that's interesting. Some time this January and February the Orient Express, which is now called the Grand Luxe is talking about using the LT for eight events, and they're bringing people from all over the world out to stay in Santa Fe. So I think that should be something interesting.

We're asking for zoning approval because we're a non-profit organization, but if we don't have any money or any income from our building it's just a cost. We're not in this to make tons and tons of money, but what we'd like to do is have a coffee bar type thing. I don't really like the word saloon, which would be in the 1890-1900 motif. It wouldn't be running a lot with people dressed in mesh stockings for the girls and garters on the men's sleeves and it would be like a re-enactment of what it used to be. So what we're trying to do is have a living museum where things are happening and people feel like what it was in 1890 or 1900.

We feel like it's a miracle that we got this building. In fact it's unbelievable that Mr. Fisher donated this building with no strings attached and it's well over a million dollars worth of everything in it. The picture. I hope you could all come out and see it some time. It's as good as it ever was. What we need is your support and encouragement

so we can make a success of this museum. And then just to conclude, there's an old building that used to be the archives building down by the railroad tracks. It looks in bad shape as a matter of fact. There's a sign on it by Winston Churchill and it says, "A nation that forgets its history has no future." I think we're doing a good job of protecting and preserving history. Thank you very much.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Latkin. Any questions for Mr. Latkin or Ms. Tigges? Thank you. There were seven people who wanted to speak to the Commission. Of those people, can I have a show of hands of those who are going to testify in favor of this? So is there anyone opposed to this? So those of you in favor please line up to my right and come forth and speak.

[Duly sworn, Kathy Pilnock testified as follows:]

KATHY PILNOCK: Commissioners, I'm Kathy Pilnock. I live in Lamy. I am going to be real brief. I serve on the Lamy Water Board, on the Railroad Museum Board and on the Historic Church Renovation Foundation Board. What excites me is how all these groups can work together. I can tell you the Water Association has really missed the revenues that we used to get from the Legal Tender Restaurant. We feel that it will spark more interest in renovating the church building if we can talk it up in the museum and in the restaurant.

I'm also on the US 285 Coalition. Nobody on that group is opposed to it. As far as I know, there's only one person in all of Santa Fe County that's opposed to it and he's not here tonight. So thank you for your consideration and I would ask you to approve this project.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Pilnock. Next.

[Previously sworn, Edward Petrus testified as follows:]

EDWARD PETRUS: My name is Edward Petrus. I'm a resident of Lamy, New Mexico. I've lived in Lamy for about 22 years. I've know the previous owners of the restaurant and saw it go through its changes. My concern is that it can be used for social functions, because we don't have any existing community center for meetings and as Sam stated, for memorials and weddings and things like that.

So I'm definitely in favor and I hope you folks can help us out. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Petrus. Next.

[Previously sworn, Carol Raymond testified as follows:]

CAROL RAYMOND: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I'm Carol Raymond, president and general manager of Santa Fe Southern Railway. We have already been able to utilize the services of the Legal Tender by getting a special use permit for special events and we are looking forward to the zoning being approved tonight. The Lamy Railroad and History Museum has already done a great job preserving rail history and other types of history in Lamy, New Mexico for the community. They've restored a diner. They are preserving the Legal Tender. They have provided a 1950 Superchief Dome Car for use on the Santa Fe Southern line, for which they've contracted with us to keep it up in shape. There are only six of those in existence and this is the only one that we know of that's

running on a regular basis, providing a living piece of history to the world.

The Legal Tender is beautiful. I hope you do come because the original paintings are there at the bar, and we've already had some beautiful events there. So for the sake of history for Lamy and for business for Santa Fe Southern Railway, please approve this zoning. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Raymond. Next.

[Previously sworn, Fred Friedman testified as follows:]

FRED FRIEDMAN: Madam Chair, Commissioners, my name is Fred Friedman. I have a background in railroad history, and I just wanted to express a couple of thoughts on the Lamy museum and railway effort that we're talking about tonight. There's a myth that exists in this country and in this state that railroading is in a dying state. Nothing could be further from the truth and I think that's exemplified by the number of freight trains that are going through the state, the fact that commuter rail is coming to Santa Fe, and several other issues.

But I think it's important to recognize that Santa Fe County has more railroad history and background than most other states combined. And it's very important I think to have a place where a lot of that historical memorabilia, documents, and equipment can really be housed and where students and people coming to the state can get a real feel for railroad history and really make a connection between historical aspect and the future of transportation and economics, both in this county and in the state. So I certainly urge you to approve this project.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Friedman. Next.

[Previously sworn, Preston Martin testified as follows:]

PRESTON MARTIN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Preston Martin. Some of you might remember me as the bicycle parts distributor searching for land in the county. I'm not here to talk about that. I'm here in support of the museum and the reopening of the Legal Tender as a restaurant. I sit on the board of directors for the Lamy Community Association. I know of nobody in Lamy that is against this. I see the Tender as an important and vital congregation point for our community, where we hold events like potlucks and wakes and New Years celebrations. All kinds of things happen there. This is a real important place for us, so I urge your support. Thank you.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Martin.

[Duly sworn, William Dunning testified as follows:]

WILLIAM DUNNING: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and gentlemen. My name is William Dunning. I have lived in Santa Fe County for about 40 years now and we know, you know, that Santa Fe is about making people welcome and that's exactly what the Lamy Railroad and History Museum is going to do for people who come in on the train. And more people are doing that these days because they've realized that what it is if you have time to spare, you go by air, but if you want to get there, you go by train.

That's what people are doing. This museum and community center and welcoming beacon to everyone who lives in Santa Fe County is going to be doing just that. Even Santa

Claus is going to be there. Thank you very much and I know you'll do the right thing.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Dunning. If there is no further testimony, this public hearing will be closed and I will ask the Commissioners if they have any questions, comments or direction on motion. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, thank you. I'm really glad to see that this Legal Tender is not just sitting there anymore empty. The Legal Tender has been a gathering place for the people from Lamy and the surrounding communities for many years. I know I spent a lot of time there when it was open, playing music on the porch and then finally being able to get invited in and play music indoors. I think I had more fun on the porch. I want to thank Mr. Latkin for continually inviting me over there and I never did get a chance to come visit but I will. I think this is going to be a great thing for the community and for the people that get off the train to just go see a little bit of history. And with that I make a motion to approve this.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion, is there a second?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: There's a second. We have a motion and second. Is there further discussion?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Just briefly, and it's preaching to the choir here as far as I'm concerned, but I want to echo what Commissioner Anaya said, that it's a real gem of a facility and they've already done thousands of dollars worth of work there renovating the kitchen and starting with upgrading the facilities, the sprinkler system, and it's coming and there's a built-in community center already and it saves us as the County having the residents of Lamy, who are in my district, coming forward and saying We'd like a community center. So that will benefit the other Commissioners here because they can utilize the funds for their community centers, because we already have one in Lamy, and it's a historic one and one which the Lamy residents want to preserve. So I wholeheartedly support the motion and the application and would recommend everyone's vote in the affirmative.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further? Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, the Legal Tender, I've heard about it since I was in high school and never had the opportunity to get that far when I was in high school so I hope I can make it out there shortly to see what's being done and visit the place for the first time.

CHAIR VIGIL: Definitely, the Legal Tender was a part of my upbringing and history too. I just want to know: What's going to happen with the ghosts?

MR. LATKIN: They're very happy there.

CHAIR VIGIL: They're welcome and they're happy that it's active again. Good to know that. Any further comments? Motion and second.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

- XIII. A. 6. CDRC Case #MP/DP 07-5070 Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary. Beverly Antaeus and Robert Hayes, Applicants, Request Master Plan Zoning Approval with Preliminary and Final Development Plan Approval for an Animal Sanctuary Devoted to the Rescue, Rehabilitation and Adoption of Homeless Dogs Along with Yards and Shelter for 50 Dogs on 10 Acres. The Property is Located at 401 Red Rock Road, via NM 16, Santa Fe, NM, within Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 7 East (Commission District 3) [Exhibit 4: Sanctuary notebook submitted by the applicant]**

MR. SALAZAR: On June 21, 2007, the County Development Review Committee met and acted on this case. Their decision was to recommend master plan zoning and preliminary development plan approval, with final development plan to be approved administratively with staff conditions. The applicant is requesting approval of an existing animal sanctuary devoted to rescuing, rehabilitating and the adoption of homeless dogs brought in from around the county and other surrounding areas. The project is located on a 10-acre parcel of land approximately in the middle of the 88 acres owned by the applicant. The applicants propose fencing off enclosure yards and constructing small shelters for 50 dogs.

The property includes an 1847 square feet manager's quarters/doghouse, a 368 square feet combined dog house and studio/workshop, a 115 square feet solar power station and a 110 square feet storage shed. There are also a few 6' x 10' chain link runs used as dining rooms or as temporary enclosures for added safety and security. No structure in excess of 24 feet in height is proposed.

We reviewed this application for existing development, access/roads, parking, terrain management, water, fire protection, liquid and solid waste, traffic, signage and lighting.

Staff recommendation: The proposed animal sanctuary provides service to local animal shelters and is considered a community service facility per Article III, Section 7 of the Code. Per Article III, Section 7.1, community service facilities are allowed anywhere in the county. Staff recommends master plan zoning and preliminary development plan approval with final development plan to be approved administratively for a community service facility on ten acres, subject to the following conditions. Madam Chair, may I enter those conditions into the record?

[The conditions are as follows:]

1. All redlines comments must be addressed.
2. Lighting cut sheets and a lighting analysis shall be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
3. All lighting and signage shall conform to County Code requirements as approved by staff.
4. A detailed landscaping and signage plan shall be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
5. All landscaping shall be in compliance with County Code standards as approved by staff.
6. Compliance with applicable review comments from the following:
 - a) State Environment Department
 - b) State Highway Department
 - c) County Fire Marshal
 - d) County Public Works
 - e) Technical Review Division
 - f) County Hydrologist
 - g) State Engineer
7. Submit cost estimate and financial surety for completion of required improvements as approved by staff.
8. A solid waste disposal contract must be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
9. One space must be designated for handicap parking.
10. A detailed drainage plan will be required prior to Final Development approval.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Salazar. Are there any questions for staff? Not at this point. Is the applicant here? Would you like to step forward and state your name and address for the record and be sworn in for your testimony.

[Duly sworn, Beverly Antaeus testified as follows:]

BEVERLY ANTAEUS: My name is Beverly Antaeus.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay, Beverly. Do you agree with all the terms and conditions as stated by staff?

MS. ANTAEUS: Yes, we do.

CHAIR VIGIL: And would you like to add anything?

MS. ANTAEUS: No. I'd be glad to answer any questions you have about what we're doing. It's labor intensive and we feel it's just so very important to this county, this state, this world.

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTTOYA: Where is this located again now?

MS. ANTAEUS: We are in southern Santa Fe County, very close to Sandoval, very close to the Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo.

COMMISSIONER MONTROYA: Okay.

MS. ANTAEUS: So very close to the county line.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further questions for the applicant? Is there anyone else that's going to testify? Please indicate by raising your hand. Thank you, Ms. Antaeus. Please step forward, state your name and address for the record and you'll be sworn in.

[Duly sworn, Robert Hayes testified as follows:]

ROBERT HAYES: Robert Hayes, I'm Beverly's husband. We've lived out there for maybe 14 years and sort of grew into this. It's a passion of my wife's and primarily the dogs we rescue come from shelters around the county, in the state, that are on death row. If we don't take them they'll be euthanized, through no fault of their own. It's a factor that euthanasia is used as population control for otherwise healthy animals. We believe strongly in spay-neuter and trying to give these animals time to heal and to find their homes.

We live very lightly on the land. It's between Highway 14 and the interstate. It's an off-grid area. We make our own electricity. We get nearly 100 percent of our water from the sky, through catchment and storage, and we take care of all our own utilities. There's solar power and everything to run our sanctuary. We do it on a shoestring and a prayer and the goodwill of Santa Fe people and actually people around the country who know Beverly's work and send us donations and things like that.

The other rescue organizations, we work very closely, particular with Siberian huskies which do extremely poorly in regular shelter facilities because of the confinement. They're very pack oriented and don't like to be separated from human beings. Here they do very well because everybody lives as a group primarily. We're low impact out there. We don't have visitors. Our neighbors are very far away and they support us as well. Other than that, are there any questions that I can answer?

CHAIR VIGIL: Questions for the applicant? I want to ask a question. The service – do you have an adoption policy in place and does that include education? And do you have outreach?

MR. HAYES: Yes.

CHAIR VIGIL: Could you tell me a little bit about that and what is the maximum amount of animals that you can serve? I think 50, from what I read, but I'm not sure.

MR. HAYES: That's a reasonable number. We've had more than that in the past, because for example, when an adoption goes – for whatever reason down the line – if somebody's adopted a dog from us, we do not want that dog to go back into the system and be put in a pound. We tell the people to contact us. So one winter we took in four adults that we never intended to because people who had adopted them said, I'm getting divorced, I'm moving out of the state – whatever. We also do a lot of counseling, especially Beverly. She spends a tremendous amount of time on the phone talking to people who want to surrender their dogs, about the realities of the system, about the realities of what we can do and we try to keep the dogs in their homes and help those people find

homes for their dogs through our website, through networking. If somebody has a schnauzer, we may know somebody who wants a schnauzer and we put those people together. Beverly's got almost an encyclopedic name for matching up dogs with people that way. Plus we network with other rescue groups.

CHAIR VIGIL: Do your water conservation measures – and that's pretty astounding that 100 percent of your water is through catchment.

MR. HAYES: Almost.

CHAIR VIGIL: Almost. Okay. Does that include sufficient water to care for the animals, to bathe and –

MR. HAYES: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. We have, on the 88 acres we have a well and a well share agreement with a neighbor, so basically we have one and a half wells. We rarely, rarely pump water. With this extended drought – I know Santa Fe has a lot of rain; we've hardly any for three or four months. We pumped 400 gallons the other day just to be prepared in case it doesn't rain. It's extremely limited what we need from outside sources other than the rain.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you. Any other questions? What's the pleasure of the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Move for approval.

CHAIR VIGIL: With conditions?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Campos was not present for this action.]

CHAIR VIGIL: Congratulations. The best of luck to you. Thank you for the work that you do for our community and for rescuing animals.

XIV. A. 7. CDRC Case # Z. 06-5680 Homes Direct of Albuquerque Master Plan/Preliminary and Final Development Plan. Homes Direct of Albuquerque, (Ray Griffin) Applicant, Danny Martinez, Agent, Requesting Master Plan/Preliminary and Final Development Plan Approval for a Manufactured/Modular Homes Sales Office/Home Showroom on 2.349 Acres. The Subject Property is Located at 18581-B Highway 84-285 in Arroyo Seco, within Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 9 East, (Commission District 1)

VICENTE ARCHULETA: Thank you, Madam Chair. On June 21, 2007, the County Development Review Committee met and recommended approval of this case subject to staff conditions.

Homes Direct of Albuquerque, applicant, Land Development Consultants, agent,

are requesting master plan/preliminary and final development plan approval for a manufactured/modular home sales office/showroom on 2.349 acres which is located in the Traditional Community of Arroyo Seco.

The applicants are requesting development approval for the establishment of a commercial business to promote the sale and onsite model home display of manufactured and modular homes. The proposal includes temporary placement of up to six model homes and one office/customer service center providing an onsite tour of the model homes. Actual storage and transport of the homes is coordinated out of the Homes Direct manufacturing and home storage site located in Albuquerque and other surrounding states.

All model homes will be placed on temporary foundations with the removal and replacement with newer homes a couple of times a year.

A community meeting was held on May 10, 2007 at 6:30 with the El Valle de Arroyo Seco Development Review Committee. Twelve members were present as well as the applicant's agent. After discussion of the proposal, the El Valle de Arroyo Seco Development Review Committee voted 12 to 0 in favor of the proposal."

The application was reviewed for existing conditions, adjacent development, access, traffic, water, solid waste, fire protection, terrain management, open space, landscaping, parking lighting and signage. Recommendation: The proposed request in accordance with Article V, Section 5.2, Article III, Section 4.4, and Article XIV, Section 7 of the Santa Fe County Land Development Code. Staff recommends master plan zoning and preliminary development plan approval with final development plan approval to be approved administratively subject to the following conditions. May I enter those into the record?

[The conditions are as follows:]

1. Compliance with applicable review comments from the following:
 - a) State Engineer
 - b) State Environment Department
 - c) Soil & Water District
 - d) NMDOT
 - e) County Hydrologist
 - f) Development Review Director
 - g) County Fire Marshal (Site Plans & Building Plans)
 - h) County Public Works
2. All redlines comments must be addressed.
3. Buildings shall be set back a minimum of 75 feet from highway right-of-way and parking shall be within 25 feet of buildings.
4. The wall proposed along Highway 285 shall be extended along the entire length of the property road frontage including a landscape buffer with a width of 12.5 feet in compliance with minimum standards.
5. Master plan with appropriate signatures must be recorded with the County Clerk.
6. A detailed signage and lighting plan shall be submitted with the preliminary development plan. Signage and lighting shall conform to the Santa Fe County Land

Development Code requirements. All lighting shall be shielded. A sign permit is required prior to placement of sign.

7. All new or replacement utilities shall be underground.
8. The applicant must submit access permits as required by NMDOT.
9. A septic permit from NMED shall be required prior to final development plan approval.
10. A contract from a solid waste disposal service must be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
11. The dumpster(s) location must be identified on the Development Plan. Dumpster(s) must be screened by a 6' opaque wall or fence.
12. A detailed landscape plan must be submitted with final development plan application proposing a 10-foot landscape buffer along the sides and rear property lines and interior landscaping. All new trees shall be a fifty percent mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. Trees shall have a caliper of 1.5 inches and be a minimum of six-feet tall at time of planting. Shrubs shall be a minimum of 5 gallons at time of planting. A minimum of 34 trees and 102 shrubs shall be required with a drip irrigation system.
13. A detailed drainage and grading plan with calculations shall be submitted with the development plan for parking lot and impervious surface drainage that will not be retained in cisterns.
14. A detailed fire protection plan to be approved by the County Fire Marshal shall be submitted with the final development plan.
15. Applicant shall obtain a Business License prior to placement of modular/manufactured homes or office.
16. Applicant shall comply with Water Harvesting Ordinance. Rain barrels shall be placed at all downspouts of all models and office.
17. Applicant shall address screening/buffering of water storage tank for fire protection.
18. Applicant shall submit a financial surety for completion of required improvements as approved by staff.
19. The applicant must address all minor redline comments by the County Subdivision Engineer as shown on the plat of survey and terrain management plan. These plans may be picked up from Vicente Archuleta, Development Review Specialist within the Land Use Dept. These plans must be resubmitted with the Mylar prior to recordation.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Archuleta. Any questions for staff?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Vicente, where is this exactly? This is

District 1, not 5, right?

CHAIR VIGIL: Right. We corrected that. It is in your district.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: So where exactly is it?

MR. ARCHULETA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, this is just north of the Arroyo Seco Fire Department, adjacent – just across the road – Law Road, I believe is what it is. It's that lot right there off 285.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Next to the gas station?

MR. ARCHULETA: It's south of the gas station, just north of the fire station. Directly north of the fire station.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Oh, where that used car lot used to be.

MR. ARCHULETA: It used to be a used car lot. Correct.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And that's big enough for – how many units do they plan on having there?

MR. ARCHULETA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, they're requesting seven units. Six will be model showrooms and the seventh will be an office.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Further questions for staff? This is a public hearing. Is the applicant here? Would you please come forward. You're the agent for the applicant?

[Duly sworn, Dennis Vigil testified as follows:]

DENNIS VIGIL: Dennis Vigil.

CHAIR VIGIL: Do we need to make that correction on the record, that we have a Danny Martinez as the agent?

MR. ARCHULETA: Madam Chair, if we could just use Land Development Consultants as the agent.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you. Please proceed. Please state your name and address.

MR. VIGIL: Dennis Vigil. Address is Land Development Consultants, Albuquerque.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Does the applicant agree with all the conditions?

MR. VIGIL: Yes, we do.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Is there anything you'd like to add?

MR. VIGIL: Not at this time.

CHAIR VIGIL: Stand for questions? Any questions of the agent? Seeing none, this is a public hearing. Is there anyone out there who would like to testify on this case, please raise your hand. Seeing none, the public hearing is closed. What is the pleasure of the Board? Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, I've got a question for Water Resources or someone that's familiar with the plat. We've got, I notice a 10,000-gallon tank specified for fire flow. That was proposed by the applicant. What does the Fire Department say? It seems a little small.

MS. TORRES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, generally we defer to the Fire Department for the design of fire flow. We presume that the Fire Department

approved it. There should be, hopefully, something in the memo to reflect that.

MR. ARCHULETA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, there's a report from the Fire Department as an exhibit. It should be part of Exhibit B, and that is the Fire Department's conditions of approval.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: The other thing, Madam Chair, is that the Fire Department could probably run a hose from the Fire Department right there to this property. It's pretty close.

MR. ARCHULETA: Madam Chair, there's also a note from the Fire Department that says the minimum of a 10,000 gallon cistern and draft hydrant shall be in place, tested, approved and operable prior to the start of any building construction. That's page 3 of the Fire Marshal's memo.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further questions?

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, move for approval with staff conditions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion and second. Any further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- XIII. A. 8. CDRC Case # Z 07-5100 Santa Fe Metro Center Master Plan Amendment and Master Plat Request. Santa Fe Metro Center (Paul and Mary Jo Parker), Applicant, Siebert and Associates (Jim Siebert), Agent, for a Master Plan Amendment to the Santa Fe Metro Center Master Plan to Vacate the Conservation Easement and Include 14.19 Acres of Developable Land to the Santa Fe Metro Center and Request Authorization to Proceed with Master Plat Procedure for 9 Additional Commercial/Industrial Lots on 14.9 Acres. The Property is Located on the I-25 East Frontage Road, Adjacent to the Channel 11 Studios and Office, within Section 26, Township 16 North, Range 8 East (Commission District 5)**

MR. ARCHULETA: Thank you, Madam Chair. On July 19, 2007 the County Development Review Committee met and recommended approval of this case subject to staff conditions. In November 1984, the Santa Fe Metro Center site received County approval as the Avanti Business Park from the Board of County Commissioners for Phase I and in January 1986, for Phase II, to subdivide 141 acres into 25 lots.

On January 11, 1988, the BCC met and approved a master plan for the Santa Fe

Metro Center for a business park combining commercial, light industrial and warehouse and distribution uses to be developed in eight phases. The first phase of the final development plan was recorded in June 1988.

An amended development plan for Phase I was approved in June 2003. This amended plan required conformance with the County portion of the Highway Corridor Plan, with a building setback of 275 feet imposed as part of the conditions of approval for the development.

In June 2001, the County adopted the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance, which allowed for a compensation of value for the extraordinary setbacks required by the Highway Corridor Ordinance. In conformance with this ordinance allowing for the transfer of development rights, a 14.19-acre conservation easement was imposed by the property owner to exchange the land lost to the extraordinary setback for possible monetary value associated with the transfer of development rights to the rear of the property.

The applicant is now requesting master plan zoning for Phase II of the Santa Fe Metro Business Park to create nine commercial lots on 14.19 acres and a request to vacate the conservation easement that was dedicated to Santa Fe County in exchange for TDR's. Since the transfer never occurred, the applicant is requesting to develop this property in conformance with the land use laws that apply to the area. The amended master plan would add acres of developable land to an existing business park which has completed the majority of the road and utility infrastructure. The applicant is also requesting approval to proceed with master plat procedures to create the nine additional lots on 14.19 acres.

The Extraterritorial Subdivision Regulations provide a procedure that allows an applicant the option of submitting a master plat instead of a standard subdivision that specifically defines a lot and road layout. Section 3.3.7.A of the Santa Fe Extraterritorial Subdivision Regulations states: *The master plat procedure is intended to provide an option for subdividers to achieve approval for a subdivision concept – the master plat – with the surveyed final lot lines to be achieved later in phases by administrative approval. Approved master plats and subsequent amendments of the master plat shall not be considered a serial subdivision.*

If authorized to proceed the applicant will submit a development request which will establish a maximum number of lots and show a conceptual lot and road layout. The development application will be reviewed by the EZC and the BCC under the subdivision procedures as set forth in the Extraterritorial Subdivision Regulations. If approved the applicant will be required to file the master plat with the County Clerk.

At the time of the approval the BCC may delegate authority to the Land Use Administrator to administratively approve specific lot layout within the master plat. This would allow the seller and potential buyer the flexibility to select a specific lot and road layout based on market conditions and demand. Once a lot layout is selected an amended master plat as well as a development plan is submitted to the County for administrative approval. If approved the plat will be recorded with the County Clerk.

The application was reviewed for the following: existing conditions, access, water, liquid and solid waste, fire protection, signage and lighting, landscaping and restrictive covenants.

Recommendation: The proposed request is in accordance with Article V Section 5 of the County Land Development Code. Staff recommends approval of the master plan amendment subject to the following conditions. May I enter those into the record?

[The conditions are as follows:]

1. A final development plan approved by the CDRC will be required prior to commencement of construction activity of any kind.
2. Master plan with appropriate signatures must be recorded with the County Clerk.
3. A detailed signage and lighting plan shall be submitted with the preliminary development plan. Signage and lighting shall conform to EZO requirements. All lighting shall be shielded.
4. All utilities shall be underground.
5. The applicant must submit access permits as required by NMDOT.
6. Compliance with the Santa Fe Metro Area Highway Corridor Ordinance architectural standards. Applicant shall submit detailed building elevations; building height shall not exceed 24 feet.
7. A contract from a solid waste disposal service must be submitted prior to final development plan approval.
8. The dumpster(s) location must be identified on the final development plan. Dumpster(s) must be screened by a 6' opaque wall or fence.
9. A detailed landscape plan must be submitted with final development plan application. All new trees shall be a fifty percent mix of evergreen and deciduous trees. Trees shall have a caliper of 1.5 inches and be a minimum of six-feet tall at time of planting. Shrubs shall be a minimum of 5-gallons at time of planting.
10. A detailed drainage and grading plan with calculations shall be submitted with the final development plan for parking lot and impervious surface drainage that will not be retained in cisterns. Drainage patterns must be addressed with conceptual storm water management plan prior to recordation of the master plan amendment.
11. A detailed fire protection plan to be approved by the County Fire Marshal shall be submitted with the final development plan.
12. Compliance with applicable review comments from the following:
 - b) State Engineer
 - b) State Environment Department
 - g) Soil & Water District
 - h) State Highway Department
 - i) County Hydrologist
 - j) Development Review Director

- g) County Fire Marshal (Site Plans & Building Plans)
 - h) County Public Works
 - i) State Historic Division
 - j) Technical Review Division
13. The applicant must address all minor redline comments by County Staff. These may be picked up from Vicente Archuleta, Development Review Specialist within the Land Use Department and must be resubmitted with the mylar prior to recordation.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Archuleta. Any questions for staff? Seeing, hearing none, this is a public hearing. Is the applicant here? Mr. Siebert, are you here on behalf of the applicant?

[Duly sworn, Jim Siebert testified as follows:]

JIM SIEBERT: Madam Chair, yes, I am. My name is Jim Siebert. My address is 915 Mercer.

CHAIR VIGIL: Do you agree to the conditions?

MR. SIEBERT: Yes, we do.

CHAIR VIGIL: Please proceed.

MR. SIEBERT: There's two issues in front of you tonight. One is the vacation of the conservation easement that was previously granted to the County, and the other is the approval of the master plan where the previous conservation easement existed. What I'd like to do is provide you a little background on the project itself. This is I-25 and 599. The frontage road is here. Channel 11 sits here, a prior manufactured home yard sits here. This is an approved commercial use. It was actually originally part of the overall Avanti Center itself.

This area here is the area that the metro center currently has its master plan. The roads are in place. The utilities are in place. Currently there is a community water system that serves this particular project. There is a water line that has been brought down the frontage road and Mr. Parker was a participant in the extension of that line and in fact it was brought into the park for fire protection purposes itself. The sewer currently goes down to the Valle Vista plant and is treated at the Valle Vista plant.

The area that we're asking – the Parkers are asking to have removed from the conservation easement is this area here, highlighted in yellow. It's approximately 14.19 acres of land. This is the area that has been developed and has followed development plan approval. To give you a little background, originally the setbacks were encouraged to be anywhere from 250 to 270 feet in depth and that's what we have here. Since that time the setbacks along the frontage road are now on the order of 50 feet. We, as part of the master plan, when we get to that, we would agree to that setback and all the standards of the

highway corridor as part of the master plan approval.

This is the master plan itself. This is the area that we're speaking of that is existing. This is the area that is proposed with a 50-foot setback here. There is an existing pond; that pond will be enlarged slightly in order to accommodate the existing development. We're proposing to use County water and County sewer. County water, since the water line is already actually in place and throughout the subdivision. As you can see, to develop these lots it really requires only the infrastructure on this short cul-de-sac right here.

When this process began and Mr. Parker agreed to the dedication of the easement to the County, the idea was it was part of the transfer of development program, the development rights, and he would get somewhere on the order of 182 rights, which he would have a right to use at another location. The TDR program was really never perfected, nor does it appear that it will be perfected at this point. What Mr. Parker is requesting is to have that easement vacated by the County and then to develop the property with the standards that are current for the commercial development in that area today. It is part of the major center district node, so it doesn't require a variance from any of the current Code standards, and with that, I'll answer any questions you may have.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Siebert. Are there any questions for Mr. Siebert? Commissioner Anaya, then Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Jim, the Santa Fe Housing Authority wrote Mr. Parker a letter July 30th regarding tumbleweeds on his property. Is that the property we're talking about?

MR. SIEBERT: Well, actually, it's not. The property in question – I'll go back to the aerial photo because I think it's easier to see from the aerial photo. This is the County housing area here. This is the Valle Vista area here. The area they're talking about is really right along this boundary fence here. In fact, Mr. Parker has already cleaned that up.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Jim, on the map, the map with the yellow – I'm a little confused. You're asking for this vacation of the easement, 4.19 acres?

MR. SIEBERT: It's 14.19.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay, which is just the center portion. What is the yellow – it says restricted on either side of that. What is that for?

MR. SIEBERT: No, this is actually – the 14.19 is the sum of all these parcels.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: That's not what the plat says. I'm looking at Exhibit NB-1-37 in our book. It shows the centerpiece as 14.19 and then on the left it says 2.16 and on the right, 4.59 acres. Are you saying that –

MR. SIEBERT: Well, I think what they're referring to, if you can see in the smaller version, the 14.19 is the whole tract here and then if you look below it it has 5.27 and then 4.59 and 2.16.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. And then, I'm not sure that I remember that the TDR program was specifically for this purpose. It was an option available to anybody, but the corridor ordinance was the corridor ordinance. Was this made a condition because this is in the EZ and the corridor ordinance hasn't been adopted here? Is that what we're dealing with? Is this still the corridor plan?

MR. SIEBERT: I think Jack Kolkmeier can probably give a lot more of the history of this than I can. But the intent was at the time that they first adopted the Highway Corridor Ordinance was that there was some rather extraordinary setback standards, anywhere from 250 feet to 400 feet. And they felt at the time it was appropriate to have the potential to compensate people for those extraordinary setbacks. The TDR program was established in order to do that. So they had sending sites, and this actually was a sending site, and they had receiving sites. The receiving sites were areas which were outside the corridor where you could have higher density development.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: But is this area in the area of the Highway Corridor Ordinance or is this in the area where the Highway Corridor Ordinance was not approved?

MR. SIEBERT: This is an area where the ordinance was not adopted.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Not adopted. So there was a corridor plan, but there was never an ordinance.

MR. SIEBERT: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Because it's in the County, right?

MR. SIEBERT: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Not in the EZ.

MR. SIEBERT: It's not EZ.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Because the EZ adopted the ordinance.

MR. SIEBERT: Right.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: So they made that a condition, I assume, thinking it was going to be adopted, because what was confusing me is that once the ordinance is adopted is have to comply with the setback, period. There's no transfer of development rights or anything.

MR. SIEBERT: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: What you're saying is here they made it a condition and offered the TDR's as a compensation mechanism.

MR. SIEBERT: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. And tell me about the landscaping. It's pretty close to the road. What are you going to have in that 50 feet?

MR. SIEBERT: Well, the highway corridor and more specifically the County Code specifies the amount of landscaping that has to take place in that area and even the type of landscape that has to take place within it. For example, 50 percent has to be evergreen.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: That's on the lots or in the –

MR. SIEBERT: Well, along the 50-foot area that you had pointed out that's in green. Correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: And what are the setbacks in the adjacent areas?

MR. SIEBERT: Well, the setbacks that have been approved in the same areas, including another commercial development at the corner of the La Cienega interchange is 50 feet. So they're consistent with that same setback.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair

CHAIR VIGIL: Further questions for the applicant. Seeing none, this is a public hearing. Is there anyone who would like to testify on this? Please raise your hand. Seeing, hearing none, I will close the public hearing and ask the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Move for approval with conditions.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion for approval and second, with conditions. Further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- XIII. A. 9. CCD Case #MP 01-5481 San Cristobal Village. Design Workshop (Claudia Horn), Agent for DR Horton (David Newell, Manager), Applicant is Requesting a Renewal and Extension of a Previously Approved Master Plan for a Mixed Use Development (Residential, Commercial, Community) in a Village Zone Consisting of 2,781 Residential Units and a Maximum of 7,957,323 Square Feet of Commercial Uses on 1,818-Acres. The Property is Located off State road 14 North of the County Jail in the Community College District within Five-Mile Extraterritorial District, Sections 31& 32, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, (Commission District 5) [Exhibit 5: Copy of Public Notice]**

MS. COBAU: On June 5, 2002, the BCC granted master plan approval for the referenced development. Master plan proposal and conditions shall remain as outlined in the June 2002 BCC minutes and final order, which are included in your packet as Exhibit C. The County Land Development Code specifies that master plan approval shall be considered valid for a period of five years from the date of approval by the BCC. Master plan approvals may be renewed and extended for an addition two years by the BCC at the request of the developer. Progress in the planning or development of the project approved in the master plan shall constitute an automatic renewal of the master plan approval.

Progress is defined as approval of preliminary or final plats, or development plans for any phase of the project. The applicant is requesting a two-year extension of the master plan until August of 2009. The following criteria shall be used for consideration at the master plan: conformance with the Community College District Plan, viability of proposed phases of the project to function as completed development in the event that subsequent phases of the project are not approved or completed, conformance with the Community College District Ordinance and other applicable laws and ordinances in effect at the time of consideration, including required improvements, proposed roads and trails, community facilities, design and/or construction standards and open space standards, the impact to schools, adjacent properties or the county in general.

Staff considers the master plan to be an integral part of the Community College District objectives relevant to road and trail connections, open space and parks, affordable housing, sites for schools, institutional, civic and community uses. Staff recommends approval for renewal and a two-year extension until August 14, 2009 subject to the following conditions. Madam Chair, may I enter those conditions into the record please?

[The conditions are as follows:]

1. Compliance with conditions previously imposed for the master plan.
2. Affordable housing plan and agreement shall conform with current requirements.
3. Compliance with review comments from the following:
 - a) Santa Fe Public School District
 - b) County Open Space, Parks & Trails Division.

CHAIR VIGIL: Are there any questions of staff? Is the applicant here? Would you please step forward and state your name and address for the record.

[Duly sworn, David Newell testified as follows:]

DAVID NEWELL: David Newell, 4400 Alameda, Albuquerque.

CHAIR VIGIL: Madam Chair, do you agree with the conditions as presented by staff?

MR. NEWELL: I do.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Please proceed.

MR. NEWELL: My name again is David Newell. Madam Chair, Commissioners, I am the manager for this project and a lifelong resident of northern New Mexico. D.R. Horton Homes became involved with this project subsequent to the original master plan approval. We did so because we see an opportunity to work closely with the County in the Community College District to provide a sustainable community and create affordable housing that is much needed here in Santa Fe.

Understanding that the State Land Office still owns the land and we are the leaseholder, under those conditions we are still excited to move forward and confident that we will move forward with this project. D.R. Horton Homes has a local team for this project: Mark Ferguson, who is here with us tonight is our division president and one of the key decision makers on the project. We have a land development team and an

architectural design team on local staff. This group of people allows us to tailor our architectural designs and our product offerings to the local environment to fit seamlessly with the City and the County of Santa Fe.

We are currently the only capacity builder to be a part of the Build Green New Mexico group and showing our commitment to creating sustainable communities in New Mexico. Admittedly, there's been some delays in our processing of this project from start to getting preliminary plat submitted and approved. There are things that happened over the course of the last year, year and a half that we would have been remiss to not address and the key item there is the New Mexico Railrunner alignment. One of the original options for the Railrunner was through San Cristobal Village and we took the time and effort to address that with the proposed alignment bisecting San Cristobal. It had major impacts on the planning, the design and the engineering of the community.

Now that said, that decision has been made and the alignment does not go through San Cristobal so we are pushing forward with our preliminary plan for submittal in October to you. That meets the conditions also as a note of the 22-acre water servicing agreement where we were required to submit preliminary plan by December. With that, we ask for your approval of the master plan extension with no request for any amendment.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Newell. Any questions for Mr. Newell?
Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: As you indicated, I guess you still have 22 acre-feet of water rights in the project. What are you doing, what have you done to acquire more water rights?

MR. NEWELL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, we have an agreement with a group to find and locate water rights for this project. They have done so. They have been successful in that and the water has been transferred to the Buckman Wells.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: And how many water rights? How many acre-feet?

MR. NEWELL: Approximately 133 acre-feet of water.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: That has already been transferred.

MR. NEWELL: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Maybe we'll have Doug give us an update on that. So in October you'll be coming forward with a development that anticipates the use of 130 acre-feet of water, I assume.

MR. NEWELL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, it will most likely be somewhat less. We have not finalized our water budget for the first phase, but the first phase is approximately 587 units, plus or minus, and that, given our final water budget, should not take the total 133 acre-feet.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. And what will be your plan for the actual delivery of water? The County doesn't have 130 acre-feet of water or anything near that and won't of course, come close to it until the Buckman Diversion is on line in 2010.

So what will you be doing in the interim?

MR. NEWELL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, we plan to – this first phase will be a phased, subphased development, so there will not be 587 units on the first year. We fully support the County in its efforts with the Buckman Diversion or any other groundwater strategy that you have.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I'm not quite sure that answered my question. What, realistically, do you see as being your build-out until the Buckman Diversion is on line and we can provide you with water?

MR. NEWELL: I think our build-out fits in line with when the Buckman Diversion comes on lien in 2010. We have a process to go through now for preliminary plat. We have a public auction process with the State Land Office, and then we come in for final plat, so there's a time period there to get that finished and completed, and then as I said, we develop in subphases of maybe 120, 150 homesites per year. We're confident that that timeline fits with the Buckman Diversion timeline.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Explain how that would fit with that.

MR. NEWELL: The amount of water that we will require, I guess my point is the amount of water we require on day one will not be 133 acre-feet. Our understanding is there is some water available when we tie into the County system and we will work towards that as a governance of our development. If that clears it up.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, let me just ask Karen or Doug if they could give me an update on what the thinking is there. I know we have an allocation policy that limits it to 35 acre-feet per year.

MS. TORRES: Madam Chair, Commissioner Sullivan, this subdivision has 22 acre-feet allocated from the original 500 acre-feet. That's already set in stone for them. So we can serve them as long as we get the lines extended, 22 acre-feet prior to Buckman. They have accomplished several water rights transfers over to the Buckman wellfields and we are in the process of getting a second transfer to the Buckman Direct Diversion. Those water rights will be available of course after Buckman comes on line. But I think with the timeline you will have sufficient capacity to get them started, at least for probably one of their first phases.

We do have some bridge water that will be coming on line, hopefully prior to Buckman, if we don't get held up too much by the protest process.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: What is bridge water?

MS. TORRES: I apologize. I call it bridge water. Our groundwater transfers, hopefully we can get them permitted into the well and we can divert water to act as a bridge until the Buckman Direct Diversion comes on line.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Karen. Thank you, Mr. Newell. Unless there are any other questions for Mr. Newell, what I'd like to do – we have two hearings left. I'd like to know who in the audience is here to testify on this particular item. Would you indicate by raising your hands. We are on the San Cristobal Village hearing. Nobody out

there? Okay, we'll proceed. Mr. Newell, is there anyone else that would like to address the Commission?

MR. NEWELL: Madam Chair, no.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, move for approval with staff conditions.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: Motion and second. Further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR VIGIL: Congratulations, gentlemen. Look forward to what your master plan will look like.

XIII. A. 10. AFDRC APP# 07-5110 Lisa Griego Appeal. Lisa Griego, Appellant, is Appealing the Agua Fria Development Review Committee's Decision to Uphold the Land Use Administrator's Decision to Deny a Home Occupation Business License for Operation of a Contract Painting Business on Residential Property Consisting of 0.9 Acres, The Property is Located at 2253 ANB Lane off of Agua Fria St., within Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, (2-Mile EZ District) [Exhibit 6: Realtor's Letter]

JAN DANIELS (Review Specialist): Thank you, Madam Chair. On June 6, 2007, the AFDRC recommended denial of a home occupation business license for operation of a contract painting business on residential property consisting of .9 acres.

The applicant is requesting an appeal of the Agua Fria Development Review Committee's decision to deny an application for a Home Occupation Business License for Colores de Santa Fe Painting, Incorporated, located in the Agua Fria Traditional Community Zoning District.

On October 20, 2006, Santa Fe County Code enforcement cited the appellant for operating without a business registration. On October 26, 2006, the appellant submitted an application for a business registration to operate a contract painting business out of a home at 2253 ANB Lane using a commercial business application. The subject property is not commercially zoned, does not lie inside a commercial node and would not be eligible for commercial zoning without a variance.

The application was revised upon clarification by the appellant that it was a small business with less than six employees and when the appellant stated she resided at the

property the application was subsequently resubmitted as a Home Occupation Application utilizing the correct form and application packet.

Code Enforcement and Development Review staff worked closely with the appellant and met with her on several occasions to clarify County requirements for home occupation businesses. The appellant stated that she resided in Arroyo Seco, but planned to move to ANB Lane to comply with the home occupation criteria. Several field inspections were conducted by Code enforcement staff and on February 23, 2007 following the standard field inspection for applications of this nature by Development Review staff, the appellant's application for a Home Occupation Business License was denied.

The denial of the application is based upon the appellant's failure to comply with conditions set forth by EZO Section 5.1.B.4.d, Conditional Uses; Home Occupations. Further, the business does not comply with standards for a home business established by the recently adopted Village of Agua Fria Zoning District Ordinance 2007-2, which came into effect subsequent to the denial. Paragraph d (1) states: "Not more than two persons, other than members of a family residing on the premises shall be regularly engaged in work at the site of the home occupation." Ordinance 2007-2 allows a home business to employ six persons other than family members to be regularly engaged in work at the site. The field inspection revealed eighteen vehicles at the site, which clearly indicates more than two people are engaged in the business.

Paragraph d (2) states: "The use of the residence for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and not more than fifty percent of the floor area of the residence, including accessory building shall be used for the home occupation." Ordinance 2007-2 states: "The owner of the business shall reside on the site." The appellant stated to staff that she resides in Arroyo Seco, and intended to move to the location to comply with this criterion. She was asked to produce a utility bill as proof of residency but has failed to do so. The field inspection revealed that the main residence was vacant, and a large accessory structure was being used as an office and numerous paint cans, and other debris littered the site. The entire yard was utilized as parking for the employees of the business.

Paragraph d (3) states: "There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises or other visible evidence of the conduct of the home occupation." The presence of large numbers of employee vehicles, combined with the littering of debris and outdoor storage of paint supplies changes the exterior appearance of the premises and provides visible evidence of the conduct of the home occupation.

Paragraph d (7) states: "No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood." The site is accessed by a 20' wide easement which meanders in close proximity to adjacent residences. The traffic created by a business of this nature along such a narrow access creates much greater volumes and generates a much larger traffic burden than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood. The alternate access identified by the appellant for emergency vehicles is gated and padlocked by an adjacent property owner and

cannot be utilized without permission from this property owner who has indicated that permission will not be granted.

The Fire Marshal has provided correspondence which indicates that the access road is inadequate to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles and further indicates that storage of combustible materials such as those currently stored on the site must meet Uniform Fire Code regulations. Fire Marshal approval is required prior to issuance of a Home Occupation Business license.

The original application is not in compliance with the Section 5.1.B.4.d, Conditional uses; Home occupations of the Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance, and does not comply with Ordinance 2007-2, Village of Agua Fria Zoning District. Staff recommends denial of the appeal.

CHAIR VIGIL: Are there any questions of staff at this point? This is a public hearing. Is the applicant here?

[Duly sworn, Lisa Griego testified as follows:]

LISA GRIEGO: Lisa Griego, I reside in La Puebla, New Mexico. First of all we're here today - I'm not expecting to win this appeal. Excuse me, Madam Chair and Commissioners. I have Exhibit A here. All of you have had a chance to read that.

CHAIR VIGIL: What is Exhibit A?

MS. GRIEGO: We're appealing the decision - we have our house for sale right now on our property. We understand - since we purchased the property our employees have doubled, with our work demand and such. I know that we don't belong in the area; we've got to move out. We've had the house on the market for two months, and there's also a letter here from a realtor.

CHAIR VIGIL: That, I think we have, but I'm still not clear on Exhibit A.

MS. GRIEGO: Oh, I'm sorry. Would you like me to read this?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: It's in the packet.

CHAIR VIGIL: It's in the packet? Okay.

MS. GRIEGO: Yes. Our house is on the market so we can leave the neighborhood. We have a contract painting business that supports 20 employees and their families.

CHAIR VIGIL: We have that.

MS. GRIEGO: So we're here today to ask for time. We know we can't operate out of there. As a matter of fact, since the decision has been denied, we limit the guys from going to the property, very much limit it. I try and avoid them being there. We've got to go pick up equipment and stuff like that but for the most part we've tried to minimize it as much as we can. My daughter's there every day. She's our secretary. We have a small building there that we operate our office out of and her and my grandson are there all day, but we don't actually do the work from the property. We just store stuff there and we get our tools and stuff and we work out of the property. We work all over town in different places.

So today I'm just asking for some time, some reasonable time because financially it

would be devastating. I can't just from today to tomorrow just change and it's the peak of our season also. We're just extremely busy. I'm just asking for some time to give us some time for the house to sell. We can relocate. Reasonable time. That's all I have to say. Our neighbors, we don't bother them. As a matter of fact, Mr. Baca, he's an elderly neighbor. We try to help him when we see – this last snowfall that we had. There's three feet of snow on the road. My brother brought his tractor to the property and with the public road that these guys use, we were [inaudible] we swept up the snow. We're neighborly. We're not there to bother anybody. We're just trying to make a living. And I understand with work demand, we've actually hired a lot more guy but some guys don't even ever, ever go to the property. I take their time cards to the job sites. I take their paychecks to the job sites. Our job foremen come on our company vehicles and go and load up sprayers and so on and so forth.

And our property is not trashed with debris. There's a lot of things on that letter – as a matter of fact, the property that's next to us has a lot more debris than ours. I'm very strict about keeping the property clean and I'm always making sure – picking up trash if there's anything. I just don't want to cause any ruckus in the neighborhood. I want to be peaceful and be a good neighbor as much as I can. And I understand, and I'm not even asking to stay there, because due to our demand, and our business has expanded since we purchased the property. I thought it would be smaller and all of a sudden things just got bigger. And I just want some time, some permission, to stay there with a reasonable amount in time until the property sells.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Griego. Commissioner Montoya.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Madam Chair, what is reasonable?

MS. GRIEGO: Well, there's a letter here from our realtor –

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And she's saying a year, basically. So you're saying a year is reasonable.

MS. GRIEGO: I would think so. And since then I've already asked my real estate agent to start looking for some property to relocate. If I found some property tomorrow, financially I probably wouldn't be able to get a loan to buy another piece of property to relocate. So once the property sells then we can relocate.

COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: And Madam Chair, Jan, this came to our attention when? In terms of the violation?

MS. COBAU: Madam Chair, Commissioner Montoya, this was initially my case that I went out and did the initial field visit. You can see in your packet – it's Exhibit D, the initial letter was sent to Ms. Griego in February and it came in on a notice of violation, I believe, in mid-January.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any other questions for the applicant? Ms. Griego, when you purchased this property, did you purchase it from a realtor?

MS. GRIEGO: Yes.

CHAIR VIGIL: Did the realtor explain to you that it was not commercial?

That it was not home occupancy?

MS. GRIEGO: No, not to the volume of business that we expected to come out of there. And it was even still – in the morning – when we first moved there, in the morning I had all the guys show up to the shop and then I would say, you go there, you go there, you go there. Everybody would get in the work vans and they'd leave and come back at the end of the day, pick up their vehicles. Sometimes the guys would hand out and visit or whatever, and leave at the end of the day. So in total, overall the employee would probably occupy the property maybe an hour and a half, max. Thirty minutes in the morning, maybe an hour in the afternoon. And I did not have any idea.

Some of the neighbors – on this side this guy's got an 18-wheeler, big trucks. This guy has a wrecker service. The guys that have a common fence, he's got dump trucks and tractors and so forth. We just have domestic vehicles and our traffic was a higher volume. And another thing, also, we purchased the property – I believe there are five or six lots that are there from the Bacas, Mr. Baca was the original owner and he gave to all of his children. And one of his children had to sell the house and that's when we bought it. So we're the only ones that aren't family there out of all of that, where we share that common road. There's a renter there also that rents right next to us, someone in the Bacas. So they're not family either. Maybe that would make a difference or not and I would welcome them, seeing that if they are all owning property there that it would be nice if one of their family members came back and bought it. But that was not – but I didn't understand all of the zoning and all of that because we were pretty low key as far as that goes, not actually working on the property and stuff.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Griego. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone else out there who would like to address the Commission on this item for the agenda? Do the Bacas want to address us in any way. I see a hand over here. Please come forth, both of you and state your name and address for the record.

[Duly sworn, Rosemary Medrano testified as follows:]

ROSEMARY MEDRANO: Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. My name is Rosemary Medrano. My husband and I own property on ANB Lane that we acquired from a family transfer. We reside in the city on Botolph Road. Our concern is not so much that they're not family. I think as the County has addressed there are many issues that they've had plenty of opportunity to comply on, which they have not. We want to be good neighbors and it doesn't matter to me that they're family or not family.

However, there are concerns to us and to anyone who resides in the area in regard to the traffic flow. Since they moved there traffic flow has increased by quite a bit. As they indicated, ANB Lane cannot accommodate this volume of traffic and its only access is off of Agua Fria Street and it's not a through street. With the amount of traffic that this has generated I think that at peak hours, whether it be 5:00 in the evening or 8:00 in the morning, should an emergency vehicle have to get back there there's going to be a problem because it's not wide enough to accommodate that kind of flow of traffic.

The other issue that we have is of course their storage of the materials that they utilize for their business, whether it's toxic paints, oil stains, turpentine, not only is the storage an issue but also the possibility of accidental dumping in that area. That affects everyone who resides there. Their business is mainly intended for a commercial site and not intended for a residential area which we are. And again, because of the size of their business, the type of materials, the volume of traffic, that is not the place for this business to reside. And I oppose their appeal.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Medrano. Are you opposing that she remain there or are you opposing the fact that she's just requesting some time to move from there?

MS. MEDRANO: I think I'm opposing the business license. I'm also opposing the request for time. I think plenty of time has been given since this whole incident has begun at the end of last year. The issues have been addressed with her personally. Letters have been sent to her, letting her know what the issues are and I think there has been plenty of opportunity and time for her to meet the requirements of the County and to take action regarding relocating or whatever their needs are at this time.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Medrano, very much. Are there any questions for her? Then please step forward and state your name and address for the record.

[Previously sworn, David Medrano testified as follows:]

DAVID MEDRANO: My name is David Medrano and I also live on Botolph Road. Rosemary of course is my wife and we do have a lot there on ANB Lane. Madam Chair, Commissioners, I just want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns. I'll try and keep it short, as late as it is. But there are many concerns of mine but I would like to narrow it down to at least four or five. One of course is the entrance and exit into this area. It's a very narrow entrance coming in from the main artery of Agua Fria. Secondly, the concern of the toxic materials that are involved in this kind of a business. Also the excessive traffic that is there during the time of business of this individual.

Another one of my concerns is the emergency vehicles. With all the traffic coming in and out, of course we all probably go to – or at least I go to the casinos and I expect to go there and win at a certain time and win a lot of money. We don't know when it's going to happen. We don't know when I'm going to win, etc. But I also feel that this is a kind of concern that may happen at this point. Traffic going in and out. Ms Griego did mention some of the time people aren't there, but we don't know when an emergency is going to occur. I would hate to see the time that it does occur when a vehicle cannot get in, whether it be a fire truck, an ambulance, law enforcement, etc.

Another concern is this area actually is not commercially zoned. It is residential and it sticks really well to the Agua Fria community concerns as part of the residential area. Again, I'm not here to say where or when this person can live in our area, whether she lives there or not, it's not my concern. My concern is the business that she's involved in.

So I do also want to say that she has had enough time to try and comply with the rules and regulations.

As was read earlier, there were a lot of citations, a lot of concerns from the County as to her character and running this type of business. I am opposed to her getting a home occupation license for this area. Thank you very much for listening to me.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Mr. Medrano. Is there anyone else? Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Medrano? Seeing none, is there anyone else who would like to address the Commission on this? Ms. Griego, did you want to respond?

MS. GRIEGO: Excuse me, Madam Chair and Commissioners, as far as our storing toxic stuff and all of that, we have paint cans in there that are still tightly – I wouldn't even risk that. We have fire extinguishers if something did occur. Mr. Baca has a garage that's right parallel with the road that we drive up and he's got his garage open a lot of the time because he's outside working a lot. And he's got paint cans and stuff like anybody else would in their garage. Maybe we have a little bit more. But we're very cautious and safe. And like I say, we're not asking to reconsider the decision on staying. We're just asking for some time. We were not cited several times. We got one notice on our door and I complied immediately. As I've been dealing with the County and talking to them, I've been following the steps that they've guided me to do. I have not been avoiding dealing with the issue. I've been dealing with it since day one. So I haven't ignored any of the laws.

Since we've been dealing with the County, like I say, I've got the guys off. I don't – the traffic is much more minimal because we're trying to keep peace and trying to make everybody safe. And the Medranos don't live there. Those lots that are down there, there's only one person that lives past us that are renting and nobody else lives on the bottom. We're the last ones besides them. And like I say, I'm all about safety and concern and anything else in the neighborhood that needs to be I would be the first to step and be safe with everything.

CHAIR VIGIL: Ms. Griego, it seems to me that you're making a reasonable request. You want to comply and you want to move. Could this property be sold within six months? Would that give you sufficient time?

MS. GRIEGO: I think six months would be reasonable, and if it doesn't sell in six months I've got to take that into my hands. I think six months is very reasonable. If it doesn't sell in six months I've got to look for a different alternative. I think it would be safe for the neighbors too. Ms. Timborn, she's in the corner there. She's my common neighbor on this side and I spoke with her briefly before. She said she noticed that the traffic is minimized more. I'm trying to do – I'm the last one that wants to break the rules. I understand it's a residential place and that's why we're selling, to relocate. And like I say, six months is very reasonable.

CHAIR VIGIL: I'm just throwing that out as a possibility. I don't know if this is even do-able. Is it legally do-able? Rachel, can we uphold and then create a proviso for allowing the applicant.

RACHEL BROWN (Assistant Attorney): I don't know that there's anything that prohibits you from providing time for the vacation unless there are safety concerns or other concerns of Land Use that would prohibit granting additional time.

CHAIR VIGIL: Shelley, did you want to respond?

MS. COBAU: Madam Chair, I'd just like to point out that the original notice of violation was issued on this property in October of 2006, which is nearly a year. We've had numerous complaints, not just from the members of the public that are here. We've received numerous phone calls from surrounding properties. Fire has indicated in your correspondence that's in your packet that there is a safety issue with this. I've been out on the site twice myself. ANB Lane is very narrow. To gain access from ANB Lane onto Agua Fria, there's a residential wall. You really have no nose your car out onto Agua Fria to see if there are cars coming. There's no provision in the Code to grant a temporary permit for this business to continue operating. I think granting time provides an enforcement issue for Land Use staff. Do we go out again in six months and see if the property is sold? If it's not, I don't know what we would do.

I would like to point out, however, that Ms. Griego will have another 30 day while we prepare findings of fact and have those approved by the Commission, and then she would have the option to appeal your decision to district court, which would probably take her two months to get on a court docket. So she could buy herself an additional three months in continuing with the due process that we have in place.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay. Thank you, Shelley. Further questions? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair, I'm not in the business of putting people out of business. I think that Ms. Griego has done well and I think she's supplying families with jobs and I think that her business has done well and she realizes it and she wants to move. It's not saying that she wants to stay and have a business here. She is telling us that she realizes that her neighbors have a concern with her business being there. She understands that. Her neighbors -- she's telling her neighbors that now. I think we need to help her. We need to say, okay, we're going to give you six months and you go look for another place and continue expanding your business. That's great. I don't have a problem with it. I think that if you do have toxic stuff you need to contain that and I think you are. Maybe you need to continue a little better. I think -- I hope your business continues to succeed. We can't just say no, get out. Where is she going to go? She realizes that she needs to go somewhere else and I would like to make a recommendation that she's to stay there for another six months and hopefully, after that, it's over. You need to find another place. That's my recommendation.

MS. GRIEGO: Thank you, sir, I appreciate those comments.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any other comments from the Commission? Commissioner Sullivan.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, I think the issue is the approval of staff's recommendation for denial or not. And my recommendation is that we uphold staff's recommendation for denial. On the issue of providing some time to allow the moving, I think

it's clear that the applicant's had a year to work on this and now requests more time. If you can't sell your house you have to reduce the price. That's how you sell it. At some point in time you can sell anything.

So I think six months is too long. I would not have a problem with 90 days, making a condition that the appeal be denied and that take effect 90 days from the date of today's hearing. Then the applicant can appeal that as Shelley indicates. We still have to prepare the findings of fact and conclusions. That takes 30 days and I think at this point in time, the realtor indicates in his letter that they will expedite the sale and successful closing of the property. He says property has been on the market in this area for 71 to 393 days so I don't know how long the applicant has had it on the market, but I think that's about how far we really ought to go in this circumstance. I think six months is too long. Ninety days takes them out of the summer season when they have more work. I think that's an appropriate compromise on the issue. Thank you.

MS. GRIEGO: Excuse me, Madam Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR VIGIL: Ms. Griego.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, I guess we need to close the public hearing here too, at some point in time.

CHAIR VIGIL: Yes, I want to close the public hearing. So I'm going to allow to go ahead and speak to that, but let's make it short.

MS. GRIEGO: We haven't been there a year. We purchased the property in October and we occupied and then we got the tag like right away, a month later, and then we started dealing with it, hoping we were going to get the home occupancy, and I didn't know all the rules and regulations. And then when I started finding everything out, and we started expanding and having to hire more employees and all that, then I realized that we had to get out. I've been really seriously finding everything out within the past three months. And we immediately put the property for sale once the first decision – when we got the first denial. So we haven't been dragging our feet. We've been trying to comply and again, we do employ a lot of people that it is going to fall back on kids and so on and so forth. It's a lot of people.

CHAIR VIGIL: Thank you, Ms. Griego. I'm going to have to close this hearing but I will ask one more time if there's anyone else who hasn't addressed the Commission that would like to address us. I think we have a clear understanding of the issue. Any further comments, direction? Motion from the Commission? There are two proposals, 90 days and six months. That seems like that's the direction we're going.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Madam Chair, I'll get things started so we can meet your 9:00 deadline here.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Campos'.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Oh, that's Commissioner Campos' deadline. Okay. I'd move to uphold the staff recommendation for denial of the appeal and have that action take effect 90 days from the date of this hearing.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

CHAIR VIGIL: There's a motion and a second upholding the recommendation.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: The denial.

CHAIR VIGIL: Any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So that means she has 90 days – after 90 days she has to be out.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Can't operate her business.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: After 90 days she can't operate there.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Would that be 90 days from the date of the finding of fact, or 90 days from today? Or do we delineate that in our discussion?

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: The motion, Madam Chair, was from the date of this hearing.

MR. KOLKMEYER: And also, if I might just add something here, it means 90 days from now she has to terminate the operation of that business. It doesn't mean that they have to move from the property. They have to terminate that business and find another location for that business. It gets really difficult for us to track these kinds of things in Code enforcement if we have to carry these things on too long. But I just want to clarify that they don't have to move off the property, if living is an issue. It's the business that's not legal there, that's the problem.

CHAIR VIGIL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR VIGIL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: But they don't have to terminate the business. They just have to terminate the business location.

MR. KOLKMEYER: That's correct, Commissioner.

CHAIR VIGIL: I think the way that we can move forward with this is we need to take action on the motion. You can get further clarification from staff, and they'll be able to give you clear guidance on what your boundaries are. We do have a motion.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vigil declared this meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm



Valerie Espinoza
VALERIE ESPINOZA
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

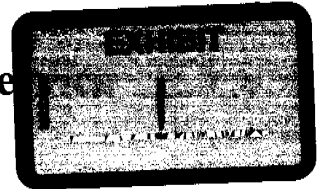
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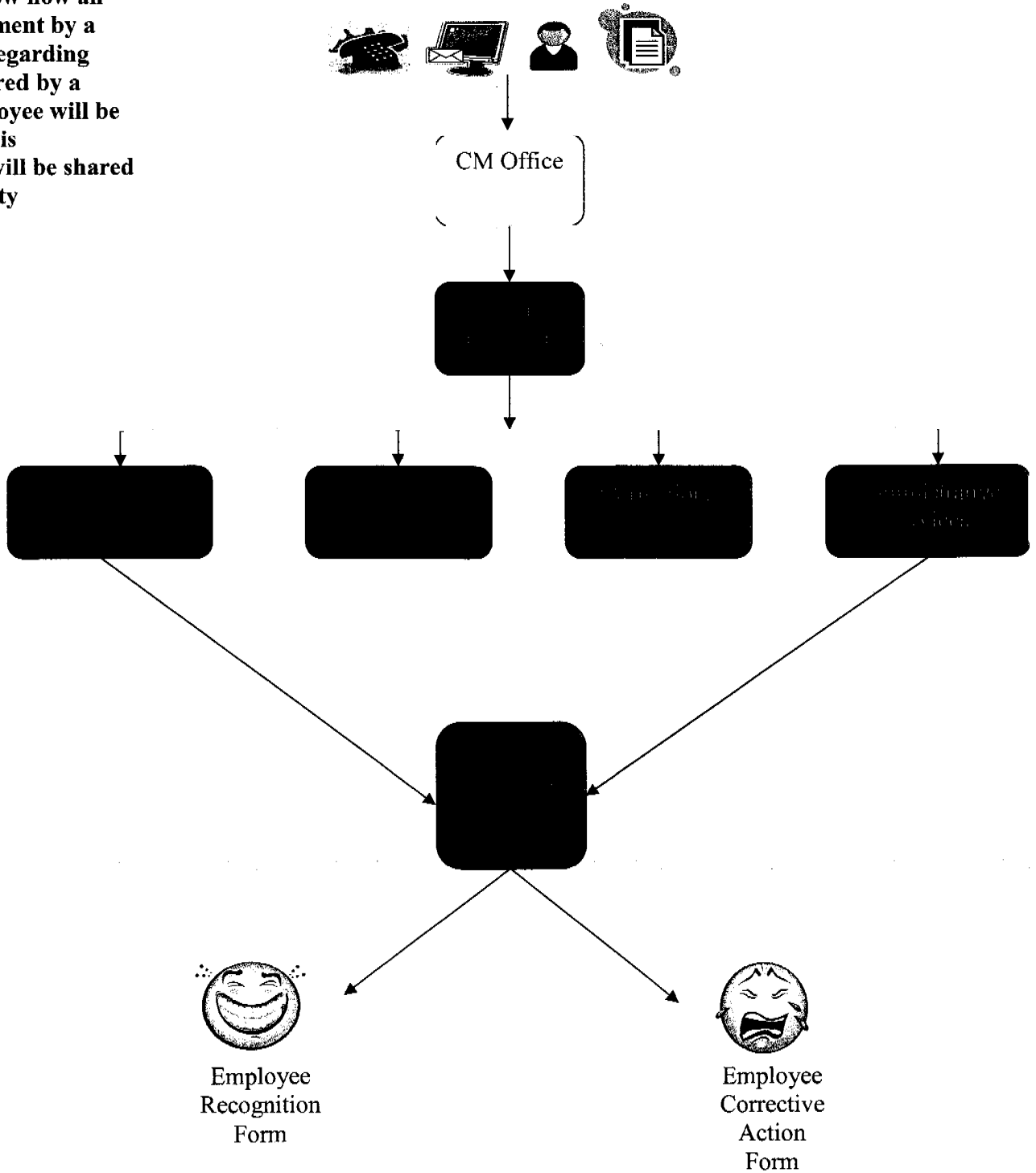
Respectfully submitted:

Karen Farrell
Karen Farrell, Wordswork
227 E. Palace Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Acknowledgement by Constituent Regarding Service Rendered by County Employee



The purpose of this flow chart is to show how an acknowledgement by a Constituent regarding service rendered by a County Employee will be processed. This information will be shared with all County Employees.





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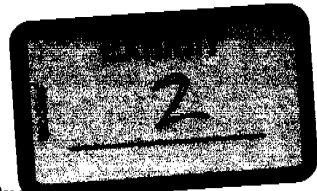
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EXCERPT FROM A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA FE COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), as the governing body of Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico (the "County"), met in regular session in full conformity with law and the rules and regulations of the Board at the County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, New Mexico, being the regular meeting place of the Board, on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were found to be present:

PRESENT:

Chairperson: _____

Members: _____

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Member _____ thereupon moved the adoption of the following resolution:

SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at a general obligation bond election duly called and held for Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico, (the "County") on the day of November 2, 2004, the electors of the County authorized the Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County (the "Board") to contract bonded indebtedness on behalf of the County and upon the credit thereof by issuing general obligation bonds of the County to secure funds for the following purposes in the following amounts:

Purpose	Amount Authorized At Election	Amount Previously Issued	Amount to be Issued
acquisition, construction, design, equipping, and improvement of roads within the County and related public works facilities to house, maintain and service road improvement equipment	\$20,000,000	\$8,500,000*	\$11,500,000
acquisition of real property for, and construction, design, equipping, rehabilitation and improvement of water improvement projects within the County	\$51,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$41,000,000
acquisition, construction, design, equipping and improvement of necessary public buildings within the County to house, maintain and service fire protection equipment	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000*	\$-0-

* Proceeds of the 2005A Bonds were allocated on the date of issuance as follows: \$10,000,000 in proceeds was allocated for water projects and \$10,000,000 in proceeds was allocated to road projects. \$1,500,000 in proceeds of the Series 2005A Bonds were subsequently reallocated to the improvement of fire stations by Resolution No. 2006-142 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on August 22, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County and the inhabitants thereof that a portion of the general obligation bonds authorized at the election be issued at this time (that portion being referred to in this Resolution as the "Bonds"); provided, however, that a satisfactory price be obtained therefor upon a public sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County, New Mexico:

Section 1. The Chairperson of the Board and the County Clerk are authorized and directed to cause to be published a notice of sale of the Bonds in the form set forth below in Section 2, for the purposes and in the amount described above, in the *New Mexican*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, at least one week prior to the date of sale, and the Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to cause such other notice of the bond sale to be given as he shall determine, including the publication of the notice in financial papers and periodicals and the distribution among investment bankers and others of a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds.

Section 2. The notice of sale of the Bonds shall be published in the following form:

(Form of Notice for Publication)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BOND SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, State of New Mexico (the "Board"), will receive and publicly open sealed or electronic transmission bids at the County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., prevailing Mountain Time, on September 11, 2007, for the purchase of \$20,000,000 Santa Fe County General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007B (the "Bonds"). The Board will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m., on September 11, 2007, in the County Commission Chambers, County

Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, being the regular meeting place of the County, to take action to award the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds and will mature on July 1 of each year as follows:

\$20,000,000
 SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
 SERIES 2007B

Year Maturing (July 1)	Amount Maturing
2008	\$1,700,000
2009	500,000
2010	500,000
2011	500,000
2012	500,000
2013	500,000
2014	500,000
2015	500,000
2016	500,000
2017	750,000
2018	750,000
2019	750,000
2020	1,250,000
2021	1,250,000
2022	1,250,000
2023	1,250,000
2024	2,000,000
2025	2,000,000
2026	2,000,000
2027	1,050,000

The Bonds shall constitute the general obligation of the County and shall be payable solely out of general (ad valorem) taxes which shall be levied against all taxable property in the County without limitation as to rate or amount, as defined in the Property Tax Code, of all taxable property of the County for the property tax years of 2007 through 2026.

Each bidder must submit an unconditional, written and sealed or electronic transmission bid on the Official Bid Form for all of the Bonds, specifying the lowest rate

or rates of interest and premium, if any, at or above par at which such bidder will purchase the Bonds. The maximum net effective interest rate is 10% per annum and the maximum stated interest rate permitted is 10% per annum. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be bid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. None of the Bonds will be sold at less than the principal amount thereof. Copies of the Official Notice of Bond Sale, Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Bid Form may be obtained from the County's Financial Advisor, RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., 6301 Uptown Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, telephone (505) 872-5999. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Bond Sale.

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A., 500 Fourth Street, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, and a certified transcript of the legal proceedings will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: /s/
Virginia Vigil, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: /s/
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

(End of Form of Notice for Publication)

Section 3. The Official Notice of Bond Sale shall be in substantially the following form with such changes as are not inconsistent therewith and approved by the Chairperson of the Board:

(Form of Official Notice of Public Meeting and Bond Sale)

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BOND SALE
\$20,000,000
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2007B

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), the governing body of Santa Fe County, New Mexico (the "County"), will receive and publicly open sealed or electronic transmission bids at the County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., prevailing Mountain Time, on the 11th day of September, 2007, for the purchase of Santa Fe County, New Mexico General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007B (the "Bonds"). Such bids may be submitted in a sealed envelope or electronically (at the option of the bidder) as further provided herein. If submitted electronically, bids must be submitted via BIDCOMP/PARITY BIDDING SYSTEM ("i-Deal" f/k/a/ "Dalcomp" or the "Qualified Electronic Bid Provider") as further provided herein. The Board will meet in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2007, in the County Commission Chambers, County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to take action to award the Bonds. The Bonds, having been authorized at an election held within the County on November 2, 2004, will be issued in the aggregate amount of \$20,000,000 in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable to the registered owner thereof as of the record date at his address as it appears on the registration books initially kept by the Santa Fe County Treasurer, as registrar and paying agent for the Bonds (the "Registrar/Paying Agent").

It is anticipated that the Bonds will be issued in book-entry form and deposited with a securities depository company (the "Depository") selected by the County with no physical distribution of bond certificates to the public. Transfers of beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be effected on the records of participants of the Depository and other nominees of beneficial owners of Bonds. As a condition to delivery of Bonds, the successful bidder will be required, immediately after acceptance of delivery, to deposit the bond certificates with the Depository, registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee. Principal, premium, if any, and interest will be paid by the Paying Agent to the Depository or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. The County will not be responsible or liable for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by the Depository, its participants or other nominees. The County may, at its option, deliver bond certificates to beneficial owners or their nominees. The Bonds will be issued in one series and will be numbered from one upwards consecutively as requested by the purchaser and will mature in regular order of maturity on July 1 of each year and in the amounts as follows:

\$20,000,000
 SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
 SERIES 2007B

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The Bonds maturing on and after July 1, 2017, are subject to prior redemption at the County's option in one or more units of principal of \$5,000 on and after July 1, 2016 in whole or in part at any time, in such order of maturities as the County may determine, for the principal amount of each \$5,000 unit of principal so redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date. Redemption shall be made upon prior notice mailed to each registered owner of each bond selected for redemption as shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar in the manner and upon the conditions provided in the Bond Resolution.

The Bonds will be issued for the purpose of securing funds for (i) the acquisition, construction, design, equipping, and improvement of roads within the County and related public works facilities to house, maintain and service road improvement equipment and (ii) the acquisition of real property for, and construction, design, equipping, rehabilitation and improvement of water improvement projects within the County.

The Bonds are the second series of bonds approved in aggregate amount of up to \$72,500,000 by voters of the County on November 2, 2004.

Interest shall be bid in multiples of 1/20th or 1/8th percentum and only one interest rate may be bid for each maturity of the Bonds. A zero interest rate may not be specified and the rate of interest on any bond may not exceed the rate of interest on any other bond by more than one and one-half percent (1.5%) per annum. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed ten percent (10%) per annum and the maximum net effective interest rate shall not exceed ten percent (10%) per annum.

Interest on the Bonds shall be evidenced until maturity by only one interest rate per maturity, the first of which shall be payable July 1, 2008, and thereafter on each January 1 and July 1 until maturity. It is permissible to bid a different rate of interest for each different maturity of the Bonds, but no bid shall specify more than one interest rate for each maturity of Bonds. Except as limited above, there is no limit on the number of different interest rates that may be bid on the Bonds.

Only unconditional bids will be considered and each bid, except the bid of the State of New Mexico, if one is received, shall be accompanied by a good-faith deposit of not less than 2% of the principal amount of the Bonds, either in the form of a financial surety bond or in cash or by cashier's or treasurer's check of, or by certified check drawn on, a solvent commercial bank or trust company located in the United States payable to the order of Santa Fe County, New Mexico, which good-faith deposit shall be returned if the bid is not accepted.

If a financial surety bond is used as the good-faith deposit, the financial surety bond shall be rated in one of the top two rating categories of a nationally recognized rating agency, without regard to any modification of the rating, and the financial surety bond must be issued by an insurance company licensed to issue such a bond in New Mexico. If the Bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a financial surety bond as the good-faith deposit, then not later than 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time), on September 12, 2007, the successful bidder must send an electronic wire transfer to such account as the County shall specify in immediately available funds in an amount equal to the good-faith deposit. If such wire transfer is not received from the successful bidder by 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Mountain Time), on September 12, 2007, the financial surety bond may be immediately drawn upon by the County to satisfy the good-faith deposit requirement. No interest on the deposit will accrue to the bidder. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds.

The Board will take action on the Bonds by awarding the Bonds, or rejecting all bids on the Bonds, not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of the time herein prescribed for the receipt of the bids. If the successful bidder or bidders shall fail or neglect to complete the purchase of the Bonds within 30 days following the acceptance of his bid, or within 10 days after the Bonds are made ready and are offered for delivery, whichever is later, the amount of the deposit relating to the Bonds shall be forfeited to the County, and in that event the Board may accept the bid of the bidder making the next best bid for the Bonds should such bidder elect to purchase the Bonds on that basis. Delivery of the Bonds will be made to the successful bidder or bidders through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, on or about October 24, 2007, at the expense of the County or elsewhere with the consent of the County and at the request and expense of the purchaser; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if, for any reason, delivery of the Bonds cannot be made within 60 days after opening of bids, the successful bidder shall have the right to purchase the Bonds during the next succeeding 30 days upon the same terms or, at the request of the successful bidder, during the next succeeding 30 days, the good-faith deposit will be returned and such bidder shall be relieved of any further obligation.

All bids shall specify: (a) the lowest rate of interest and the amount of the premium, if any, at and for which the bidder will purchase the Bonds, or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase the Bonds at par. No premium may be bid in an amount that exceeds 1.5% of the total principal amount of the Bonds. For informational purposes only, each bidder is requested to specify: (a) the method of payment of the good-faith deposit, (b) the True Interest Cost (i.e., actuarial yield) on the Bonds stated as a nominal annual percentage rate, (c) gross interest cost, (d) premium (if any), (e) net interest cost, and (f) name of any bond insurer and the amount of the insurance premium (at the cost of the bidder). If the electronic bid form does not provide space for any or all of such additional information, the successful bidder shall provide

such information as soon as possible following determination of the best bid. Any bid which specifies split interest rates will not be considered. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids except that no bid shall be considered which is received after the time herein prescribed for the opening of bids. Except for electronic bids, proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Proposal for Purchase of General Obligation Bonds, Santa Fe County, New Mexico" and addressed to the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, c/o RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., Financial Advisor, 6301 Uptown Boulevard N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110.

Any electronic bids shall be submitted through the facilities of the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider no later than the time designated herein for the receipt of bids. During the electronic bidding, no bidder will see any other bidder's bid nor the status of its bid relative to other bids (i.e., whether its bid is a leading bid). Bidders may change or withdraw their bids at any time up to the time designated herein. Electronic bids may only be submitted through the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider. If any provisions in this Official Notice of Bond Sale conflicts with information or terms provided or required by the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider, this Official Notice of Bond Sale (and any amendments hereto) shall control. Each bidder who bids electronically shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Official Notice of Bond Sale. Neither the County nor the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider shall have any duty or obligations to provide or assure such access to any bidder, and neither the County nor the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider shall be responsible for proper operation of, or have any liability for, any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by, use of the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider. The County is using the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider as a communication mechanism, and not as the County's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. Further information about the Qualified Electronic Bid Provider, including any

fees charged, may be obtained from Parity, 395 Hudson Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10014, Telephone (212) 806-8300, Fax (212) 989-9281.

Any bid may be submitted with the intent to qualify the Bonds for municipal bond insurance. If the Bonds are qualified for municipal bond insurance and the successful bidder desires to purchase municipal bond insurance, insurance premium and rating agency expenses associated with acquisition of municipal bond insurance will be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder. The County will apply and pay for a rating on the Bonds by Moody's Investor's Service, Inc.

The best bid for the Bonds will be determined by deducting the amount of the premium bid, if any, from the total amount of interest which the County would be required to pay from the date of the Bonds to their maturity dates at the interest rate or rates specified in the bid, and the Bonds will be awarded on the basis of the lowest true interest cost, which shall mean that rate which, as of the date of the Bonds, discounts semi-annually all future payments on account of principal and interest on the Bonds to the price bid.

The Bonds will be awarded to the best bidder considering the interest rate or rates specified and the premium offered, if any, and subject to the right of the Board to reject all bids. If there are two or more equal bids at not less than par which are the best bids received, the Board shall determine which bid is to be accepted.

The Bonds will not be sold for less than par nor shall any discount or commission be allowed or paid on the sale of the Bonds. Upon delivery, the deposit of the successful bidder will be credited against the purchase price and the balance shall be paid in federal funds. The applicable CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds; provided that an incorrect CUSIP number printed on any Bond or the absence of any CUSIP number on any Bond shall not constitute cause to refuse delivery of the Bonds.

The Bonds will constitute the general obligation bonds of the County and shall be payable from general ad valorem taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount.

In order to assist the purchaser in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), at the time of delivery of the Bonds, the County will undertake, pursuant to a written continuing disclosure agreement, to provide annual financial information and notices of certain material events.

The County has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement, relating to the Bonds which is to be deemed by the County to be final as of its date for purposes of allowing bidders to comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission ("the Rule"), except for the omission of certain information as permitted by the Rule. The Preliminary Official Statement is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a Final Official Statement as defined below. Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement and the bid form may be obtained from the County's Financial Advisor, RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., 6301 Uptown Boulevard, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, telephone (505) 872-5999. The Preliminary Official Statement, Notice of Sale and Bid Form are also available for viewing in electronic format at i-dealprospectus.com. The County will prepare a final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") as soon as practicable after the date of award to the successful bidder. The County will provide to the successful bidder up to 50 copies of the Final Official Statement on or before seven business days following the date of the award to the successful bidder. The Final Official Statement will be dated as of the award of the Bonds to the successful bidder and will be final as of that date. The County authorizes the successful bidder to distribute the Final Official Statement in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

The validity and legality of the Bonds will be approved by Modrall, Sperling, Rochl, Harris & Sisk, P.A., Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bond Counsel, whose approving opinion, together with the printed Bonds and a complete transcript of the legal

proceedings, including a certificate stating that no litigation affecting the validity of the Bonds is pending, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

The County will covenant to take all actions which may be required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and not to take any actions which would adversely affect that exclusion. The approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel will include an opinion to the effect that under existing law the interest on the Bonds (i) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and from net income for State of New Mexico income tax purposes, and (ii) is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Code"). Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding federal income tax consequences other than as stated above resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds. Bond Counsel will not independently verify the accuracy of the certifications and representations made by the County.

The Code prescribes a number of qualifications and conditions for the interest on state and local government obligations to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, some of which, including provision for rebate by the issuer of certain investment earnings to the federal government, require future or continued compliance after issuance of the obligations in order for the interest to continue to be so excluded from the date of issuance. Noncompliance with these requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes and thus to be subject to regular federal income taxation retroactively to the date of their issuance.

Code provisions applicable only to corporations (as defined for federal income tax purposes) may subject a portion of the interest on the Bonds earned by certain corporations to corporate alternative minimum tax. In addition, under the Code, the

exclusion of interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes can have certain adverse federal income tax consequences in other respects for certain taxpayers, including among them financial institutions, certain insurance companies, recipients of Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, recipients of the Earned Income Credit, and those that are deemed to incur or continue indebtedness to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations. The applicability and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status and other items of income and expense of the owner of the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding such consequences.

The purchaser of the Bonds, by submitting its bid, agrees to provide a certificate including information as to bona fide initial offering prices to the public and sales of the Bonds and a certified determination of yield on the Bonds under the Code, as and at the time requested by the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel.

DATED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 14th day of August, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: _____ /s/
Virginia Vigil, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____ /s/
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

(End of Form of Official Notice of Public Meeting and Bond Sale)

Section 4. After consultation with the County's Financial Adviser and Chairperson of the Board, the County Treasurer, in order to maintain in effect the appropriate mill levy, is hereby authorized to establish the amount of the Bonds not to exceed \$20,000,000. The County Treasurer is further authorized, should it be determined

necessary to do so, and in the best interest of the County, to designate the time, date and place to be established for the sale, the dated date of the Bonds, the maturities, the initial interest payment date, provisions and terms of prior redemption options (if any), and the date of the preliminary official statement, to the extent there is a difference from the dates and provisions previously set forth herein and, after consultation with the Chairperson of the Board, the County Treasurer is further authorized to designate in the notices set forth in Sections 2 and 3 hereof an alternate meeting date and time at which the Board will consider adoption of a bond award resolution awarding the Bonds to the best bidder.

Section 5. The Board and the appropriate officers and employees of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including, but not limited to, submitting an application for a policy of municipal bond insurance on the Bonds to an entity or entities experienced in insuring municipal bonds. In order to obtain and preserve the exemption from federal income tax of interest on the Bonds, the Board further covenants it will take all actions that may be required of the County and the Board, and will not take any actions which would adversely affect such exemption, under the provisions of any federal tax law that applies to the Bonds, whether presently in effect or enacted subsequent to the date of issuance of the Bonds, and the Board hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the Board, the County Treasurer, and other appropriate officers and employees to take such actions and give such certifications as may be appropriate for the purposes aforesaid.

Section 6. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the submission of a bid to purchase the Bonds by its financial advisor, RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., in its individual capacity or as a member of a group submitting a bid for the Bonds.

Section 7. The County reserves the right to adjust the minimum required premium for the Bonds up to one (1) hour before the deadline to submit bids and hereby authorizes the County Treasurer or Chairperson to make such adjustment and to notify prospective bidders of such adjustment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Virginia Vigil, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

Member _____ then seconded the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion to adopt the resolution upon being put to a vote was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote:

Those Voting Aye: _____

Those Voting Nay: _____

Those Absent: _____

_____ () members of the Board having voted in favor of the motion, the presiding officer declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, whereupon the Chairperson and Clerk signed the resolution. The Clerk was directed to enter the foregoing proceedings and resolution upon the records of the minutes of the Board.

After transaction of other business not related to the bond issue, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Virginia Vigil, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By: _____
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
SANTA FE COUNTY)

I, Valeric Espinoza, the duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of Santa Fe County, New Mexico, do hereby certify:

1. The foregoing pages are a true, correct and complete copy of the record of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), constituting the governing body of Santa Fe County, New Mexico (the "County"), had and taken at a duly called, regular meeting held in the County Commission Chambers, County Administration Building, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the 14th day of August, 2007, commencing at the hour of 3:00 p.m., insofar as the same relate to the Resolution relating to the Notice of Bond Sale, a copy of which is therein set forth as recorded in the regular book of official records of the proceedings of said County kept in my office.

2. Said proceedings were duly had and taken as therein shown, the meeting therein was duly held, and the persons therein named were present at said meeting, as therein shown.

3. Notice of such meeting was given in accordance with the open meetings standards of the County presently in effect, i.e., Resolution No. 2007-6 adopted January 9, 2007. Such notice constitutes compliance with one of the permitted methods of giving notice of meetings of the Board of County Commissioners as required by the open meetings standards resolution adopted by the Board and presently in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County this _____ day of _____, 2007.

SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

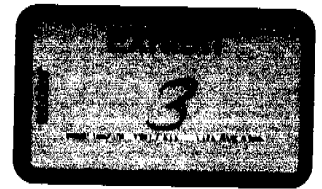


TABLE 5.1
REQUIRED COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND NITRATE REMOVAL SYSTEMS⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

<u>NUMBER OF LOTS</u>	<u>MINIMUM NET LOT SIZE (ACRES)</u>				
	<u>LESS THAN 1</u>	<u>1 TO 2 ½</u>	<u>MORE THAN 2 ½ TO 10</u>	<u>MORE THAN 10 TO 40</u>	<u>GREATER THAN 40</u>
<u>2-4</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
<u>5-24</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>=</u>
<u>25-99</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A + B or C</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>=</u>
<u>100+</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>A + B</u>	<u>=</u>

A = Community Water Systems
B = Community Liquid Waste Disposal Systems
S = Shared Well

Notes to Table 5.1:

- ⁽¹⁾ In areas where the ground water contains elevated levels of nitrates, a nitrate removal liquid waste system or a Community Liquid Waste System may be required.
⁽²⁾ Cluster development is encouraged. Therefore, proposed Development may include an easement for a liquid waste disposal system within the designated open space.
⁽³⁾ A Shared Well shall serve no more than 4 dwelling units."

Exhibit 4

Bridging The Worlds

An Animal Sanctuary



Prince makes the landscape look more beautiful.

MISSION STATEMENT

To alleviate animal suffering by providing sanctuary from abuse, neglect, and homelessness;

To end the killing of healthy animals as a method of population control;

To teach that animals are intrinsically valuable, worthy of respect, compassion, and care.

Currently our efforts are focused on dogs, who live safe and free here while they recover physical health and emotional harmony. All are spayed or neutered, receive appropriate veterinary care and excellent nutrition. No cages, no chains. They have 35 snugly fenced acres where we can take them to run and play. Most of them live among us – free to snooze indoors on hot days and cold nights, welcome to take refuge from Summer or Winter storms in our house and offices, or tucked into their own houses in their own yards, as they choose.

As needed, they receive homeopathic and herbal remedies, nutritional supplements, chiropractic treatment, acupuncture, and western medicines to address acute or chronic physical or behavioral symptoms. When they are ready, we help them to join new human families.

We regret deeply that we cannot take in every animal who needs help, because we do not kill dogs to make space for other dogs. We see each dog through to adoption into a new family or to old age and death. We do euthanize for untreatable suffering.

Occasionally an unexpected condition such as cancer is revealed during the initial veterinary exam. Or a traumatized animal who functions well in this environment cannot adjust to the requirements of life as a "pet" and is considered "unadoptable." We do everything possible to help those animals achieve comfort and happiness and they live out their lives with us.

We chose the name Bridging the Worlds because we like the idea of a path that bridges the human and animal realms. A path to human/animal relationships of mutual respect, true communication, and mutual aid. Everyone who has ever loved an animal has crossed that bridge.

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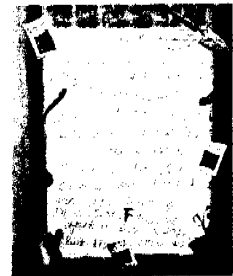
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Fall/Winter, 2006



Marisa's Gift

Creative fundraising: We received a gift of \$50 from Marisa Cecco, who was seven years old when she led her family to Santa Fe to adopt Chewbacca. She wrote, "Dear Beverly, I had my 9th birthday party on June 2nd, and instead of birthday gifts I decided to get donations for your animal shelter. All my friends made a donation."



Raymond's Gift

Raymond had a diaphragmatic hernia. X-rays showed that part of his stomach and intestines were in his chest cavity, so he could not process food and was slowly starving to death. Following an extensive veterinary exam, this one-year-old Lab mix faced two hard choices: quiet euthanasia or risky, costly extreme surgery. The odds of survival were 70/30, the cost would be over \$1000. The emergency medical fund was depleted and the practical decision seemed to be choice #1, which created heavy sadness, but only made sense.



What happened next is not for everyone. If you don't like mystery and mysticism, then read no further. If you'd like to hear what Raymond had to "say," please do read on.

We all went to bed, knowing that in the morning we'd have to call Dr. Hinko to schedule Raymond's last visit. It was a hectic morning -- they all are! -- Robert and I had a hard time finding a minute to plan. Then, suddenly, without preamble, Robert shared the bedtime "conversation" he had with Raymond. No voices, no language, really. Nevertheless, Raymond gave Robert the clear understanding that he "knew it was a one-way ticket." I asked, "What does that mean?" Robert believes that Raymond knew something was wrong and that he had come to us to die. Robert also got the understanding that he was "afraid to ask for the surgery." We cried. All our self-messages of limitation and contraction shriveled and died -- as they deserved.

Three days after surgery.

Q - What causes a diaphragmatic hernia?

A - A blow so hard that it actually drives the organs through the diaphragm. X-rays show Raymond was also shot in the back. He was abandoned in a casino parking lot in 95 degrees, and approached his rescuer with difficulty because the searing tarmac had burned his feet.

Q - Why would anyone do this for "just a dog?"

A - If that phrase held meaning for us, we'd probably get real jobs, take vacations, sleep nights!

Q - Do you realize how many healthy dogs you could save with that amount of money?

A - We asked ourselves that very question, and that's where the messages of limitation and contraction reared their ugly heads. Raymond is Raymond, worthy to receive the care he needed. With help we believed we could do this for him -- without depriving others.

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Raymond Now!

When we called to say, "Let's do it," the Animal Clinic cleared their calendar and Donna Hinko said, "OK. Tomorrow."

Dr. Hinko and Vet Techs Susan, Josette, and Morgana went to work about 10 am, finished at 1 pm. During the surgery, a machine breathed for him. In his chest cavity they found the expected stomach and intestine AND his liver and spleen! When I returned to the clinic at 4:30 pm, a hangdog and sleepy Raymond actually walked to the car to be transported to the Emergency Animal Hospital. He had survived the surgery, but still faced a critical night -- would the lung so traumatized by the pressure of the misplaced organs regain function so Raymond could maintain the ability to breathe on his own?

ER Vet, Kim Freeman, promised to call if anything began to go awry. Every silent hour that passed was a gift. Morning brought jubilation! Raymond was not only alive, he was thriving, eating with gusto, properly pooping, wagging his tail! He came home that afternoon and the major challenge of the first week was to keep him "quiet" when he wanted to pounce on Rosetti, leap and play like an Otter with Sky, and gnaw his stitches.

Next morning when Dr. Hinko checked him again and removed the catheters from his chest and leg, the mood among us was euphoric. The surgery had been more severe than expected, yet his dramatic comeback was faster and smoother than we could ever have dreamed. I do not doubt that Raymond sailed through this experience because so many people wept and cared and held him in their hearts that day.

YOUR response was as dramatic as Raymond's. Your gifts began to pour in within an hour of our request for help, continued throughout the week, and total over \$7000. You showed us we are not alone in this work.

Besides paying his hospital bills, you replenished our Medical Fund -- renamed Raymond's Gift, because this dog taught us not to be afraid to ask for help.

Please Join our 1000 Member Drive

If 1000 people give \$10 a month (through automatic monthly withdrawals, so you don't even have to do anything or think about it ever again once you sign up), that's \$120,000 a year. At \$25 per member, that could be as much as \$300,000 a year. That may sound like a lot, but rescue and rehabilitation can be expensive work, especially when they come to us 20 at a time. Every year we rescue more dogs than the year before.

So instead of trying to find one major donor, we're hoping to distribute the cost so it doesn't burden anyone. (We're looking for major donors as well so we can afford to do much needed repairs and upgrades, and we constantly need to replenish our well used emergency medical fund.)

If this makes sense to you, visit our web site bridgingtheworlds.org. Click on the donate button, to use your credit card to make a donation on a secure server. To make a recurring donation, click on the "monthly" button.

Donations may also be mailed directly to:

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Raymond Now!

Sponsor a Dog

Some of the dogs in our care might never be adopted. Maybe they're too shy around people, or too energetic. Maybe they have a medical condition that requires ongoing treatment. Some new arrivals require urgent veterinary care and long rehabilitation before they can even be considered adoptable. Become a sponsor and you can help us give these dogs the care and attention they need. You can use the enclosed Join Us form, or visit our website to donate online.



Shenandoah arrived last November and celebrated her first birthday with us this Summer. She'd been found in a crowded shelter, running in circles and crashing into walls, apparently suffering from post-distemper nerve damage. As predicted by Dr. Hinko, and with enormous help from Laura Moore, she has much better control of her body than she did on arrival. She still does a mean barrel roll when startled, but with greater ability to focus, and feeling less vulnerable now, she has learned to play! Her mind is bright and sincere, and she's a fierce, funny, strikingly beautiful, loving soul.



Milagro has a heart murmur that led to the discovery of a heart defect. His life expectancy is 4-5 years, but there's plenty of evidence to bolster our belief that with heart-specific homeopathic remedies and nutrients, he might achieve a healthy normal life span! He's not sick, has no symptoms associated with a failing heart. At age 5 months, he is a bouncing, cheerful, brat pup, with a stubborn streak that might take more work to overcome than healing his heart!



Rainbow No one knows how long Rainbow survived alone in an arroyo. Is she someone's lost or abandoned pet? She's happy to be safe now, with other dogs, with humans devoted to her care. She longs for contact and reaches out for touch, but fear lives in her, too. Trust is coming back very slowly.



Franci's Puppies Franci and her 8 puppies were dropped off at a shelter one day after they were born. Tuggle didn't make it. At age 4 weeks, she weighed 9 ounces, a classic example of "failure to thrive." Now 6 weeks old, and never actively ill, the seven adorable survivors have a nerve disorder that seems related to exposure to Distemper. Dr. Hinko prescribed weekly injections of B vitamins that created dramatic change within 2 days. Although still present, their tremors have diminished and they can walk and run and wrestle -- even little Berg, who couldn't stand up before the shot! Berg and Atom do still cause concern: Berg can't eat anything more solid than milk. Atom can eat gruel, but remains tiny. Most of our puppies find new homes in a flash, as soon as they are strong and old enough to be vaccinated. This precious family will take longer . . . and might have to wait a bit to be discovered by especially compassionate families.

Three Sponsored Dogs Have Been Adopted!

Anne Bonny



Khan



Drifter



KATRINA: ONE YEAR LATER

– by Linda Marple

Katrina and New Orleans are “old news.” But for those who lived it, and for those who came later to help, it will never be old news. I still see, smell, and hear New Orleans in my dreams. I’m haunted by the pets we didn’t save, and we’ve lost contact with most of the lucky ones. But I have two happy endings to share with you.

Remember the smiling Pit Bull pup pictured in the last Fur Blurb? Gold and white, chopped ears, six weeks in an apartment with her deceased human. I tracked her to Tucson where she was lovingly cared for by Louise Ichertz at The Last Resort Animal Rescue. Her human was never found, so in March this exuberant loving girl came to live with me! Her name is Joy.



We tracked Jasper, too! Pam Groves, also a Santa Fe H.S. teacher, was my first rescue partner. Jasper was our first rescue. At dawn on our first day out, we loaded our rented Taurus with dog and cat food in the trunk and 50 one-gallon jugs of water in the back seat. Our job was to set up and replenish food and water stations in Section 13, northwest of downtown New Orleans. We followed a grid pattern up and down whatever streets we could get through, slashing open food bags on sidewalks and porches, leaving clean water in aluminum lasagna pans. Wherever we saw loose animals, we set up new feeding stations and recorded the locations. The Lamar-Dixon rescue facility from which we worked was at capacity with about 1400 animals. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES were we to bring back any animals unless they were “Critical.”

We got to The Projects by early afternoon. A big white pickup with a light bar on the roof stopped next to our car as we were finishing a station and two burly men eyed us. “What are you doing out here?!” demanded the driver. “How’d you get past the checkpoints?” They weren’t wearing uniforms but the side of their truck said California HAZMAT.

Pam held up an empty water jug and I pointed at the dog chow. “We’re Animal Rescue. We’re putting out food and water for dogs and cats,” I said. “We’re working with HSUS and the ASPCA. The police on Canal Street let us through.” Another glance at the open trunk half full of food and our bright yellow HSUS shirts apparently convinced them.

They cautioned, “You ladies need to be real careful out here. There are all kinds of chemicals spilled everywhere. Watch where you step and where you put your hands. There’s also a bunch of nut cases running around. Make sure you have your cell phones handy and you’re out of the city by the 5:00 curfew.” We promised. They wished us luck and left.

Five minutes later, as we were maneuvering around tree limbs and downed power lines, a truck roared up behind us, lights flashing, horn honking. The two HAZMAT guys pulled up and the driver yelled, “Follow us! There’s a dog over here!”

We backtracked a block and, sure enough, a tiny black and white Chihuahua took off from the food bag we had just left and zipped under one of the project apartment buildings. I had never seen “projects” before. Each straight and narrow two-story building was almost a block long. They reminded me of military barracks of the last century – or prison camps. Old faded red brick, covered with spray paint graffiti, heavy metal doors and barred windows, even on the second floor. Each first floor apartment had a 6’ x 6’ slab “porch.” The buildings had many open foot-high crawl spaces all along the front and back and the dog had ducked into one of those. “How are you going to get him out?” asked the driver.

"He's back here!" came a yell. The three of us bolted for the rear of the building where the other HAZMAT guy was excitedly pointing. The little dog ran toward a porch. He jumped onto it and hesitated as he stared at us. The four of us fanned out some distance around the slab and started inching toward him. The dog sat down.

"I think this is his home," said the big guy in a stage whisper. "He doesn't seem to want to go anywhere." As we moved in, the Chihuahua backed up toward the open screen, then up against the closed front door. He wore a black collar with a tag, and a plastic flea collar. As I held my hand out to him, he mashed himself into the corner between door and screen. When he refused to sniff my fingers, I half expected him to bite me, but I found if I moved slowly, he didn't seem to mind. I read his tag. "His name's Jasper!" It also listed his person's name, number and a distant town. "Must be an old tag or this boy is really lost!"

It took a while but he let me pick him up and, when he realized he was "saved," he suddenly became the happiest dog alive. And of course this little dog is "Critical," we declared. We'd been told that dog packs were forming at night – wouldn't Jasper be a perfect little snack? We couldn't just leave him out there...



Jasper with Linda, Pam and HAZMAT Dan

After a photo-op, introductions and warm goodbyes to the men from HAZMAT, we moved on. Jasper, bless his happy little heart, bounced all over that car – licking us, looking out the windows, feet on the dashboard, then my shoulder, jumping to the back seat to investigate water bottles, sniffing our hands for food. He could not bear to be separated from us even for an instant. If Pam got out, Jasper stood on the seat with his paws on the window and cried until she got back in. He did the same if I got out! So, Jasper the Chihuahua, on a leash, accompanied us for the rest of the day to restock food stations and rescue others.

Back at Lamar-Dixon, the vet pronounced him dehydrated and thin but in good health, then Pam and I lost contact with Jasper. Hurricane Rita was bearing down on New Orleans and in a flash the rescued dogs were evacuated.

But we had his intake number and found him on Petfinder! He'd been evacuated to Ohio. His tag info was accurate and I called his mama in June. She was out of town when Katrina hit. Jasper was left with a daughter's husband's brother-in-law, who was going to "ride it out," but changed his mind and left Jasper behind -- no where NEAR where we found him. She thanked me repeatedly for "saving her little puppy dog" and was ever so thankful that "there were so many people who went in to help save the animals."

No one will ever know how Jasper ended up miles from where he was abandoned, or how he managed to find enough food, avoid water that could kill him, or stay away from hungry dog packs, but he and his mama have been reunited and they're back in New Orleans rebuilding! 🐾 🐾

THE POWER OF ONE

In March, 2006, *Bridging the Worlds* became a proud and hopeful member of the newly formed Companion Animal Alliance of Northern New Mexico, a coalition of animal shelters and sanctuaries, animal control and animal protection agencies, and veterinarians.

Our mission is to build and empower an alliance of animal welfare groups that shares resources, speaks with one voice for the animals, and cooperates in progressive animal welfare programs in order to improve the lives of cats and dogs and to end the euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats and dogs in our northern New Mexico communities.

Representatives of member organizations meet for 2 hours each month, to generate the ideas and the will and the means to stop the killing -- a goal that burns in the heart of every single member of this alliance. It will require heroic effort and it won't happen overnight, but with utmost respect for one another and the animals, we are building a force to be reckoned with.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

- 🐾 Spay/Neuter Programs to decrease the births of animals who will never find homes due to their sheer numbers, compared to the limited number of available homes:
 - A state-of-the-art clinic in Santa Fe, devoted entirely to spay/neuter of dogs and cats.
 - A Mobile Spay/Neuter Van to serve rural areas of northern NM in the Summer, southern NM in the Winter.
- 🐾 Sharing space, so that more animals may live. If a shelter is full and BTW or another sanctuary has space, a "doomed" animal gets out alive! Be assured, its former spot at the shelter will quickly fill – but that newcomer will have a greater chance, too.
- 🐾 Increase adoptions through joint Adoptathons that have proven so effective in Albuquerque.
- 🐾 Increase adoptions by sharing databases. If one organization doesn't have the "right" animal for someone, they'll be able to view photos and stories of animals patiently waiting in other facilities.
- 🐾 Humane education and a supportive legal system are essential! Without the support of a compassionate community who holds that animals have value, we cannot prevail. We will welcome your feedback and ideas. Can you think of a way you could help us?

When the Honeymoon is Over

We receive dozens of phone calls each week from people who don't want their dogs any more. Usually by the time folks start calling shelters and sanctuaries, they have already made up their minds. They want us to take the dog, not give advice. Yet, so many of the troubling issues could be resolved simply and quickly with training!

I asked three people to share the techniques that saved and strengthened their relationships with their dogs. Kay has learned from Cesar Millan, Julie instinctively dealt with a tragedy in a Cesar-style manner, Sadhana found a book on her kid's shelf.

Kay: I watch Cesar Millan's shows and read his recent book. It has helped to reduce the stress between my two girls, and as I've practiced what I've learned, I've developed a closer bond with all of the dogs.

Julie: After Carlos was killed (by two of her other dogs) I started treating the remaining dogs exactly like Cesar does, only I had not yet seen nor heard of Cesar Millan. The result was calm, HAPPY submission by the "killer wolf" Otis. He does not need nor want to be a lap dog. He gets affection without baby talk, and he plays happily with his pack mates now. He would rather die than hurt me, his pack leader. He runs in the field with my horses and never goes close to them because he understands they are MY horses. He doesn't run out of the pasture or sneak through a barn door because I have established they are MY gates, MY doors. He has unlimited exercise, food, water, shelter and friends because he has chosen to respect these rules. These boundaries have allowed him to stay alive and to stay in this home. I think that treating ourselves and other humans with this same respect would certainly make for a better planet.

Sadhana: We got our 2 cute puppies from *Bridging the Worlds* in March and named them Biscuit and Guenivere. We have three kids and they loved them! They are Staffordshire mixes. As they grew they started getting naughty and sneaking out of the yard and chewing everything! I called BTW and almost gave them back. Then I found a dog training book in my daughter's room and told the kids that we would try one last attempt to teach them some manners! We started with an hour a few times a week. In no time they were new dogs! We love them and will keep them forever as a treasured part of our family!

Books, tapes, instincts -- whatever works to keep your family together!
We also have excellent real live trainers right here! The two I know personally are:
Scott Aldrich, *Positive Results for Dogs*, Santa Fe: 505-670-7477
Tristan Rehner, *4 Paws on the Floor*, Albuquerque: 505-490-1260
Critters and Me Pet Store can recommend others: 505-982-5040

What's In It For Me?

*Why spend time and energy to help an animal in need?
Here's feedback from a few of our adopters.*



Khan pulled at our hearts when we opened his pics on your website, and now we have a love triangle -- the kind where two old softies fall completely in love with a beautiful white German Shepherd with big brown eyes. Khan has given us back more love than you can imagine. Thank Heaven for BTW for nurturing and nourishing him back to the healthy animal he was when we adopted him. Since that day, he has become even stronger and healthier. His joints appear to be in great shape and don't slow him down when he's racing up a 45 degree incline on the trail of a rabbit. His morning and evening romps are at least half a mile now, most of which he runs.

Khan is a courteous gentleman and an obedient loving clown. We wonder -- if he was born with these qualities, how did he retain them through his years of hardship before his rescue? Thanks for the great service you provide to dogs and their lucky people. Khan is a very large presence in our lives. -- Phil and Jody, Chupadero

Scooter is very smart and a fast learner. He has learned sit, wait, and stay, and I'm happy to report that he no longer scoots out the door every time I open it. He loves our long walks and sleeps with me from time to time. Thank you so much for rescuing my little boy. I'm forever grateful. -- Christal, Cedar Crest



Nikka is Coco now and she is every bit the lady that we fell in love with over the internet. Thank you so very much for believing in her.

-- Donovan and Andrea, Albuquerque



Rosetti, now Zed, plays well with my 8 year old daughter and is very tolerant of the 2 year old. We tried to keep him away from our 2 big dogs when we were not around, but he wiggled into their pen and they are very gentle with him. At night, he sleeps on one of the girl's beds and in the morning he wakes them up with kisses. I couldn't ask for a better puppy! -- Karen, Los Alamos



Diego is sweet and wonderful. He lays by my feet after I get home from work and follows me around and keeps me company. He is definitely bonded to me and we are working with him bonding to Chad. He is getting along with the other dogs, especially Sassy, which is great since we were looking for a playmate for Sassy! It will take some time and patience for him to feel completely comfortable in our household, but he's doing very well considering the short time we've had him. He's a great addition and he seems to be very happy with us. -- Kay, Tijeras

Recent Arrivals



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Being Really Alive

Thoughts from David, our Business Manager

Our first newsletter went out last December, and it was gratifying to hear how well it was received. We started getting feedback within minutes, and I knew we had done a good thing. That made me high. Please, don't hesitate to send us feedback. It feeds our spirits when the work seems endless.

This has been an extremely eventful year for Bridging the Worlds. There are twice as many dogs in sanctuary here today as there were a year ago. Hundreds have passed through on their way to new homes during the year. I've been reviewing the email exchanges I've had with Beverly during the past year. Heart rending stories of animals in need, and she stepped up every time to help them.

I once suggested when money was tight that she needed to pay the mortgage before taking in any more dogs who needed major medical care. She wrote back that of course the mortgage needed to be paid, but she wasn't going to let a dog with a broken hip lie and suffer just because we didn't have money. It was her gentle way of telling me to just do my job and figure out where to get some more money, because she's doing her job of taking care of the animals.

That was humbling. I pride myself on being a "performer". But I had momentarily succumbed to worry, and asked her to back off rather than stepping up myself.

I can now admit that when I first offered to help out at BTW, I didn't have the first idea of what to do or how to do it. But that's the power of an idea whose time has arrived - it just pulls you in and tells you what it needs for its own growth. My business has always done that - taught me what I needed to know. There's never an impasse that can't be surmounted. But my business was always about me, to benefit my own personal goals. It has opened some amazing doors for me to be as invested in the cause of other living beings as I am in my own personal goals.

I'm telling the truth when I say some of the best fun I've had all year has been solving problems for BTW. There's no way to just give up, because there are lives on the line. We have to figure things out. That's life on the cutting edge as far as I'm concerned. A little nerve wracking at times, but it gives me a purpose larger than myself.

Something I want to offer you this spring: Find time to do something you don't believe you can do. It doesn't matter if it's difficult, or even if you fail. Don't worry about the opinions of others. Because while you're trying, you're learning and creating. Life feels really alive when you do this. And you just might succeed.

Director's Cut

Report from our Director on recent activities.

Another uplifting, busy, successful Adoption Day at Trader Joe's. ADOPTED: Baron, Peach, Diablo, Marlowe, Flint, Spirit, and 3 Lab mix puppies. Fourth adopted puppy, Pi, came right back slobbering in fright because his Bull Mastiff new brother screamed NO and attacked him. He doesn't seem to be harboring negative thoughts to share with his therapist in 7 years, when he's 49! It's good to be alive and a puppy! Again, we had wonderful help. I was so busy from the very first moment, that I pray you'll forgive me if I miss your name here: Thanks a million Linda, Dianne, Paul, Naomi, Zoe, Sheila, Katye, Beth Ann, Barbara, Santa Fe H.S. students Mona, Michelle, Ashley, and Whitney, and Santa Fe Prep. student Jessie. It was a festive day! Every time I looked up from the paperwork, I saw the body language of joy!



A Blur of Fur, 2004 in review.

Bridging The Worlds has undergone a period of explosive growth.

Last year, our first full year as an official non-profit, we took in 196 dogs. Most of them, 157, were scheduled to die at various shelters around New Mexico if we didn't take them in under our Second Chance program. Twenty-seven were strays found by people who couldn't keep the dogs. Twelve were owner surrenders.

We had 145 adoptions and transferred 8 dogs to Boulder, Colorado. About half of our adoptions come from our web site and listings on other web sites. We adopted dogs to people in Colorado (Durango, Colorado Springs, Denver), Austin, New York City, Los Angeles, and all over the state of New Mexico. We average two mobile adoptions a month in Santa Fe.

Thanks to our Max Fund, we were able to fix two broken legs and a dislocated leg. Sasha and Santiago have recovered completely and found good homes. Paladin has recovered and is still looking for his permanent home

What makes Bridging the Worlds unique?

*We don't use chains or cages. The animals have roaming space and running room, and they get to play together. We will never kill an animal to control population. We advocate for the importance of spay/neuter programs to prevent unwanted population expansion and abandonment. We advocate humane care for existing animals, and will help find a good home for any dog who is not receiving proper care. For more information on what we do, how we do it, and how you can help, visit our website: bridgingtheworlds.org
Or call 505-501-1887 We don't want to be unique. We want to be a model that gets copied.*

Case history of the month

Chewbacca is a 6-month-old Golden Retriever/Shar Pei who arrived with a lopsided, swollen face. X-rays showed that his lower left jaw was broken and separated. The gap between the front and back ends of the jawbone has allowed Chewbacca's face to become distorted. The injury happened many weeks before he came to us -- we don't know how (the story we've been given is implausible).

As we saw last year with Sasha, Santiago and Paladin, "old injuries" begin to heal on their own but rarely properly, resulting in painful and crippling compensation. You could leave it alone and the dog would get by -- even in pain Chewbacca was a cheerful little guy with resentment toward none. The surgery to repair old injuries is lengthy, more difficult, more costly, too. But I shiver at the thought of a "free floating" jaw bone!

Dr. Hinko operated on Feb. 25th, and by 3 pm Chewbacca was safely back with his foster mom Jane Dickinson, eating soft foods, forbidden pull toys, and doing fine. His jaw has been stabilized with a plate, screws, and wire that will be "incorporated" and remain for Chewbacca.'s lifetime -- his adopter must expect delays taking him through metal detectors, but otherwise this great young dog faces an active, pain-free future. Since the injury occurred so long ago, his facial muscles have adapted to the wonky jaw, so his face still looks off-kilter. Dr. Hinko expects that it will slowly realign and that his face will look more normal in 6-8 months.

It's the day after surgery, and I tell you this story in joy, even as we now face a \$1300 vet bill. If you believe in Chewbacca, clap three times! And please consider whether you can offer a gift to help us pay his (already discounted) bill. Then we can be ready to change the pain for the next hurt one and the next. If you'd like to adopt Chewbacca, please call Beverly: 505-501-1887. Now that would be a REALLY happy ending.



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We know that everyone wants your money, and that can get tiring. So we've come up with a great plan that will allow you to painlessly give us financial assistance if you want to. If you can't do it right now - we all have tight months - believe me, we know about that and understand. We send our best wishes for prosperity to come to you.

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- Kendra Warren, Singing Scissors Pet Grooming, 1908 Chamisa, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone: 505-982-3429.*

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And Welcome to all who have joined us as Charter Members or through our 1000 Member Drive!

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Doña Ana County Humane, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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What's In It For Me?

Why spend time and energy to help an animal in need?
Here's feedback from a few of our adopters this year.



Polaris is wonderful. So smart, mature, psychic! I'm amazed!
-- Marcia, Lyden, NM

North Star is a royal rascal, tremendously clever, a great joy and very quick study. She seeks me out and stays with me, even when all the other dogs are out playing. I can't teach her tricks fast enough to keep her entertained and I can't get my shoes on fast enough to keep them

from being stolen and carried out to the back yard. She's such a great little girl, but I wish she'd stop stealing the Potbelly Pig's blankets. --Karon, Tijeras, NM



Novia (now Maggie) has absolutely exceeded every one of our expectations. We have all had a lot of fun hiking up the mountains and going to the dog park. She is exactly the kind of companion I wanted for my hikes. She just makes everything more fun. She is very well behaved around people and dogs. Thanks for all your work, it has made Emily, Maggie and I all very happy.
-- Scott, Santa Fe, NM



Spirit is doing great. His new name is Otis. He's wonderful with the kids, and has brought out the puppy in our other (5 year old) dog. They wrestle all the time. He's been a great addition to our home. Thanks for all you do in finding these dogs new homes. -- Chris, Santa Fe, NM



Trinity, or Triskele, as we now call him, is having an absolutely fabulous time! My other dog Gandalf and he have been rolling and running non-stop in the mud and snow. The kids love him; Gretchen thinks he's beautiful! Thanks again! -- Brian, Walsenburg, CO



Katharine is Annie now and she is amazing! When she is ready to go outside in the morning, she stealthily climbs up onto the bed, lays her head on my shoulder and kisses me on the cheek. She is the sweetest thing in the world. She is definitely the alpha female in the group and the complete clown of the bunch; we never lack for entertainment. Her favorite past time is pretending she's a pillow for the grandsons as they all lie by the fire. Can't thank you enough for Annie. She's a dream come true! --Teri, La Luz, NM

Cruz wanted me to send a donation to thank you for saving him -- I wanted to thank you too. He's been with me for over three years now and I love him more every day. --Lori, Santa Fe, NM

Pet Health Tip

Spay/Neuter. The right choice. The healthy choice.

Thousands of beautiful, healthy, intelligent, life-loving, and affectionate dogs die each month because there aren't enough homes. Spay/neuter is one very effective way to reduce the number of pets that wind up living at large, or in overburdened shelters where they may be euthanized. If you plan on breeding your dog or cat, please reconsider. Even if you have arranged for homes for all the puppies or kittens, there are other equally wonderful puppies or kittens that desperately need homes, too. If you want to experience the miracle of life and watch them grow from tiny, helpless things into competent, rollicking frolicking dynamos, consider adopting or fostering a mom and her newborns. We took in several mothers last year from shelters around New Mexico. One had puppies just one day old. Contact us or your local shelter to find out more about this. You will save lives and help solve the problem of overpopulation. If you have your heart set on a pure breed puppy, contact us, a local shelter, or a local breed rescue group. You'd be surprised how many pure breed puppies and adults are euthanized every day.

At Bridging The Worlds, we feel strongly about spay/neuter. Not only does it help reduce the number of homeless animals, it's also healthier to spay or neuter your pet before it reaches puberty. While spay/neuter can be done on animals as young as 8 weeks old, we usually wait until they are 3-5 months old. Young dogs recover quickly. Older dogs benefit from spay/neuter, too. It reduces the risks of cancer (a major cause of death in dogs), reduces aggression, males tend to "mark" their territory less, and most dogs will have less of an urge to wander off.

There is a growing movement in the animal rescue community toward "no kill" policies. We do not euthanize healthy animals to make room for other healthy animals. We are working to educate the public on the problem, and solve it. It begins with spay/neuter. But even more important is advocacy for humane treatment of these dear animals. If we can put ourselves out of business by ending the cycle of over breeding, abandonment, and inhumane treatment, that will be a glorious day. We want to be ut of a job!

Breaking News! Gathering our 2004 year-end figures, we verified spay/neuter of 128 BTW adoptees. According to the population pyramid our 128 verified spay/neuters have prevented another 2,000 puppies needing rescue in the next year, 16,000 in the year after, 65,000 in the third year, etc. The sixth year figures would be 8,576,000. Clearly, the figures do not account for euthanasia by traditional shelters, deaths from cars, disease, starvation, other dog packs, etc. Still, the first year number is astounding -- even if it were only half that much.

For a low cost spay/neuter clinic near you, call your local shelter -- or if all else fails, call us.



Our Remote Location

We live a long way down a bad dirt road south of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The main house is passive solar straw bale. Our electricity comes from the sun. This newsletter was designed and printed on site by us. We also do our own web work.

The dogs have plenty of room to roam. They share our house and office buildings, and make sure we take them out for walks every day.

Fur Blurb

Bridging the Worlds

Animal Rescue and Welfare Newsletter

Devoted to the Love of Animals, and the People who Love Animals

December, 2004



Blessings and Good Wishes

Greetings from David. I'm the Secretary/Treasurer and Business Manager for BTW. Beverly and Robert do the rescue work - the real work. They only need me because these things have to be run a certain way to protect the contributions of donors. Beverly and Robert are so swamped with "blood and fur" they don't have a spare minute in their day to handle "administration."

They'll never toot their own horn. They are so passionate and absorbed by the work they aren't always aware of the impact they're making on the greater good. So I'm here to let y'all know what they're up to.

I'm a successful businessman in my own right, and I donate my services to the administration of BTW. There's a reason I do this. When I think about, and talk about what Beverly and Robert do, I get tears in my eyes.

You may be thinking they're tears of sadness for all the suffering animals, but that's not it. That's not what I see. I see Beverly and Robert SAVING the dogs from their torment. I see people standing up and creating solutions. And that touches my heart very deeply.

I already know there's suffering in the world, but in Beverly and Robert I finally can associate with people who are doing something about it. It gives me hope, and a positive view to hang my hat on. I have admiration and respect and pride for these dedicated people. I could go on and on with stories about their heroism and contribution. In fact, I'll periodically use this forum to do just that. But I won't bore you by trying to do it all at once.

The one thing I want to add for now is this: they did this work long before they had help. They exhausted their personal resources and still wouldn't quit. That's when people stepped up to help them out. Because what they're doing is needed and wanted in the world.

You're getting this newsletter because you've helped them out in some way. It may have been financial, it may have been donation of goods or services, it may have been volunteer of time, assistance in a rescue, or adoption of a dog in need of love. You may have shown up at an adoption day, or someone forwarded this to you because they know you care.

It may have been one other thing. It may have been Blessings and Good Wishes. The fact that you care adds to our force and power, even if you don't have money to give at the moment. As life blesses us, we bless others in whatever way we can, and we help each other to grow. I have respect, admiration, and pride for every one of you as well. We are doing our part to make this world a better place. As a Father, there is nothing of greater importance to me than that. Thank you all.

Director's Cut

(Note: Our Director, Beverly Antaeus, regularly sends reports on BTW activities. Her enthusiasm, passion, and writing style are so lively we're passing them on to you.)

I'm awful good at saving dog lives, but last week I outdid myself: 24 dogs off various death rows, with only 6 coming here, the rest into foster care, mostly with NEW foster homes!

One of the foster moms, who took in a Mama and her 8 one-week-old babies, needed a Dogloo. Money's tight, so I decided to call Tineke (who once bought us 6 brand new ones) to ask if she might donate another. Before I got around to looking up her number, she called me to say, "all week I have been feeling that you are in the middle of a big project and need help." I said, "WE ARE. And I was planning to call YOU." Told her why and she said why don't I give you money to get what you need. YUP YUP! sez I.

So, on Saturday her husband stopped by the Adoption in Santa Fe and handed us an envelope with a generous donation.

Gave it to the vet and now we have a credit with them! They're happy and amazed, and we feel great, because we spend half our lives there and they always let us just come on in, no matter how busy they are. They give us a discount and get us meds at cost and he's the best vet west of the Mississippi.

I sent out two big mailings last week. You'll be impressed by the number of adoptions. GOOD adoptions.

People seem to be really rootin' for us! The adoptions used to be dull and discouraging. Now they are lively and doggies and their people are finding each other! Robert posted 36 dogs on Pet Finder and on our site about two weeks ago and inquiries leading to adoptions are flying in.

Many Saturdays (at adoption day events), we step out of the car, and adoptions begin before the pooches are even all unloaded. Someone came down from Durango for Tahoe (full blood German Shepherd). He and they just slid right into each others lives.

Also, people who adopted dogs from us awhile ago, now calling to adopt a playmate!



What makes Bridging the Worlds unique?

*We don't use chains or cages. The animals have roaming space and running room, and they get to play together. We will never kill an animal to control population. We advocate for the importance of spay/neuter programs to prevent unwanted population expansion and abandonment. We advocate humane care for existing animals, and will help find a good home for any dog who is not receiving proper care. For more information on what we do, how we do it, and how you can help, visit our website: bridgingtheworlds.org
Or call 505-501-1887 We don't want to be unique. We want to be a model that gets copied.*

Case history of the month

We've hit a new low -- as in low to the ground. Have taken in a Chihuahua. Never had one, never wanted one, but he was cute as the dickens! Unfortunately, he had a very contagious fungal condition. He routinely escaped from the puppy pen so we had to spend \$200 on an enclosure that would hold him!

His name is Tater. When he was rescued he had no hair at all and his skin was so red the rescuer and the vet both thought his skin was hemorrhaging. Under black light he glowed vivid "ring worm green." He's been Lyme dipped four times and received meds for three weeks. Although it looked moth-eaten, he had grown fur! But hair test was still positive for fungus. Another month or two of oral fungicide. He was very patient with the quarantine, but wanted with all his heart to run and run and run and run -- very very fast! The hugest of all our many huge dogs didn't faze him in the least. He pretended they weren't there looming over him while he lifted his leg so high to pee he looked like a ballerina!

Tater was quickly adopted into a fine home and completed his healing there.

To see pictures of our other fine friends, to support or adopt them, visit our website: bridgingtheworlds.org
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Some of our newest arrivals; we took in 18 this month.



Dove, a Blue Heeler mix arrived from the Los Lunas area with 5 one-week-old babies. She loves people but is still scared of our big guys. Her babies are one month old now, eyes open, trundling in and out of their Dogloo and barking fair warning to all who come near.



Paladin is a 2 year old Lab/Pit Bull mix from the Artesia area. He arrived on three legs. It turns out he had dislocated his right hip so long ago that it couldn't be put back. Our vet performed a femoral head ostectomy and he's already using it in a tentative way. After much exercise and rehabilitation, Paladin will be running on all fours again, so watch out. He already climbs over wood and chain link fences to get where he wants to go -- mainly to be with the humans. Loves to play ball, tug of war, chase birds, swim.



Angelica, an emaciated, beat up Pit Bull rescued from the Roswell area. She's already moved into the house with the other dogs. Full of life and spirit. She's tiny, about a year old, and probably full grown.



Marlowe, a very pale Light Red Siberian Husky, about a year old. He has yellow/green eyes. Very, very Siberian -- always interested in what's going on and where the humans are. Doesn't know what chain link or wire fences are for. Assertive, but not aggressive. He's loving and very happy to just hang out near the action. Rescued from the Los Lunas area.



Diablo, a Copper Siberian Husky, about a year old. Like Marlowe, he has great interest in what's going on and an uncanny ability to be anywhere on the land and then appear at the exact instant you're opening a gate or door. Assertive, but not aggressive. Also from the Los Lunas area. If you are a Siberian Husky lover, these guys are for you.

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Animal Hoarders

Beverly is always talking about rescuing 10, 20, 30 dogs at a time. You may wonder how/why such a thing is possible. There is an incredible psychological pathology known as animal hoarding. It seems that certain people, who have become devastated or somehow traumatized by something in their own life, try to work it out through controlling a large number of pets.

But Hoarding is not the same as having a lot of pets. For instance, a loving family may legitimately have numerous pets, but they value and take good care of them.

A hoarder has somehow lost the boundaries of civilized behavior, and will collect dogs (or other animals), even breed them, while holding them in unbearable confinement, neglect and starvation.

What's unbearable confinement? Sometimes a chain one foot long that defines their world as the distance to their own waste. A crate in a basement for ten years, where the animal loses its sanity. A collar so tight that the skin grows over it. In addition to confinement they're deprived of food and water, but oddly given just enough to cause them to survive for a very long time. So they become emaciated and prone to chronic illnesses, fungus, parasites, mental breakdown, and prolonged suffering.

This obviously can happen to single pets, but an even worse thing is the people who collect and breed these animals. We can only speculate as to the motivations of people who do these things. Perhaps they are re-enacting something that happened to them. Perhaps the control over so many lives gives them a sense of power in a life where they've lost their way. There's evidence that this type of person takes out their resentment on animals when they're angry at other people, and sometimes use the animals as hostages against other people, such as in the case of divorce.

I'm sorry to paint such a picture, so here's the other side of it. When we get these animals to safety, they can recover. We throw away the chains and cages, and our adopters must agree to a policy of humane care and no more chains. We use every mode of health care at our disposal -- medical, nutritional, and holistic -- to bring the condition they may have under control so it can ultimately heal. If there is no known treatment, we work with vets and advisors and create one. Terrible suffering can be reversed.

There are laws against animal abuse, and we are working to create awareness and enforcement. Certainly, if a human child were subjected to these conditions the torturer would be prosecuted. But animals are more considered property of the owner than creatures with rights, and the law is not as strong as it could be in preventing this behavior. We will, unfortunately, have a lot of work to do for a long time.

Of course, the deeper issue may be the way people treat people. If these hoarders are indeed acting out against some torture once imposed upon them, this needs to be addressed. We encourage you, if you have reasonable and accurate information that a person or animal is being abused, tortured, or neglected call in an authority to investigate. We don't have to constantly monitor one another, or nose into our neighbor's business. Bursts of anger are normal human events, so abuse is not happening just because people fight. But 20 starving dogs, or a starving and dissociated child is hard to miss.

For information on reducing abuse visit our web site bridgingtheworlds.org or call us at (505) 501-1887.

Adoption Hotline: To adopt a healthy rescued dog visit bridgingtheworlds.org/adopt.htm or call us at (505) 501-1887.



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Danielle Ferreira, for donation of proceeds from art sale.

Tineke, for being "psychic" and offering help before we even had the chance to ask.

Dr. Hinko, Veterinarian, for discounts and credit and always being there.

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*Well, you've done it again! You made me fall completely in love with a fuzzy four-legged like I never thought possible. **Ishmael** is wonderful. He fits in perfectly, is VERY easy to train and he wants to please so terribly!*
— Jennifer, Jemez Springs, NM

*It is a joy to watch **Phoebe** become more and more comfortable in her new home. She is affectionate with both me and my children and continues to be absolutely amazing. She is my constant companion. I am amazed at my luck in finding her. It feels like we have always been together. She is a gift and brings me so much joy and love, each and every day!* — Nancy, Santa Fe, NM

***Ruby** is such a good dog. She and my cat are now friends and she is loving her new home. I love her and am so happy to have found her.* — Connie, Santa Fe, NM

***Teesha** is doing really well with her training. She is very bright and we love having her around. Thanks for bringing this ray of sunshine into our lives.* — Ammon and Erin, Santa Fe

*We think **Dwight** is making our other dog happy and he makes us very happy as well. We think this is a Perfect match.* — Rob and Melissa, Los Alamos, NM



***Tahoe** is adjusting wonderfully. He has been on his first family hike and stayed by us like a champ. Our boys love him and he is very happy to have all the attention. His favorite pastime is chewing on our 7 year old Lab, who he seems to have decided is his mom. He follows her around and she tolerates him like a mom. We are all enjoying his new energy and the added personality in our home. Thank you for all that you did for him.* — Melanie and Ed, Durango, CO

*We love **GUS** dearly with all of our hearts. He now shakes, sits, hi-fives and rolls over. He is a smart and loving dog and protective of our family. He is house trained and loves to be loved by all. Thank you for loving the animals the way that you do.*
— Cori, Red River, NM

*You were right: **Smokey** is the best companion for Cedar and for me. It is a match so wonderful for both the dogs that I am often amazed. Smokey is a sweet gentle boy and I feel so much happier now that Cedar has a playmate. When they wake up in the morning, they bump noses, kiss each other and then begin to tussle like young puppies.* — Judith, Santa Fe, NM



Pet health tip of the month

Could you be poisoning your children and your pets? A recent study by the Natural Resources Defense Council concludes that the risks far outweigh the benefits for a majority of the flea and tick control products. While these products do in fact kill fleas and ticks, their effects go far beyond that. Children are especially at risk from exposure to these pesticides. There are safer alternatives, including non-toxic natural solutions. For the executive summary of the NRDC report, go to nrdc.org/health/effects/pets/execsum.asp For the full text of the NRDC report, nrdc.org/health/effects/pets/pets.pdf

Before reaching for any pesticide, try to reduce or eliminate the problem through physical measures.

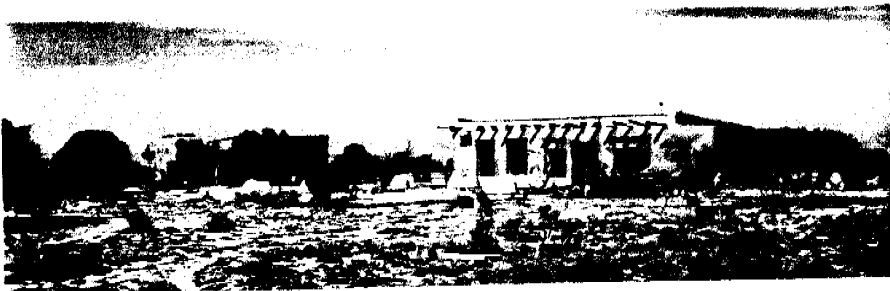
- Give the dog a bath. We use and recommend Neem "Protect" Shampoo and Neem "Protect" Spray from Ark Naturals. The main ingredients, Neem and Citronella, are not pesticides, so they don't provide a month long "immunity" to ticks and fleas. They do repress their desire to feed (thus they don't feel like biting your dog), and they act as a repellent. Neem oils and extracts have antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and wound healing properties.*
- Brush and comb your dog frequently. Handpick any ticks you find. Tweezers work great for this.*
- Wash the dog's bedding. At least once a week, more often if necessary.*
- Vacuum and scrub the floors. At least once a week, more often if necessary.*
- Wash or inspect the walls, ticks love to climb. At least once a week, more often if necessary.*

In the best of worlds, none of us would never have to use pesticides. As a sanctuary, we frequently take in dogs infested with ticks or fleas, and need to bring it under control quickly. Our guys also spend plenty of time outdoors chasing rabbits, hunting mice and pack rats, and collecting ticks (we don't have a flea problem in our area). So we're glad we have relatively safe pesticides when we need them. Of all the flea and tick products out there, the NRDC narrows the list down to a dozen or so that they feel are relatively safe to use, both for the pets and the people come in contact with them. We've narrowed our list down to three. We have found Frontline and Revolution to be effective against ticks and fleas, as well as sarcoptic mange. Occasionally, we will use Capstar, a pill, for a dog with a severe flea infestation since it knocks out almost all the fleas within an hour. We have noticed no side effects from any of these products. Revolution comes as a once a month top spot. Frontline comes as a once a month top spot, and also as a spray that kills ticks and fleas on contact -- for severe infestations. We use the spray very sparingly because of the vapors. On the other hand, Preventic tick collars (also given the okay by the NRDC) did not work as advertised. The ticks did not quickly die and detach. We seemed to have less ticks, but still had ticks nonetheless, happy ones at that. About five of our dogs (10%) had allergic reactions and scratched like crazy until we ditched the collars and gave them a bath. The collars themselves are not a pleasant thing. They need to be fairly tight, so that they contact the skin, but they continually stretch and need adjustment every few days. I found myself petting the dogs less because I didn't like touching the collars. Imagine having one tight around your neck.

Find out more about alternatives to pesticides in general at the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides. They can be found on the web at pesticide.org/default.htm

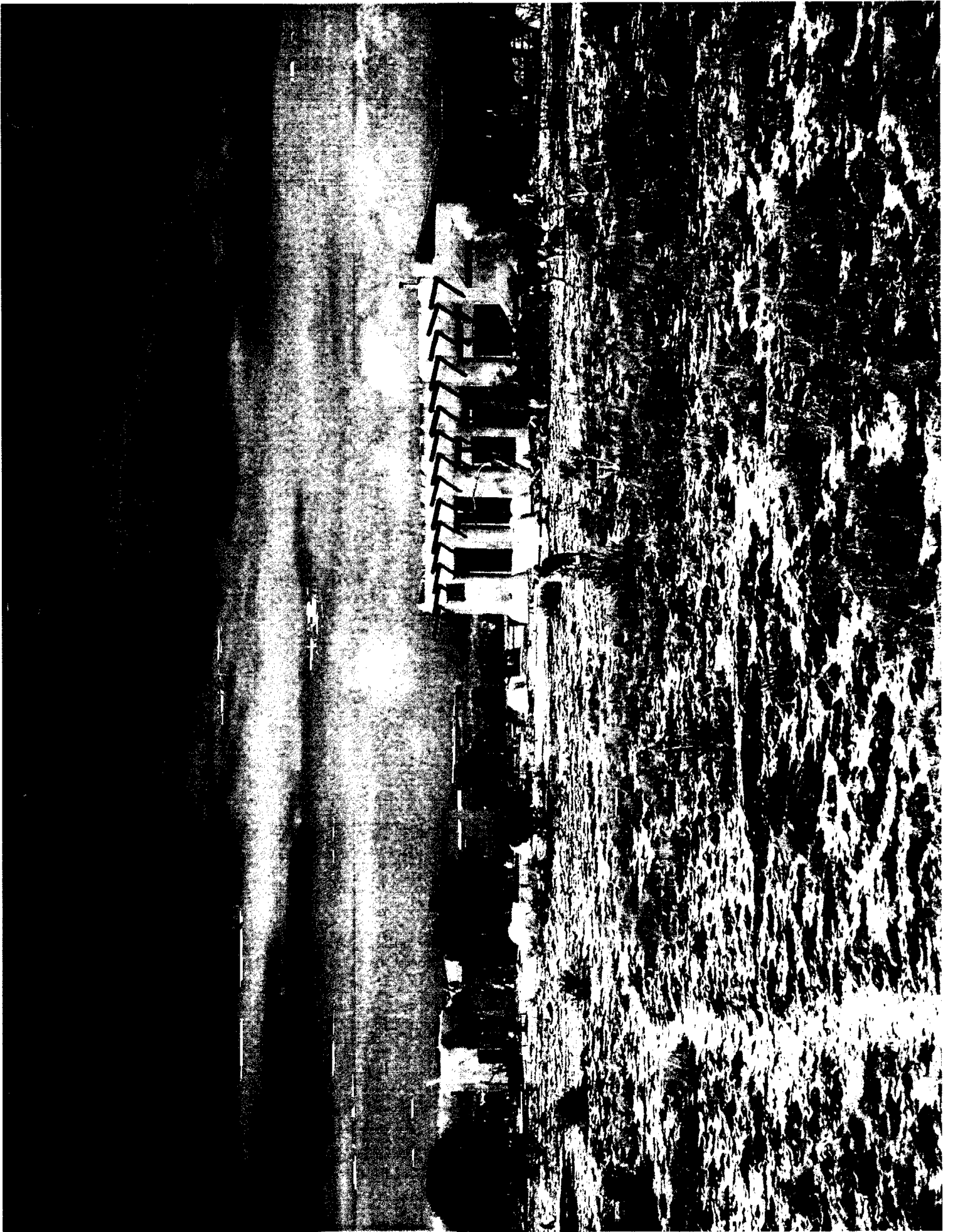
Our Remote Location

We live a long way down a bad dirt road south of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The main house is passive solar straw bale. Our electricity comes from the sun. This newsletter was designed and printed on site by us. We also do our own web work.



Bridging The Worlds













Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Beverly Antaeus and Robert Hayes • PO Box 9109 • Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

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Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Imagine

Survival statistics for nonprofit organizations are brutal: 75% fail within the first year. Half of those that remain will fail within three years. Half that last three years will go under within five years. Only 7% of all nonprofits survive. Bridging The Worlds is pushing valiantly through Year Four! Dogs come in, get well, and leave smiling. Lots of them.

Extreme Makeover (Nelson has been adopted)



Imagine you are one of two people caring for 40-50 dogs 24/365 for four years. Imagine the physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial cost to open your home to a dog who has received barely enough food or respect to stay alive, to coax him to wag his tail with promises of love, medicine, good food, gentle touch, and kind friends all around.

Imagine -- no matter how long the day has already been -- taking in another mom and her 4-day-old litter of 10. Imagine her dear face when you tuck them into a shady yard and she realizes they are safe now, and the good food she needs to make milk will keep coming. Imagine the fat happy babies!



Extreme Makeover Home Edition (Dagmar has just arrived)

Imagine, if your life permitted, all you would give to restore these animals. From somewhere, Beverly and Robert have pulled the strength and stamina to do that for nearly four years. And now, the truth is as rugged as those statistics: we can't continue at this level of effort without a whole lotta help from our friends.

We keep our commitment to each animal who enters. Via telephone, email, and at adoption events, respect and gratitude for our work flow freely. Providing this standard of care costs more than you can imagine. Acknowledgment keeps us strong. We also need money -- for routine vet care and medicine, emergency vet care and surgeries, food and supplements, spay and neuter, transportation. With your help so far, this small sanctuary has performed gigantic feats! We want to be among the 7% survivors and we need help.

Please stand with us to keep this mission alive. If you simply can't send money, then send up your Voice. Wish all good animals everywhere the very best this life has to offer. If you care, they will know.

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I want to sponsor *(name of dog)*

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$

I want to become a *Member of Bridging The Worlds*

\$30 dollars a year for individuals and \$150 a year for businesses.

I want to receive your *newsletter*. Via **email** **regular mail.**

I want to make a *monthly pledge* to help the animals. \$

I want to *foster* an animal and help it to find a good home. Please tell me more about your foster program and what it involves.

I want to *volunteer* to **help at adoptions** **distribute flyers** **do dog laundry**
 make phone calls **help with fund raising**

I'm looking for a *special companion*. (Please describe)

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1500 Cerrillos Road 🐾 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 🐾 (505) 982-9821

To Whom It May Concern:
Re: Bridging The World (BTW)

6-19-07

We have been the Veterinary care givers for BTW since its inception and have followed their progress over years with appreciation and admiration for what they have done. The organization has gone a long way to provide humane and compassionate sanctuary for many animals that other wise would suffer needlessly. They provide a service that is deeply needed and depends upon outside support. We feel that they handle this aspect of the organization very well considering it is probably the most difficult.

If you have further question about our relationship etc.....feel free to call at any time..

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Hinko".

P. J. Hinko DVM

Jennifer Steketee, DVM

68 Camino Torcido Loop
Santa Fe, NM 87507
(505) 424-0073

June 20, 2007

County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a veterinarian in this area for over 10 years, initially with the Espanola Animal Shelter and then in private practice, I have had many opportunities to work with Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary and Robert and Beverly Antaeus. I have found them to be some of the kindest, hard-working people you will ever meet. The work that they do on behalf of northern New Mexican homeless animals is outstanding.

Unfortunately, our shelters are bursting at their seams with needy animals, and Bridging the Worlds provides an alternative to adding one more dog or cat to that problem. Throughout my career I have worked closely with most of the area animal shelters and can honestly say that if I were a homeless pet, I would choose Bridging the Worlds over any of the others!

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Steketee, DVM

LYNN & RICK ALLEN

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lynnkallen@yahoo.com

(505) 316-1216 (505) 690-3153

June 20, 2007

Santa Fe County Development Review Committee
Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners

RE: Rezoning land for Robert Hayes and Beverly Antaeus aka **Bridging the Worlds.Org**

We are neighbors and have known them for many years.

We see them taking the dogs to various medical and adoption appointments, as well as taking care of all the other needs associated with serving the needs of dogs down on their luck.

They are located in a low density area and there are not many neighbors. They will not upset the peace and quiet of the neighborhood with their activities. They are able to keep the dogs well contained and cared for. There is a very rare escape which they tend to well, and there is a bit of barking for short periods. It is not a problem and is exceptionally minimal in occurrence and nature. We feel that if we were to live in town, we would be more bothered by sirens of police, fire and ambulances, boom boxes and other more common noises of the city. Occasional barking, which is of short duration and not excessive, is not offensive and a gentle reminder that they are taking care of many dogs down on their luck who may actually become someone's best friend in the future.

We would also like to recommend that they be given the paperwork to allow them to continue their service because:

It serves dogs who are down on their luck and in need of help who probably were previously helpful to some person or people of Santa Fe County.

The society of Santa Fe County is served by having an active philanthropic organization in Santa Fe. Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe, and the surrounding areas are served by their assistance to the Animal Shelters and Animal Control agencies. They are active in their taking dogs who are a burden and free up resources of government agencies.

It is a non monetary way for the government to assist itself and an organization which lowers the expenses of the government Animal agencies as it assists them achieve their goals in the County of Santa Fe.

There is no objection from neighbors and their location assures that they will not be a problem to the Santa Fe County in the future.

We encourage the County of Santa Fe to also support their efforts by contributing funds or Dog Food to them as they provide real assistance to your agencies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lynn and Rick Allen

From: T Bobel <teabone19@yahoo.com>
Subject: rezoning
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:51:06 -0700 (PDT)
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

Dear County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Bridging the Worlds sanctuary. Robert and Beverly help fulfill a desperate need in this community for animal rescue and adoption. The level of neglect, abuse and abandonment of pets in NM is astounding. I ask you to please allow the re-zoning of their land so they may continue the good fight.

I write as one who lives in the general neighborhood of Bridging the Worlds. Even in our far-flung location, every single household out here that I know of has 1 or more dogs that were taken in as strays. If abandoned dogs are this pervasive here, there are surely thousands more out there in Santa Fe County. Beverly and Robert are doing their utmost to help these dogs. Please let them continue.

Bridging the Worlds is an invaluable component of our neighborhood, and of our community. Please stand behind their efforts to rescue and care for the stray dogs of this county who deserve so much better.

Thank you---

Teresa Bobel
HC 63 Box 20
Pena Blanca. NM
87041
teabone19@yahoo.com

Yahoo! oneSearch: Finally, <http://mōbile.yahoo.com/mōbileweb/oneSearch?refer=1ONXIC>"> mobile search that gives answers, not web links.

From: MARTINEZ, KAMI E. <kemartinez@ci.santa-fe.nm.us>
Subject: LETTER TO DEV. REVIEW & COMMISSIONERS
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 09:48:58 -0700
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

Dear Santa Fe County Development Review Staff & Board of County Commissioners:

Please support this re-zoning of land for Beverly & Robert Hayes. These two wonderful people have dedicated their lives to helping these animals that have 40 acres to live, run, jump & play. It breaks my heart to know that if they couldn't keep this property, these animals would most likely have to be taken to the shelter and we all know that the Santa Fe Animal Shelter is crowded and not many people are adopting animals – they would rather buy an AKC registered full breed pup for whatever their reasons are. Beverly & Robert have provided a home for these animals for 4 or more years, they are doing an excellent job and have never failed to assist anyone that has called upon them in need. They have helped a few friends of mine that were in desperate situations where we had to find a placement for a dog – sure enough, Beverly found a home for the dogs. She is awesome and needs your support. Please know that the reason for this zoning need goes far beyond any money making, pro-development, or other similar situations that you run across all of the time – this is extraordinary and there is a heart felt good reason to support these people. They are doing something that is self-less, generous and they are helping our community by helping these animals. Please help us help them!! Thanks for your consideration.

KAMI MARTINEZ
City of Santa Fe
Planning & Land Use Dept.
(505) 955-6809 or (505) 920-3176
2315 CALLE PACIFICA SFNM 87505

June 19, 2007

Re: Bridging the Worlds animal sanctuary

To whom it may concern:

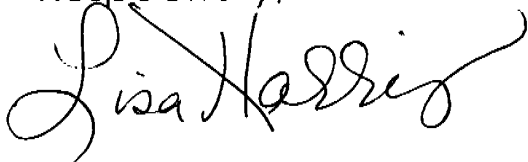
As a business supporter of Santa Fe's no-kill domestic animal shelter Bridging the Worlds, it has recently come to my attention that this valuable non-profit organization is about to lose its legal sanction to rescue lost and abandoned pets.

Living as we do in a county already overrun with too many four-legged homeless, and with our public shelters constantly re-filling, it just seems to me that the willingness of the private sector to volunteer as animal caregivers must be seen as a community service, and, moreover, should be welcomed.

Accordingly, I urge the continuation of Bridging the Worlds, and trust that the powers that be will agree.

Please contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you for your collective attention and know that I do appreciate this opportunity to speak out.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Harris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Lisa S. Harris
Video Library
120 E. Marcy St. #1
Santa Fe NM 87501-2039
business 505-983-3321

June 19, 2007

Attn: County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

Re: Bridging the Worlds

I have heard that the land for Bridging the Worlds is up for rezoning. It is imperative that they be able to continue their generous and much-needed work. The indiscriminate mistreatment of animals in this state is abominable. Without Bridging the Worlds so many dogs will not have any chance at all – after being beaten, left to die, etc. We would not treat our children like this, and dogs are just as helpless and need our care and concern. Having a no-kill sanctuary is imperative – there are so many animals in need that the animal shelters cannot keep up and their euthanasia record is, I am sure, quite huge. Some of the animals that Bridging the Worlds take in would not have any chance at all in a regular shelter, given the condition they arrive in.

I implore you to do the right thing and follow your heart and your conscience by allowing Bridging the Worlds to continue their work of care and sanctuary.

Sincerely,
Julie Adams
2500 Sawmill Rd., #1011
Santa Fe, NM 87505
jadams@sfcmf.org

From: SEstep2032@aol.com <SEstep2032@aol.com>

Subject: In STRONG SUPPORT for Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 23:10:41 EDT

To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>

CC:

BCC:



To: Santa Fe County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

From: Steven Estep, President
Siberian Husky Rescue of New Mexico, Inc.
Cedar Crest, NM

Dear Review Committee and County Commissioners:

The volunteers of Siberian Husky Rescue of NM, including myself, have worked closely with Beverly and Robert of Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary for several years. They, and their volunteers, are some of the most devoted animal rescue people within the State and they have literally rescued hundreds of dogs from certain death and given them a second chance at life. They have personally helped Siberian Husky Rescue out during difficult times when our small organization was overloaded with dogs and we were unable to take on more. Bridging the Worlds has always taken dogs from throughout the state, including northern NM and provided excellent veterinary services, grooming, food, and shelter when these dogs had no place else to go.

They have held dog adoptions almost every weekend in Santa Fe and have placed hundreds of dogs into caring homes in the area. Bridging the Worlds provides a valuable service to the community including helping people connect with animals that have been abused, forgotten, and/or abandoned. I would like to emphasize that I believe that both people's and animal's lives have been enriched by the service they provide to northern NM.

I sincerely hope that you grant Bridging the Worlds status as an animal sanctuary so they can continue to make a difference throughout the community and State. If you have any questions about our involvement with the organization, please feel free to call me at 264-2514.

Sincerely,

Steven Estep, President

From: Alex Rossi <spiral_lady@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 21:26:00 -0600 (GMT-06:00)
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

Dear Robert and Beverly -

A year and a half ago I was privileged to adopt "Farley Augustus", a beautiful mixed breed, three-legged dog from Bridging the World. He has changed my life.....Farley had been rescued twice and what other torturous events happened to him before you saved him, we'll never know. I now have three more adopted pooches because of the love and companionship that Farley brought into my life. You do such wonderful, wonderful work, it is impossible to think that you must strive so hard to keep your sanctuary going. I wish you much success in your rezoning project.....and again I thank you for the wonderful, heartfelt work that you do.

Warmest regards,

Alexandra Rossi

-----Original Message-----

From: Beverly Antaeus
Sent: Jun 19, 2007 4:08 PM
To: Catherine Louisell
Subject: please read, and write!

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Dear Friends, Allies, Supporters of Bridging the Worlds,

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We have been moving toward this moment for an entire year. We have dutifully met the Land Use requirements, now all we need is a great big show of support from our animal-lovin' comrades!

Please, if you love us and would like to say so, write an email letter to tell the decision makers that this organization is needed, wanted, and doing a very good job on behalf of homeless animals AND the people who adopt them and love them.

Please direct the email letter to:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Please send the email letter to us at this address. We want to show up with a stack of messages that leaves no doubt that there is a wide spread community who values animals and the people who help them.

We need your letter no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, to add to the packets we are preparing for the committee and commission. Thank you so very much for stepping up for us on such short notice. We will post the outcome on our website.

Beverly Antaeus

From: Jane G. <janeg@plateautel.net>
Subject: Zoning Letter
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 21:35:53 -0600
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

June 19, 2007

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners
Santa Fe County
New Mexico
USA

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing this letter to recommend that you grant Bridging the Worlds the zoning that they need to continue their work for the abandoned and homeless animals in Santa Fe County. This organization has been and continues to provide the county with essential services. Without the work of Bridging the Worlds, the citizens of Santa Fe would see multitudes of dogs running around, being hit by cars and starving. Beverly and Robert guide this organization with a level of integrity and compassion that is well known and highly respected in the animal rescue community all over this state.

I have worked as a volunteer for animals in San Miguel County for 10 years and have known Beverly for almost that length of time in our capacity as animal workers. Beverly is the only person I can go to in Santa Fe County with the assurance that the perfectly friendly animal I have found on the highway or in the arroyo will not be put down. I have asked her help and have always received it. There is a network in this state of people who care about animals who are doing the work of every county ? saving their counties tens of thousands of dollars through their work for which they either do not get noticed or, more likely, get criticized. It is now time for the counties to recognize the people who are working to improve the conditions for animals and for the citizens.

I urge you to support this organization and, better yet, to thank them for their years of service to the people of Santa Fe County through their actions of rescuing abandoned animals and adopting spayed and neutered animals to people who want them and who will provide proper care.

Jane Gorman PHD LISW
Professor, NMHU

From: Jane G. <janeg@plateautel.net>
Subject: Zoning Letter From Susan West
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 21:35:53 -0600
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

June 19, 2007

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners
Santa Fe County

Dear Sirs and Madams:

For nine years I worked with Beverly Antaeus and Bridging the Worlds in my position as founder and director of the Animal Support Center in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Bridging the Worlds is responsible for saving animals off the highways, out of the arroyos, and out of the Santa Fe shelter which would be totally overwhelmed with euthanasia if other people were not working in their own organizations to save the lives of the abandoned, suffering, and homeless animals in Santa Fe County.

Not only should this organization be re-zoned into official acceptance but perhaps you could consider financially supporting Bridging the Worlds for the incredibly intense and non-stop work that they do for the betterment of the county.

Thank-you for the opportunity to support this essential organization.

Susan West
Las Vegas, New Mexico

From: Sf2sfsue@aol.com <Sf2sfsue@aol.com>
Subject: I hope this helps/YOUR LETTER
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 23:37:31 EDT
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

June 19, 2004

To: County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Fr: Susan Lack
adopted Tip (Doll) April 2006

Dear Board and Committee Members:

On behalf of "Bridging the Worlds" sanctuary, I am asking, as one of many, to allow the land of Beverly Antaeus and Bridging the Worlds be re-zoned to continue their work as pet rescuers and a sanctuary for pets with no where to go.

I adopted my dog (Tip) from them a little over a year ago and will forever be grateful. I don't know that Tip would have found a permanent home elsewhere and I am forever indebted to them. She was a rambunctious puppy full of life and needed a home allowing for that degree of neediness. At the time I adopted her another lady was adopting yet another puppy. We had room in our hearts, time and a commitment to our puppies who had, most likely, no where else to go. No doubt in my mind if it hadn't been for me, my TIP would have be readily embraced by Beverly. That is all that counts at this moment. She and Bridging the Worlds, has time, the commitment, and the want to continue with this sanctuary.

Their work is useful, their dogs ready to give love, and most of all the dogs that are not ready for a home Bridging the Worlds is ready to give that extended care to. That is their ultimate gift. That is their best gift.

Please consider what they do, consider the outreach to the community in bringing pets and people together, but most importantly consider WHAT they do for the dogs that are not adopted. BRIDGING THE WORLDS IS THEIR HOME.

Let them have a home.

Thank you.
Susan Lack

In a message dated 6/19/2007 4:11:12 P.M. Mountain Daylight Time, Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org writes:
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From: yes4wildlife@aol.com <yes4wildlife@aol.com>
Subject: BRIDGING THE WORLDS
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 23:52:22 EDT
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

19th June 2007

**County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners**

Dear Sirs:

RE: BRIDGING THE WORLDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

I would like to add a passionate voice on behalf of Bridging the Worlds, in order to assure the land in question may be re-zoned so they may continue their amazing work as an animal sanctuary.

As you are no doubt aware, the principals behind BTW devote their lives to rescuing dogs due to be euthanized in overcrowded shelters, and then devote their energies to finding new and loving homes. Moreover, should any of these beautiful creatures fail to be adopted, they will live out their days in the safety and comfort of the BTW sanctuary.

I have been so touched by this unique organization, I have offered my services as a volunteer, and am extremely privileged to be a part of this dedicated team.

Yours faithfully,

**Yvonne Smith
1027 Calle Largo
Santa Fe
New Mexico 87501**

See what's free at AOL.com.

**14 Bonito Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508
June 19, 2007**

Commissioner Jack Sullivan
Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 283
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

We are writing because of our concern regarding an organization called Bridging the Worlds, Inc. This is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose mission it is to rescue homeless dogs, rehabilitate them and adopt them into good homes. These are dogs found all over New Mexico, but mainly in Santa Fe County, whose lives have been a struggle to survive under horrific circumstances – abuse, abandonment, starvation, injury and disease.

While working with Bridging the Worlds for the past few years, we have seen hundreds of rescued dogs nursed back to health, socialized towards humans, trained to live as canine companions and adopted into loving homes.

The organization has a sanctuary for these dogs, operated on a parcel of land belonging to Beverly Antaeus and Robert Hayes, founders of the organization. Although some of the dogs are kept in foster homes (like ours and others in Eldorado), most are cared for at the sanctuary until good homes are found for them.

It is our understanding that, on June 21 at 4 PM, there is to be a hearing before the County Development Review Committee on the petition of Beverly Antaeus and Robert Hayes that their land be re-zoned to allow the sanctuary to continue to operate there.

Bridging the Worlds provides an immensely valuable service to Santa Fe County and New Mexico. This can be attested to by the hundreds of families who have experienced the unconditional love, devotion, loyalty, entertainment and joy from a canine companion from Bridging the Worlds. Accordingly, we implore you to do all that you can to support this petition and achieve its approval.

Very truly yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Richard K. Minor

June 20, 2007

The Honorable Santa Fe County Development Review Staff
Board of County Commissioners
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, NM, 87504

Subject: Re-zoning application for Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is written in support of the Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary, imploring you to grant the re-zoning application to allow for the continued and unfettered operation of Bridging the Worlds.

In the time I have known Beverly and Robert, they have consistently worked hard and have sacrificed every day to help unwanted and at-risk animals throughout the area. I know of many instances where the intervention and dedication of these two exceptional people has resulted in lives of animals saved, and lives of humans enriched when they adopt a homeless animal. Their efforts have also helped control the addition of more unwanted animals through altering the animals to prevent reproduction. They also ensure that these helpless creatures receive all the medical care they need to become healthy and happy adoptable animals.

To deny the re-zoning application would spell doom for the animals that are sheltered and cared for at Bridging the Worlds every year. Many of these precious creatures get their first notion that humans can be kind and loving, and I can think of none better to teach them the nature of human kindness than Beverly and Robert.

Again, I ask that the application for re-zoning the land be granted. The animals will thank you for it.

Respectfully submitted,

James Roser

From: Andy Hunter <hunteralh@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 10:41:50 -0700 (PDT)
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Please consider granting Bridging The Worlds organization the zoning request which will allow Beverly and Robert to continue the work they have been doing with the abandoned and ailing dogs of this county.

I personally have spent time with these individuals concerning unwanted dogs and have direct knowledge of their commitment and abilities in successfully rehabilitating all kinds of mistreated, starving and/or abandoned dogs and successfully adopting them out to loving homes.

Beverly and Robert have willingly addressed a Huge and painful problem which not only benefits the dogs of course, animal lovers of how they have touched in so many ways, but also the people of this county in assisting with the major problem we have concerning homeless,unwanted dogs.

Bridging the World is an organization dedicated to making sure these dogs have homes to go to where people love them, such as myself. I am privileged to have an adoptee who was rescued, gave birth to her puppies (all of who found homes) and came to live with me. I can't imagine my life without Thai and the joy she has brought me.

This organization needs to continue it's successful operation for all our sakes.

Thank you in advance for allowing the success of this program,

Andrea Hunter
2442 Cerrillos Rd #494
Santa Fe, NM 87505

From: Corinne Tippett <tippetthunt@plateautel.net>
Subject: to the county commissioners
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 11:40:11 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Please allow the necessary legal work to preserve Bridging the Worlds Sanctuary to continue their critical work. Every sanctuary is sacred... the County and City Animal Shelters can't do it all. The need is extreme and each organization fills a corner of the issue that the others can't always address. Bridging the Worlds helps a population of animals that the county animal shelter is not well equipped to serve, and without them, hope is extinguished for so many worthy souls.

Zoning and land use control is important for the community - and caring custodianship of abandoned animals is even more so. Please lend your heart and support to this sanctuary and aid them in their mission.

Thank you!
Corinne Tippett & Andrew Hunt
941 Calle Mejia #103
Santa Fe, NM 87501
505-490-2904

From: David Lindemuth <dl4ckm@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 10:36:05 -0700 (PDT)
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC: David Lindemuth <dl4ckm@yahoo.com>
BCC:

Dear County Development Review Committee,
I have been working with Bridging the Worlds animal rescue mission for four years. During that time this mission has touched so many lives, both human and animal. We are blessed with tireless directors who have sacrificed much to perform rescues and rehabilitation. We believe that the proposed rezoning will show no negative impact upon anyone, and will allow the rescue work to continue. We appreciate your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
David Lindemuth

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Check out "Tonight's Picks" on Yahoo! TV.

From: Nancy Morris <njm@starband.net>
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 09:23:01 -0600 (MDT)
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

I am a neighbor of Robert Hayes and Beverly Antaeus and I am writing in support of their petition to rezone their land in order to continue operating their wonderful sanctuary and rescue facility. I fully support their work and I am proud to have Bridging the Worlds as my neighbor.
Sincerely
Nancy J Morris

From: Todd Reath <todd_reath@yahoo.com>

Subject: re-zoning

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 08:22:48 -0700 (PDT)

To: Beverly Antaeus <beverly@bridgingtheworlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

Attn: County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners,

I wish to write in support of Bridging the Worlds sanctuary. This is the most important area in Santa Fe for the rescue and adoption of homeless animals. I speak from experience, when I say they take the best possible care of these animals, making sure they get a home that matches the animal. I adopted my dog from them and she is the greatest! Without Beverly, Robert and Bridging the Worlds, all of these animals would be where? I respectfully request that you grant the zoning needed for Bridging the World to continue the work they do, to provide a loving and caring sanctuary to all that are there. Thank You

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From: Joe Warlick <lobo@tularosa.net>
Subject: Bridging The Worlds Sanctuary
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 09:05:22 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To: County Development Review Committee

My name is Joe Warlick from La Luz, NM. My wife and I currently do a lot of rescue of abused and abandoned dogs here in southern New Mexico. My wife started this ten years ago and is responsible for the rescue and placement of hundreds of dogs that otherwise would have been euthanized or allowed to starve to death in the desert. However, the majority of these dogs could not have been saved without the open arms of Robert and Beverly at their Bridging The Worlds Sanctuary. Time after time we have tried to place dogs with various rescue facilities in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, only to be told, "No, sorry, we're full", and then we would turn to Robert and Beverly and be told, "We're full, but we'll take them". I know of no other facility anywhere that will willingly take in injured or sick dogs knowing it would be an uphill battle to get them healthy again. The compassion and dedication of these two people is nothing short of awesome! Countless thousands of dogs over the years have found new, caring homes because of the efforts of Robert and Beverly. Theirs is truly an no-kill shelter...any dog brought there will have a new life, either at the shelter or in someone's home.

Because of the rescue efforts of my wife I've come to understand the caliber of person it takes to do this work. I'm convinced most people could not handle it. The dedication and commitment required as well as the tireless, unselfish attitude necessary is beyond the scope of most people...which is why Robert and Beverly are so successful. They are truly doing the Lord's work...unselfishly helping those in this world who are less fortunate. It would indeed be tragic if they could not continue to operate their sanctuary. For thousands of dogs there would be no hope...no place for them to turn. I commend them for their tireless efforts and I'm proud to be associated with them.

Thank you,

Joe Warlick
No. 1 Arabian Way
La Luz, NM 88337

From: Julie L. Buzzard <jbuzzard@lanl.gov>
Subject: Letter for Santa Fe County
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 09:00:07 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

June 20, 2007

Santa Fe County
County Development Review Committee/Board of County Commissioners
205 Montezuma
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bridging the Worlds animal sanctuary. The services provided by Bridging the Worlds are unlike any other facility I have encountered in the state of New Mexico. I first contacted Bridging the Worlds when my dog went missing. By the time I came across Bridging the Worlds, I had already been to 4 different county animal shelters, 6 veterinarians, and more on-line animal rescue centers than I can remember. The lack of help from the other organizations was very discouraging. Beverly and Robert from Bridging The Worlds were the only ones who took the time to check with shelters and contacted people in my behalf to help me find my dog. I never did find my dog but by reading, participating, and just being a part of the Bridging The Worlds family, I did find and adopt a very wonderful dog that I can not even begin to tell you how much a part of my life she is. Bridging the Worlds provide animals with chances that county animal shelters would like to provide but can not. Beverly and Robert work very hard to find everyone that comes to them the perfect pet and to find every animal they have a forever home. Even the hard-to-place animal that most organizations would put down, Bridging The Worlds will nurse, train, and find the right home. Bridging The Worlds fills a need for animals and people that no other organization in the area does. I can't imagine losing them and hope that you will approve the re-zoning of their sanctuary so they can continue to help both the animals and people.

Thank you for your time,

Julie L. Buzzard
P.O. Box 543
Velarde, New Mexico 87582

From: katysullivan7@aol.com <katysullivan7@aol.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 10:51:59 -0400
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and the Board of County Commissioners:

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I am writing to support the rezoning request of Robert and Beverly Antaus so that they may continue their fine and much needed work at Bridging the Worlds.Â This work is of great value to both the community of humans and the community of animals who are served.Â Please vote with your hearts and the hearts of your constituents.Â

On a personal note, I adopted a dog from Beverly several years ago who had been in a bad situation.Â Beverly and Robert nurtured this dog for several months until ready for a new home.Â She now lights up my home with her antics and is a great addition to my family.Â I hate to think of her fate had Beverly and RobertÂ not intervened for her.Â Do not deny this opportunity to the other four-leggeds, or the other humans for that matter.Â I am blessed to have Soleil.Â

Respectfully,
Kathleen Sullivan

-----Original Message-----

From: Beverly Antaeus
To: Catherine Louisell
Sent: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 3:08 pm
Subject: please read, and write!

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Please, if you love us and would like to say so, write an email letter to tell the decision makers that this organization is needed, wanted, and doing a very good job on behalf of homeless animals AND the people who adopt them and love them.

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Please direct the email letter to:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

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Please send the email letter to us at this address. Â We want to show up with a stack of messages that leaves no doubt that there is a wide spread community who values animals and the people who help them.

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Â We need your letter no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, to add to the packets we are preparing for the

Lori Kuebler
3 Basket Maker Ct.
Santa Fe, NM-87508

June 19, 2007

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

RE: Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Good day,

The intent of this letter is to express what a fabulous job Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary does to save and protect discarded dogs in New Mexico.

I adopted my dog, Cruz, over five years ago from Bridging the Worlds and he is the highlight of my life. He was abused and then rescued from an Indian reservation. If Cruz was sent to a county shelter, he would have been destroyed, but thanks to the tireless work of Robert and Beverly, he is a loving and happy dog. This is only one of many hundreds of stories of animals that are lucky enough to make it Bridging the Worlds.

Robert and Beverly give everything they have to save these animals, regardless of whether they need surgery, have special needs or need extra attention and training—they love them all and it shows.

Bridging the Worlds has saved so many lives and they need to continue to do so. Animal abuse and abandonment in an epidemic in New Mexico and BTW help alleviate some of that and saves animals from a horrible fate.

I can't thank Bridging the Worlds and Robert and Beverly enough for the work they do. They are truly two of the most amazing people I have ever met.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Kuebler", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Lori Kuebler

From: Kelly Davis <kelly.davis@herbsetc.com>

Subject: Bridging the Worlds

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 08:03:27 -0600

To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To Whom It May Concern:

Bridging the Worlds is a wonderful organization that is very much needed by our community and this world. They are doing fantastic work in finding good homes for these unwanted and/or abused creatures with very little resources and a load of hard work. Please help them to realize their dreams of continuing in their endeavor. Thank you.

Kelly S. Davis

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From: Karen Schellenberger <karenschellenberger@hotmail.com>
Subject: support
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 08:01:51 -0600
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners:

I would like to express my support for Bridging the Worlds. This organization provides a service that is desperately needed in New Mexico, and is overseen by people who truly care about the welfare of animals in this state. Please grant them permission needed to continue their valuable work.

Sincerely,
Karen Schellenberger
Albuquerque, NM

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From: Margo Covington <margo@covingtonconsulting.net>
Subject: Community support for Bridging the Worlds
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 07:22:41 -0600
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC: Teresa Bobel <teabone19@yahoo.com>
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

In a community where so many animals are unwanted by previous owners, or wander off and get lost, the work of animal rescue centers like Bridging the Worlds can help so many animals find or be returned to loving homes. And what a service groups like them offer our community that offers that bridge to others shelters as well.

I know of at least one dog that was kindly returned to his home when he started wandering off down the road... and otherwise could have gotten lost in a very rural area. The home he was returned to adopted him several years ago when he wandered by, lost and hungry.

Please assist this group to continue their good work in our community.

Thank you,

Margo Covington

Margo Covington
Covington Consulting
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Please visit the website: www.covingtonconsulting.net

To: Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

Reference: Request for re-zoning by Bridging The Worlds.

This correspondence is to request your favorable decision regarding the rezoning request for land occupied by Bridging the Worlds. This non-profit organization has been extremely successful in saving the lives of abandoned and unwanted dogs.

Far too many animals are euthanized in our state. I respectfully request that you take this opportunity to support this organization working to address this enormous problem.

Thank you.

Diane Kennedy
137 Canada Village Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

June 20, 2007

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen on the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary which has requested the re-zoning of their property so that the work of the Sanctuary can continue.

I have adopted two dogs from the Sanctuary in the last 6 months, dogs who were once strays and throw away pets, considered to be "un-adoptable", and who are now beloved family pets. The sanctuary is performing an invaluable service to the community, nursing neglected and abused animals back to physical and emotional health so that they can live amongst humans in a good and harmonious way. The sanctuary is also providing a service to the County by providing a transitional place for dogs whose special emotional needs cannot be met by the county animal shelters or whose behavioral issues cause them to be labeled "un-adoptable." Many canine lives are being saved and County dollars are saved too because there now is another option for these dogs besides euthanasia.

I urge you to grant the Sanctuary's re-zoning request and allow them keep on saving canine lives and enriching human ones.

Sincerely,

Janice R. Olch
77 Cibola Circle
Santa Fe, NM 87505

140 Coachman Way
Sanford, NC 27332

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Bridging the Worlds, a non-profit animal sanctuary. My brother adopted his dog from Bridging the Worlds three years ago and I can not imagine his life without her. The rescue work done by Bridging the Worlds is extraordinary and it would be a great loss to homeless animals if they are not permitted to continue their life-saving work. Therefore, I urge you to grant the re-zoning request of Bridging the Worlds on behalf of myself, my brother's dog and all the animals that benefit from their love and care.

Sincerely,

Jessica Reath

From: Magda M Rundles Nauta <nautamm@msn.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 20:56:50 -0600
To: betin <robert@strawrevolution.com>
CC:
BCC:

TO whom it my concern.County development Review Committee and Board of county commissioners.

Beverly Antaeus,and her partner Robert who are doing such a very very good deed by working with animals caring for them ,and helping to have them finding homes for a lot of our furry friends should be able to continue this so much needed help on the property where they are now.

We need more people like those two ,so .dedicated.

Chuck and Magda Rundles

Dr,Mrs, CH Rundles
01 Rundles lane
"Shangri-la"
Belen NM 87002
phone 505 864 0427
fax 505 864 0427.

----- Original Message -----

From:Beverly Antaeus
To:Catherine Louisell
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 4:08 PM
Subject: please read, and write!

Dear Friends, Allies, Supporters of Bridging the Worlds,

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Please direct the email letter to:
County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Please send the email letter to us at this address. We want to show up with a stack of messages that leaves no doubt that there is a wide spread community who values animals and the people who help them.

From: Evalyn Bemis <evalyn@newmexico.com>

Subject: rezoning

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:22:08 -0600

To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To the CDRC and Board of County Commissioners

Re: Approval for re-zoning land for the purposes of continuing the Bridging The Worlds Sanctuary.

This is a much needed and effective no-kill animal shelter that has been created, literally, through the blood, sweat and tears of Robert and Beverly. As you know, there are more animals than can find homes and many abused animals in Santa Fe County. Beverly and Robert not only work like dogs on behalf of the dogs, but they also provide educational opportunities to try and stop the over-supply of pets.

Anything that can be done to support and further their good work should be done.

Can you please bestow medals on them while you are at it?

Thanks for your approval of their re-zoning request.

Evalyn Bemis

Evalyn Bemis, Broker, GRI

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www.quixotehumane.org
P.O. Box 1285, Peralta, NM 87042
(505) 869-2397

June 20, 2007

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

I, and my volunteers, have been working with the Valencia County shelter for the past seven years. We contact rescue organizations to let them know about dogs or cats we have that might fit into their rescue program. We only transfer to rescues that are above average in the care and placement of their rescues.

Beverly and Robert Antaeus are two of the most compassionate people we work with in rescue. They have taken moms with pups and large dogs that most other rescues don't want to work with because they take so much more care and are more difficult to place. We know the animals Bridging the Worlds take in will be given the ultimate in care and will be placed in appropriate homes.

We appreciate their dedication and tremendous efforts to help homeless dogs. We ask that you please support them in their work.

Judy Babcock,
President, Quixote Humane, Inc.

Respect Your Pet

Tenorio St.
87505

491 Arroyo
Santa Fe, NM
June 20, 2007

To the Attention of the County Development Review Commission and the Board of Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Bridging the Worlds in their request to have their land rezoned so that it can continue to be a sanctuary for homeless dogs.

I have personal knowledge of the organization through involvement with an injured St. Bernard mix named Raffa and was extremely impressed with the dedication of everyone involved with it. I know of them secondarily through a woman named Jean O'Flinn who operates a landscape maintenance business that takes care of my gardens. Jean is an extraordinary person who rescues dogs on her own and is actively involved in adoption days in Santa Fe. She has the utmost respect and admiration for Bridging the Worlds and says that they are the best rescue operation she has ever seen.

You don't often see this kind of dedication in a community, and I certainly vote to give them all the support they need to continue to do their humane service—a service from which we all benefit indirectly. I hope you will approve their request to rezone their land so that it can continue to function as an animal sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Ellen Heath

From: Laurie Wilson <lauriewilson@mac.com>

Subject: Re: please read, and write!

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 16:23:57 -0600

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners:

Please add the voice of all the employees at Teca Tu-A Pawsworthy Emporium & Deli to those advocating a re-zoning of Bridging the Worlds land, so they can continue the valuable and needed work they do for all the lost dogs of New Mexico.

Beverly and Robert and countless dedicated volunteers strive day after day to rescue numerous dogs, care for them and see that they are adopted by loving families. AND they are making a huge difference.

Please Please Please...do the right thing!

Thank you,
Laurie Wilson
Joanne Buchanan
Mira Lopez

On Jun 19, 2007, at 4:08 PM, Beverly Antaeus wrote:

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We need your letter no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, to add to the packets we are preparing for the committee and commission. Thank you so very much for stepping up for us on such short notice. We will post the outcome on our website.

Beverly Antaeus

Bridging the Worlds is a 501(c)3 non profit animal rescue organization.

Click [here](#) to make a donation on our secure server.

Small gifts from many people make a huge difference and your donation is tax deductible.

From: Barbara Barnett <bartex@wrt.net>
Subject: Bridging the Worlds Sanctuary
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 17:30:50 -0500
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and the Board of County Commissioners in Santa Fe

Subject: Request to re-zone land belonging to Robert and Beverly Antaeus for Animal Sanctuary

Thank you Santa Fe for allowing an animal sanctuary in your county. Animal lovers appreciate you. There is alot of us in New Mexico. We each do what we can for animals but most of us has called on the Sanctuary to help us. Not many places can say they have a Sanctuary like this one in their county. Please re-zone their land so they can continue to do this wonderful caring work. They can't save the homeless animal world but they can change the world of each animal they help.

Thank you.

Barbara Barnett

From: Megeath <wealth@megeath.net>

Subject: County Development Review Committee and,Board of County Commissioners

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 16:17:29 -0600

To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

I would like to give my support to this fine organization. The Animal Sanctuary adds honor and kindness to the land they occupy. Please help them continue their valuable work.

Megeath Spencer-Brockway
20 E. Sombrillo Road NBU
Espanola NM 87532
505-747-6579

CATHERINE A. LOUISELL
PO BOX 31
Rowe, New Mexico 87562
505-421-2744
clouisell@plateautel.net

June 20, 2007

Santa Fe County Development Review Committee
Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners

Dear Members of the Committee and Board:

I am writing in support of the rezoning request for Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary.

I am the president of Friends of Rescued Animals located in San Miguel County and have been involved in animal welfare for ten years. We have partnered for many years with Bridging the Worlds in our animal rescue and welfare work. We have found them to be exceptionally dedicated in their work for the animals! They are doing very necessary work for all the dogs they handle and the people who adopt them.

They also provide relief for the shelters in our area to some degree and do significant animal welfare education in our area. The educational aspect of their work is just as important as the housing facility in the long run for diminishing the problem of pet overpopulation.

Please allow them to continue this critical work for the animals and the humans who need the educational assistance to successfully adopt a dog! It will be a great service in the county to approve their application to rezone their property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Catherine A. Louisell
President FRA

From: Rane Miller <skymiller420@msn.com>

Subject: RE: please read, and write!

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 15:17:47 -0600

To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

June 20, 2007

Dear County Commissioners of Santa Fe,

Occasionally there are those individuals who not only give of their lives to the more vulnerable of our planet, they give their entire life. I wholeheartedly support the work of Bridging the Worlds, remain utterly impressed by the ways and means they find wellness and homes for the animals who are rescued, and feel deeply that the work of Bridging the Worlds is more critical and necessary than ever before in the history of our planet. Fortunately, Bridging the Worlds has known this for some time.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Babette Miller
3 Hawthorne Circle
Santa Fe, NM 87506
505 983 6059

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From: alyam moser <alyam@cybermesa.com>

Subject: County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 15:10:05 -0600

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners,

This is to urge those who are in charge to know how important is the work done by Robert and Beverly at Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary. So many animals have been saved, healed, sheltered and adopted from this very fine organization. It is crucial that they are granted their land to be re-zoned to continue their sanctuary.

Sincerely,
Alyam Moser

Karen Meadows, MA, MS
POB 8513
Santa Fe NM 87504

June 20, 2007

Dear Santa Fe County Development Review Committee &
Board of County Commissioners

I work as a health educator in and near Santa Fe and have rescued more than 20 dogs that were homeless, abused or wounded. When I picked up my first hurt dogs, I called every rescue organization I could find from North of Santa Fe to Belen. Only *Bridging the Worlds Sanctuary* returned my calls. The first time we spoke, Beverly said the sanctuary was at capacity but she listened to my story. And then she took in three puppies and their mom, installing them inside the fence Robert had just erected to protect the clothesline. When that mom's hurt leg was X-rayed, she was found to be riddled with birdshot. *Bridging the Worlds* had them vaccinated and spayed, and found them good homes. They went so far as to feed glucosamine to the mama dog to help her leg heal.

Most recently I rescued a male chow who was near death from more than 200 bites after several attacks by larger dominant dogs. He spent days at Smith Veterinary Clinic and then Beverly found a foster home for him to recover in until he was adopted. I can show you *then* and *now* photos.

Look at the beautiful happy dogs on their website (www.bridgingtheworlds.org). I know some of those dogs and what they were like before this sanctuary took them in. The black-and-white male pictured under *Raymond's Gift* on the website came up to me in a casino parking lot, starving, dehydrated and in need of surgery.

Bridging the Worlds recently took from me three five-month-old female dogs that would soon have been raising puppies themselves. They are Little Jo and her sisters—also on the website.

The need for animal care in the Santa Fe area is so much greater than any of us can meet. Please, please support *Bridging the Worlds* in its heroic efforts.

From: Lorrie Ogren <lorrie_o@yahoo.com>
Subject: Letter to the CDRC & BCC
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 13:42:39 -0700 (PDT)
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners;

I am writing on behalf of Bridging the Worlds, a local humane organization for homeless dog rescue.

I have known of Beverly and Robert and their work for over a year now, and have been consistently impressed with the high level of integrity, honesty and hard work they do for unwanted, homeless and discarded dogs.

They are doing the work that nobody else can or will do for this area. As an owner/rescuer of dogs myself, I find their organization to be one of the only places to get help, support and advise on these issues.

They also put much time and effort into organizing a thriving, lively network of like minded people who volunteer their time and effort to support this cause; one example being the public "Adoption Days" they regularly hold in Santa Fe to look for homes for these dogs. I rely on their hard work in organizing these events as my main way of bringing the dogs I have rescued to the community, in the hopes of finding good homes for them.

Bridging the Worlds is VERY MUCH is needed, wanted, and doing a very good job on behalf of homeless animals AND the people who adopt them and love them.

Thank you for supporting their work.

Lorrie Ogren, MA, LMHC
33 Cerro del Alamo
Santa Fe, NM 87507

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From: heartdropcomix@yahoo.com <heartdropcomix@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Fwd: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 12:55:39 -0700 (PDT)
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To Santa Fe Board of Couty Commissioners:

Bridging the Worlds

is a valuable and much needed service for animals and animal lovers in and around Santa Fe. Beverly and Robert perform a difficult and often heartbreaking service. Their sanctuary and animal adoptions continue to give hundreds of abandoned dogs a chance at a kind and loved life. I am currently living in Las Vegas N.M. The quality of life for most dogs here is horrendous. This situation has only made me more grateful for the work of Bridging the Worlds. Please give Beverly and Robert the respect they deserve by granting them the right to continue their fine work on the land they now occupy.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Brien,

Art Director, Rio Gallinas Charter School, Las Vegas, New Mexico

--- Andy Hunter <hunteralh@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Please read this and write, Thai will be so grateful
> (as will I)> From: Beverly Antaeus
> <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
> To: Catherine Louisell
> <clouisell@plateautel.net>
> Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:08:36 -0600
> Subject: please read, and write!
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From: Holly Howard <hhoward53@yahoo.com>
Subject: Rezoning Letter
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 12:22:26 -0700 (PDT)
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

TO: COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE and
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RE: BRIDGING THE WORLDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

Please approve the zoning change request of Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary so that they may continue their extraordinary work!

Bridging the Worlds has done wonders with homeless animals - I myself have taken a homeless, injured dog named Cash to them and they did what was necessary to ensure that he was taken care of and then placed in a loving home. Without them, who knows what would have happened to him?

Our group, Friends of Animals, works on behalf of the animals in the northernmost part of the state and I only wish we had sanctuary like Bridging the Worlds in our area - but sadly we don't (yet). But thanks to Beverly and the sanctuary, at least one of our homeless animals has found his forever home.

Please allow Beverly and Robert to re-zone their land and continue their wonderful work with the animals!

Sincerely,

Holly Howard
Friends of Animals
Questa, NM
505-586-0784

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From: Patricia Nix <maisymaster@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 11:19:39 -0700 (PDT)
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

To Whom it may concern;

I am writing on behalf of Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary. Bridging the Worlds and their volunteers provide excellent care for animals rescued from shelters and uncaring owners. Their work helped me find excellent homes for dogs my ex-husband abandoned in the middle of this past winter. They and their volunteers gave me hope when many other animal rescue organizations were unable to help, or even make suggestions on how to go about finding homes for these dogs.

Bridging the Worlds has now become a wonderful part of my life. Their caring and devotion to the animals of the community is amazing. Their adoptions within the community allow people to visit with the dogs and make informed decisions about choosing the right dog, so the dogs can have a forever home.

I wish I was able to be here in person to express how much our community needs people like Beverly, Robert and all the volunteers that make up Bridging the Worlds. Please allow them to continue their fabulous work at their sanctuary!

Sincerely,

Patricia Francisco-Nix
45 Tipple Way
Madrid, NM 87010
505-690-6134
maisymaster@yahoo.com

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From: Karen Welden <karenewelden@isp.com>

Subject: rezoning

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 07:07:01 -0600

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners:

Please help Beverly and Robert to continue their most needed work by rezoning their area. They put their heart and soul into their work of saving animals and finding them good homes. I have adopted from them. I hope you will support them in their endeavors. They are the right people for this important job. I love and trust them immensely.
Karen Welden

From: Jackie Berry <jackiescasa@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 05:51:47 -0700
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To: The County Development Review Committee &
The Board of County Commissioners
From: Jacqueline Berry

I am writing this letter in support of Bridging the Worlds. I met Beverly and Robert last September when I was grieving over the lost of my dog who died of renal failure suddenly. I was introduced to their well cared for, well behaved "ready for adoption" dogs and chose a terrier who has become a wonderful addition to our family here in Santa Fe. Beverly and Robert had rescued her in Clovis, N.M. after her owner had neglected her to the point of starvation. Along with their loving attention and good vet care Anne Bonny was completely well and happy when I met her. She and I remain so thankful for Beverly and Robert and Bridging the Worlds.

Their work is valued by many animal lovers and so very needed.

Thank You, Jacqueline Berry
901 placita Chaco
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505
471-6004

----- Original Message -----

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To: Catherine Louisell
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 3:08 PM
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Please send the email letter to us at this address. We want to show up with a stack of messages that leaves no doubt that there is a wide spread community who values animals and the people who help them.

From: debra_reath@3sisecurity.com <debra_reath@3sisecurity.com>

Subject: support

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 07:37:06 -0400

To: <beverly@bridgingtheworlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

Hi Beverly & Robert, I totally love and support the work you do at the sanctuary for the needy animals. I can attest personally the great lengths you go to, to provide for these wonderful pets that need medical help and shelter until they can be adopted. Our entire family LOVE Silver, the white shepherd/husky, the our son adopted from Bridging the Worlds. She is a beautiful and loving dog that we have just spoiled rotten. Without your facility, she and many other animals would not get the opportunity to find a loving home. I wish you the best in ensuring the zoning you need to continue this wonderful caring environment.

To the Santa Fe County Development Review Committee and the Board of County Commissioners: Please grant the necessary approval to make Bridging the Worlds land available for the great place they provide for all these animals. They give of themselves for all the homeless animals, until finding them a suitable home. Please grant the re-zoning of their land so that this great work can continue. If you have ever had a pet that you love as part of your family, you know what you need to do to make sure that all the animals that come through Bridging the Worlds can give to a family, just like yours. Thank You

From: Ross Bishop <shamanross@comcast.net>
Subject: Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 22:42:26 -0400
To: <jsullivan@co.santa-fe.nm.us>
CC:
BCC:

To:
The County Development Review Committee,
and the Board of County Commissioners,
of the County of Santa Fe.

Re: zoning request by Bridging The Worlds Animal Sanctuary

Commissioner Sullivan:

I have had the opportunity to work closely with the owners of for a number of years as they have worked tirelessly to rescue, bring back to health and find loving homes for hundreds of dogs that have been abandoned, shot, run over, starved, maimed and otherwise abused and neglected. Instead of euthanizing less desirable animals, Bridging The Worlds and their group of volunteers have worked tirelessly to place these animals in good homes. It easy to kill a dog that might be difficult to adopt, it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to find a dog like that a home, but these people do it, over and over again.

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Sincerely,

Ross Bishop

Ps. I think its high time that the County helped these people pay for the service they offer the county and its citizens.

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy;
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

From: Joe Warlick <lolo@tularosa.net>
Subject: Sanctuary
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 20:35:41 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To the Decision Makers in Santa Fe,

My name is Cornelia Warlick and I do rescue in southern New Mexico, without the help of Bridging the World many beautiful dogs here would have been euthanized, because here there are no No-kill Shelters. Beverly and Robert are very caring compassionate people who put the welfare of the dogs they take in first. They relentlessly work to improve lives of abandoned dogs. Because of them many dogs did not have to die in shelter all over New Mexico. Their sanctuary is a success thanks to their dedication to help dogs. It would be a big blow to all other rescues in New Mexico if they could not continue to do their work. Many more dogs would end up in Animal Controls and would have to be euthanized.

A survey which was done here in southern New Mexico, showed that one dog in a shelter which has to be euthanized cost the city \$179 Dollars, so every dog they take in saves Animal Shelters money.

They are fighting to decrease the population of animal companions by placing dogs with responsible owners and end the killing unwanted dogs with the work they do and should be commended for their work, I am proud to know Beverly and Robert and think they should be supported in their work.

Sincerely,

Cornelia Warlick
1 Arabian Lane
La Luz, NM

From: Jean O'Flinn <jeanoflinn@zianet.com>

Subject: let it be so

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:34:20 -0700

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

County Development Review
Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

To whom -

It is with great pleasure that I am asked to write a letter describing my experience working with Bridging the Worlds, An Animal Sanctuary. I am a dedicated volunteer and also foster Mom to many dogs. I joined the BTW group about a year ago and have never waived in my commitment to this group. Beverly and Robert, the founders of Bridging the Worlds, possess a commitment dovetailed with integrity and understanding and time and love and education that surpasses any I've seen. The animals in their care are relaxed, socialized, groomed, leash trained, spayed and/or neutered, have been given veterinarian examinations and the necessary inoculations to be ready for adoption. I have seen Beverly and/or Robert spend an entire adoption afternoon sharing information and educational tips with prospective adopters about a particular dog while also sharing the information that they have as to how this dog ended up to be rescued and in their care. If they feel that it is not a good match or that a prospective home is not the best one for this particular dog, they will not hesitate to decline the adoption. All dogs stay at their Sanctuary until the right home is found, no matter how long that takes. That is their level of commitment.

They are changing the way the people of New Mexico think and feel about dogs. We all know that this is a serious and ongoing problem and I feel that Bridging the Worlds is working toward and successfully bringing about great change.

Sincerely,

Jean O'Flinn

From: Ross Bishop <shamanross@comcast.net>

Subject: To: The County Development Review Committee, and the Board of County Commissioners,of the County of Santa Fe.

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 22:33:23 -0400

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To:
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Sincerely,

Ross Bishop

From: Ken Johnson <kmj51@hotmail.com>

Subject: requested letter

Date: Wed, 20 Jun 2007 02:29:46 +0000

To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

48A Apache Plume Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87508
June 19, 2007

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners
Santa Fe, NM

Gentlepersons:

Since our retirement (Jayne from the Santa Fe Public Schools and me from The New Mexican) we have devoted our lives to the transfer of pets from people who don't want them to people who do. Our efforts last summer resulted in the finding of good homes for some 400 animals either abandoned, abused, or facing euthanasia in pounds across this state. Bridging The Worlds is the hub of our whole operation; we could not continue to function without this sanctuary's continued existence. If you've never had a zoning decision come before you with all the creditable evidence in favor of rezoning, you've got one now.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Johnson
Jayne A. Johnson

From: Phil Offill <poffill@grappawireless.com>
Subject: Bridging the Worlds
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:53:38 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

Re: Bridging the Worlds

We became acquainted with Beverly and Robert and the wonderful work they do a little over a year ago when we contacted Bridging the Worlds regarding adoption of a dog. A beautiful 8-yr-old white German Shepherd selected us to be his people and had he not been rescued by Bridging the Worlds eleven months earlier, we would never have been blessed to have him for a friend and companion - he would not have survived. Robert and Beverly nourished and nurtured him back to life and he is a perfect gentleman, despite his years of mistreatment prior to being rescued.

Ours is only one of a myriad of such stories. This area is incredibly blessed to have a facility operated by such selfless and caring people as these two. Please do a favor for the people in the Santa Fe area, as well as our canine friends, by allowing their operation to continue for as long as they are able.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil & Jody Offill
PO Box 100
Tesuque, NM 87574
505-995-1976

From: Laura Moore <laura@crittersandme.com>
Subject: Land re-zoning
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 19:36:17 -0600
To: 'Beverly Antaeus' <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

Dear Review Committee and Country Commision members:

I am writing this letter in support of the request for re-zoning for Bridging the Worlds Sanctuary. I am the owner of The Critters and Me Natural Pet Foods and Supplies retail store in Santa Fe, NM and also an officer of another 501C3, Friends of Rescued Animals in San Miguel County. I have worked with Beverly and Robert for seven years now and support their work with food donations and monies from our animal welfare group to spay and neuter many of their animals.

This organization has done amazing work to help with the overpopulation of animals in New Mexico as well as education of owners on how to care and maintain good relationships with their pets. Our shelters, as you know, are overwhelmed with stray and relinquished dogs and Bridging The Worlds has only helped with that overflow and saved many animals from being destroyed. They have had the ability to give excellent health care and socialize these dogs so they may find good homes for the rest of their lives. This has given many dogs the chance they need and deserve to be in this world which most shelters have been unable to take the time to do.

It will only be an asset to Northern New Mexico and the animal community to re-zone this property so Bridging The Worlds can continue with their good work.

Thank you so much for you consideration and I look forward to hearing a positive response to this request.

Sincerely your,

Laura Moore
The Critters & Me, Inc
1403 Agua Fria
Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-982-5040

From: J42north <j42north@mac.com>

Subject: Land use matters

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 18:12:32 -0700

To: <beverly@bridgingtheworlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

The dedicated work of Beverly and Robert at Bridging the Worlds Sanctuary is an important element in our society. They bring into focus much needed attitudes regarding the treatment and mistreatment of animals. They provide care and find homes for many unfortunate pets who have been tossed aside by careless owners. The compassion, ability and facilities to do these things are as important to a society's well being as other civic matters. Please consider their pleas.

Joan Walsh

owner of adopted dog 'Koshare' aka Potato

mother of man who adopted Augie and Santiago

From: Rocon66@aol.com <Rocon66@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Rezoning Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary property
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 20:54:20 EDT
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

Dear County Development Review Board and Board of County Commissioners members,

My name is Carolyn Claire Conley and I would like to tell you how grateful my husband Robert and I are for the work Beverly Antaeus and Robert Hayes have done and continue to do in their mission to find homes for rescued and abandoned dogs. We have one of their dogs from the El Rito rescue of about 5 years back. He's very large Malamute that most people didn't want because of his size. His name is Gopala and he is our treasure. I have been one of their volunteer since then. Their no kill sanctuary provides a home for two unadoptable dogs from my neighborhood in Rio en Medio. They also helped find homes for three other dogs we rescued up here. What ever they need to continue good work, we think it should be granted. Please allow their rezoning to be approved.

Sincerely,

Carolyn and Robert Conley

See what's free at AOL.com.

From: VeeAlva Adams <taoskennels@newmex.com>
Subject: Re: [caannm] please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 18:26:47 -0600
To: <beverly@bridgingtheworlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

Re: Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary land use issue

To whom it may concern:

Please be aware that New Mexico Canine Rescue and Safeguard, Inc. respectfully requests that you decide IN FAVOR of the land occupied by Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary being re-zoned to accommodate the very important work being done there.

Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary is a valuable member of the community that does an excellent job caring for homeless animals that come to them in need. It is very important that members of our government recognize the significance of the fact that animals and their welfare are considered a priority by voting members of the public. Organizations such as Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary are sorely needed, wanted and required by the people of all communities in the state of New Mexico.

VeeAlva Adams
Taos Kennels
New Mexico Canine Rescue and Safeguard, Inc.
505.758.9228

Carolyn Gaines
PO Box 691
Dulce, NM
87528
(I reside in Chama, NM).

6/19/07

County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners
Santa Fe, NM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you to offer strong support to your committee in deciding to re-zone the land of the animal rescue organization Bridging the Worlds. In several different circumstances I have called animal rescue organizations across New Mexico and in a case or two all over the United States trying to find assistance for homeless and/or injured animals who had no one willing to care for them. Many rescue organizations are limited in funds and room and often cannot offer assistance. The one rescue organization that has helped me consistently in even the most dire of circumstances has been Bridging the Worlds.

The services they provide are so vital to helping animals in need—animals that people have abandoned, animals that people have abused, animals that people have not spayed or neutered and who are having more unwanted animals. If Beverly and Robert were not able to continue their rescue work the loss in New Mexico would be great both for pets in need and for the adopting families that are blessed with these four legged lives. The loss would also be great for people like me who regularly run across homeless animals and have few places to turn.

Animal abuse and abandonment is an epidemic problem for this state. I entreat you to please pass this re-zoning policy to enable Beverly and Robert to continue their labor of offering safe havens, care, and homes to otherwise lost, suffering, and abandoned animals.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Gaines

From: Arifa Goodman <arifa@newmexico.com>

Subject: To the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 17:36:25 -0600

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To the County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

I'm writing to voice my support for Bridging the Worlds Animal Sanctuary in their request to rezone their land. They provide a much needed service for helping ease the plight of the many homeless dogs in New Mexico, getting them off the streets and providing love and care in a home atmosphere to the abandoned ones. Bridging the Worlds deserves all help and support for their wonderful community service.

Sincerely,
Arifa Goodman
PO Box 303
San Cristobal, NM 87564

From: Jane Julseth <jane@citydifferentrealty.com>

Subject: County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:33:54 -0600

To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

To: County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Bridging The Worlds and their request that their land be rezoned. This organization provides an invaluable service in New Mexico. They work to rescue and place homeless and abused animals. There is an enormous need for this type of work.

I adopted a dog from the organization several years ago. He has been a delight, and I am grateful for the existence of Bridging The Worlds.

Thank you and regards,

Jane Julseth

Jane Julseth, Owner/Broker
City Different Realty
1709 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501

505-930-1544 (cell)
505-629-4446 (direct)
505-983-6652 (fax)

Jane@CityDifferentRealty.com
www.SantaFeHomeSource.com
www.CityDifferentRealty.com

From: Cheryl Kitchens <CherylKitchens@msn.com>
Subject: Re: please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:32:59 -0600
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To: County Development Review Committee & Board of County Commissioners

From: Cheryl Kitchens
P. O. Box 731
Cedar Crest, NM 87008
(505) 28-5551
cherylkitchens@msn.com

I would like to write this message in support of Bridging the Worlds. These organizations are so very much needed and Robert and Beverly are doing everything within their means to save good, well-deserving animals. We adopted one of their young dogs two years ago. She is the best dog we have ever loved and cherished. We have lived in the east mountain area outside of Albuquerque since 1979 and fully recognize a deserving dog that has been properly re-socialized to become an important member of a family.

Sandy is not the first dog we have taken in that was in need of a good home. But, she is the best. Even with all the money and time constraints that Robert and Beverly must be dealing with daily, Sandy was a well-trained, obedient, respectful and completely healthy dog from day one. It would be such a shame in the minds of those like us that love animals to think that such a dog might have never had a chance at life.

Please allow Bridging the Worlds to continue their very important work.

Cheryl Kitchens

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Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 4:08 PM
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From: JULIE L. <santafe_julie@msn.com>
Subject: RE: please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:32:56 -0600
To: <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

Dear County Commissioners and Others Whom It May Concern,

Bridging the Worlds (BTW) Animal Sanctuary is a desperately needed organization in northern New Mexico. Too many pets and not enough homes means 1000s of animals in our community are needlessly euthanized every year, and BTW has stepped up to the plate to try to make a difference, and they have. I have been working with them for over a year and have been very impressed by their commitment to helping the animals who so desperately need them.

Please allow them to keep doing what they do so well and continue the work of the Sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Julie Luetzelschwab
Santa Fe

>From: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
>To: Catherine Louisell <clouisell@plateautel.net>
>Subject: please read, and write!
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From: Vickie Gabin <vlgabin@nm.net>
Subject: Bridging the Worlds
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 16:31:57 -0600
To: beverly antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
BCC:

To: County Development Review Committee
Board of County Commissioners

Fr: Vickie Gabin

Re: Bridging the Worlds

I write to support Bridging the Worlds' re-zoning request. Robert and Beverly's animal sanctuary provides a service sorely needed by this community, and by the people who love animals.

My family has two adopted animals - one was a street cat and the other, a stray dog from the Navajo Reservation. It's been a difficult (but rewarding) job to get them integrated into polite society. As a result of our own work, I appreciate Robert and Beverly's accomplishments all the more. Without a doubt, our next family pet will come from Bridging the Worlds.

Please consider their request favorably.

Thank you,

Vickie Gabin

Vickie L. Gabin
P.O. Box 9933
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5933
(505) 955-0678

June 19, 2007

To the County Development Review Committee
And Board of County Commissioners

Written on behalf of and in support of
Bridging the Worlds, an animal sanctuary

Today the fate of BTW is in your hands. In order that this remarkable organization continue to bridge the worlds between animals unwanted and animals loved they must be allowed to continue operations on their land. Rezoning of their property is the tantamount next stage. Please give them your full consideration and votes of support.

This organization is nothing short of heroic. Robert and Beverly have devoted their lives and souls to BTW and each animal soul that finds its way to their door: dog and human alike. I have known no compassion like I have known in these two nor do I suspect ever will. They have bestowed upon the animal world a gift: a gift of life, of hope, of love and of safety and that safety is unequaled on their property. The joy they bring to the animals they rescue and restore in combination with the joy they bring to the humans who bring these animals into their permanent homes is an honor to witness.

Please give your vote for rezoning to BTW and allow these amazing humans to continue their work. Your compassion for this project will not go unrewarded.

Sincerely and always in awe of the magic of BTW,

Ashley Young
Board President
Bridging The Worlds.
ashley@bridgingtheworlds.org
505-470-1198

From: JilldianeK9MT <jilldiane_k9mt@earthlink.net>

Subject: Letter to the County Development Review Committee and Board of County Commissioners

Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 18:24:23 -0400 (EDT)

To: <Beverly@bridgingtheworlds.org>

CC:

BCC:

County Development Review Committee and
Board of County Commissioners

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bridging the Worlds. These people were a Godsend to me and my family of 4 dogs over 3 years ago when I needed to relocate from Albuquerque, NM, to Phoenix, AZ. I was unable to bring my dogs with me and on very short notice Beverly and Robert found homes for them so they would not have to go to the pound or animal humane shelter. So because of them my dogs are able to continue to live life with new families.

Very few people that I know are willing to put in the time, money, and emotion that Beverly and Robert do in caring for homeless animals and finding homes for them too! It would be great for them to be able to be re-zoned.

Respectfully -

Jill Sherling
210-632-2761

From: Lynn Scharf <lynn_scharf@natureserve.org>
Subject: RE: please read, and write!
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 18:22:17 -0400
To: Beverly Antaeus <Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org>
CC:
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I fully support re-zoning land in Sante Fe County to allow the continuation of humane efforts of Robert and Beverly Antaeus. Their work in providing sanctuary to animals is well managed and much needed. Their ability and willingness to help people find and adopt a suitable pet/companion is commendable. People like this add value to a community and help maintain an attractive atmosphere by taking in stray animals, thus reducing overpopulation of strays and the subsequent economic and health concerns that accompany high numbers of stray animals.

My family has adopted from Robert and Beverly at Bridging the Worlds and we have had the best experience possible. Not only during the initial adoption process, but in subsequent contact as well, Rober and Beverly have been both helpful and pleasant. These are good people doing good work on behalf of the County and it is prudent for the County Development Review Committee and the Board of County commissioners in Sante Fe County to support this by re-zoning the land for their continued use.

Sincerely,

Lynn Scharf
407 Park Street
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

From: Beverly Antaeus [mailto:Beverly@BridgingTheWorlds.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 4:09 PM
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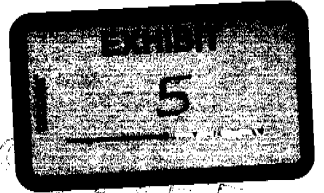
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(FILE NO. 01-5481)



PUBLIC NOTICE

AUG 14 2007

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday August 14, 2007 at 5:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the County Administration Building located at 102 Grant Avenue, for a request to the Board of county Commissioners (BCC) submitted by DR Horton (David Newell, Land Acquisition Manager), to consider a renewal and extension of a previously approved master plan for a mixed use development (residential, commercial, community) in a village zone consisting of 2,781 residential units and a maximum of 7,957,323 sq. ft. of commercial uses on 1,818 acres and identified as San Cristobal. The property is located off State Road 14 north of the County Jail in the Community College District, Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 8 East and Sections 31, 32, Township 16 North, Range 9 East within the five mile Extraterritorial District.

All interested parties will be heard at the public hearing prior to the BCC taking action. All comments, questions and objectives to the request may be submitted in writing to the County Land Use Division at PO Box 276 Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276 or presented at the meeting. If you have any questions contact the County Land Use Division at 986-6227.

August 7, 2007

This is in response to the letter above.
Where on earth will the water come from, for 2,781 homes? Also, the traffic on State Rd. 14 is terrible now, so how can all of those people get around? Please think of how many school buses will be on that two lane road.
What about police protection? ect.

Heavens! please stop and think about this.

We absolutely do not want this. Just to think about it, is a yoolish nightmare.

Please, County Commissioner, consider all of us that live in this area. There are no resources for 2,781 homes.

Sincerely,

Lara & Clyde Sanchez
6 Tranquil Trail

Phone: 471-4196



**Santa Fe Realty Partners, Inc.
54 Ave. Aldea
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505.982.6207**

August 14, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

The property at 2253 ANB Lane, owned by Lisa Griego is currently on the market to be sold. Property in this area on average has sat on the market from 71 to 393 days prior to being under contract.

Lisa Griego purchased this property back in September of 2006, at that time the property had been on the market for 360 days.

Lisa Griego along with the Santa Fe Realty Partners and the Transaction Brokers will continue to work diligently to expedite the sale and successful closing of this property.

Sincerely,

**Ruby Valdez
Transaction Broker**