

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Second Public Hearing On Comprehensive Plan**

**Held At City of Belen Municipal Building**

**May 30, 2002**

Chairman Aurelio H. Padilla called the Meeting to order at 6:10 P.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 second public hearing on the comprehensive plan for Valencia County.

**Chairman Padilla asked Commissioner Pando 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.

Commissioners turned the hearing over to Ruben Chavez of Planning and Zoning to give the presentation on the comprehensive plan.

**Public Requests**

Chairman Padilla opened the floor up for public comment. Ronald Gustafson said he was in need of a copy of the plan and where does he obtain one. Commission informed him that the County Clerk's Office has them available for the public. Mary Anderson asked a question to define a balanced community. Steve Chavez from Planning and Zoning said he could answer the question a balanced community is a community concept that was coined by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments and was an improved policy/goal for the district which would include Valencia County. A balanced community is a community, which has sufficient employment and a sufficient employment base for the residents of that community. The travel is lessened to a large extent for example a community like Las Maravillas technically in the plans would not fall under the plan at this time as a balanced community because it has no detail component in it but the plan is there and we are not trying to disparage or cast out Las Maravillas as an unbalanced community but we can use it as an example and at this time is not a balanced community pursuant to the vision of the Council of Governments as well as the vision of the comprehensive plan. Ms. Anderson asked the population projected for the year 2020 in the incorporated area and the plan states it will reach a population of over 85,000 and Valencia County will see over 30,000 total jobs for employment by this projected time frame. Steve Chavez said the data came from a number of sources and was first generated by the University in their Accounting Bureau and there is an approved planning formula that is used. The Council of Governments adopted that data as well as the Highway Department when they did their study on the bridge for Valencia County. The University Branch of Economic Research is basically the think tank that provides the basis for all of the data. There are published data books on all of these figures. Ms. Anderson has a concern on the proposal process with one of the issues of affordable homes. You can't attract a lot of people to a development that has \$300,000 houses and \$80,000 and don't think that can be done. Mr. Chavez answered that Ms. Anderson is envisioning a different perspective of what the plan is trying to achieve. Mike Milo said the public hearing needs to be better publicized not only in the legal section of the newspaper but where the public can know when and where these workshops are going to be and also recommended Mr. Chavez to stop in each chapter of the presentation for comment from the public. Commissioner Aguilar stated for the record she commented this comprehensive plan should have a clear understanding and lacks clarity. Commissioner Aguilar said Mr. Milo is the President of the Valencia Board of Realtors and being a realtor herself, the realtors have a responsibility to come to these meetings and give their input. Comments will be submitted in a written format and will be attached as exhibits to the workshop.

Motion by Commissioner Pando to adjourn this public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Aguilar. Motion carried. Time being 7:50 PM.

The next workshop on the comprehensive plan will be held on Friday, June 7, 2002 at 10:00 AM in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

**Adjournment**

**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**

**MEMBER GARY DAVES, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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

**ss/  
ALICIA AGUILAR,**

**HELEN BACA, MEMBER**

**ATTEST: ss/**

**TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE: June 25, 2002**