

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public Hearing On Comprehensive Plan

Held At City of Belen Municipal Building

May 23, 2002

Chairman Aurelio H. Padilla called the Public Meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Aurelio H. Padilla, Chairman	
	Gary Daves, Vice-Chairman
S. T. Frank Pando, Member	
Alicia Aguilar, Member	
	Helen Baca, Member
	James Fernandez, County Manager
	Thomas Garde, County Attorney
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

Tina Gallegos, County Clerk read the agenda for the public hearing on the comprehensive plan for Valencia County.

Chairman Padilla asked Ruben Chavez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Pando made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Aguilar seconded it. Commissioner Pando voted yes. Commissioner Aguilar voted yes. Chairman Padilla voted yes. Motion carried. 3-0.

Chairman Padilla said this public meeting is for the comprehensive plan. A project that has taken some time to complete. A lot of hard work, time, money and dedication has gone into this plan and the people responsible need to be commended. Commissioner Aguilar had some concern as to whether the public was viewing this document. Copies can be obtained at the Clerk’s Office for a fee and also can it be viewed on the website. We need to encourage the public for input and today for the record we have three people in attendance for public request. Commissioner Aguilar said the Commission did not achieve our goal in that respect. Chairman Padilla said this workshop has been publicized in the newspaper. Ms. Gallegos said we have sold copies of the comprehensive plan in the Clerk’s Office and Lawerence Kaneshiro was having problems getting it on the website due to the size and due to the size of the maps it has been difficult. Commissioner Aguilar said we have to understand this is our first workshop on this plan and for the record she has read the plan page per page. Chairman Padilla at this time turned the presentation over to Ruben Chavez. Mr. Chavez proceeded with the slide show of the Valencia County Comprehensive Plan for the next fifteen to twenty years.

Public Requests

Commissioner Pando had to leave at 11:15 AM. Chairman Padilla asked the audience if anyone had any questions at this time. Commission discussed different wording for example; Commissioner Aguilar said the word shall on some definitions the definition should say should. Wording needs to be looked at closely. Chairman Padilla opened the floor for comments. Bill Brown stated the document couldn’t be followed by the slide presentation. Mr. Chavez said the slide presentation didn’t have as many pages even though it was all there slide by slide. Joan Artiaga asked if she could get the document on disc. Mr. Chavez said it is available on disc. Jacqueline Guilbault said she understood there would be another version of this document as it is being cleaned up. Commissioner Aguilar said for the public to submit all comments and suggestions as this is a public hearing and we will gather all the public input and propose the plan for the last hearing. Carl Hart said this is only the rough draft form and then set goals to revise the document. Bill Brown gave his input on policies and goals and objectives should be reviewed for appropriateness. There needs to be a timeline achieved on this document and he highly recommends this. Ms. Guilbault said a lot of misspelled words need to be looked at as well as the implmentation part of the document. Commissioner Aguilar said there needs to have references at the end of the document. Comments would be submitted in a written format and would be attached as exhibits to the workshop.

The next workshop on the comprehensive plan will be held on May 30, 2002, in the City of Belen Municipal Building Council Meeting Room.

Adjournment

The workshop was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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**ss/
AURELIO H. PADILLA, CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER**

**ss/
S. T. FRANK PANDO, MEMBER**

GARY DAVES, VICE-CHAIRMAN

HELEN BACA, MEMBER

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: June 25, 2002