

Animas Registered District Advisory Committee - RDAC Meeting Minutes
7-20-2023

In attendance: Anita Rancatti, Dot Wehrly, Sheila Lee, Shirley Dills, Maria Spero, Albert Durand and Tom Townsend

Discussion Items

County working on Water Policy Priorities

Land Use Code - Amendments. All adopted items - then amendments and proposals.

NOTE: Look here for ammo
Uses for water

Fire - serious potential for major disaster

Gasoline, propane, sparks
Hwy 550 Blocked (during past fire)

Roberts to pay for traffic study so he chooses the traffic professional to do it. Then study goes to CDOT.

DO: Let CDOT know we are watching.

Albert Durand suggested we meet with Jeff Robbins - previous County Attorney for Durango. Robbins said to Shirley he is willing to help us and he has the time?

CDOT should be involved as Hwy 550 and 3 converging roadways

Roberts is huge all over the country. Can't move trailers quickly. No trailer?

River put-in

Access never denied to rafters and kayakers. Fence never closed. Adverse possession. Public already has access.

Roberts get rid of liability with river put-in? Colorado Supreme Court ruling regarding river put-in.

Formalize it with Adverse Possession.

CR 250 is under State Law.

Give cyclists 3 feet. Yellow line makes it illegal to cross to protect biker.

Four Corners (Rafting?)- no blockage for what number of years?

Albert sent letters to Editor regarding fire risks. (Published - or not? - I don't recall seeing them.)

Minor Use versus Major Use - Animas Land Use Code needs definition

Minor - Requires no land use zoning changes.

Major - Required for any land use zoning change. Special uses should also fall into this category. Proposal is to change all Special Use from permitted uses to Major. Need to start developing a red-lined Animas Valley Land Use Plan

Tom Townsend - Sheryl Rogers, County Attorney. Requirement - train at Rockwood. County obliged to review impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

County Planning to deal with consequences as they would not let us define "growth hub".

Jim Denier, former owner of gravel pit, is against this proposal.

Map is needed to show. Rezoned from industrial to commercial. Showed map. Marie has big map.

Floodplain discussed. What are the floodplain requirements? Palmer reportedly got it moved back.

If Minor Use - define it.

Special Use Permit.

Augment to add primary - no change to current Land Use.

Define Special Use. Ask Julie Westendorff, former County Commissioner, what she understood this change meant, as she was in office at the time.

Need to clarify Board of County Commissioners Call-up procedure.

What is the Code Enforcement process and who is doing it now?

Housing relief valve on CR 203? Due to water and sewer.

Mobile Home Parks were grandfathered in.

Class 1 now a Minor. Class 2 now a Major. They changed the definitions. And did so without asking us. We objected. Got nowhere. Were to take what we had originally. They made a string of changes.

We address issues. If make changes, we write it. They go to Legal.

Remove Special Use from Minor to Major. Go through it word for word.

A false equivalency.

If mobile home, tiny home - determine the distance it must be between. Should be further apart to reduce potential fire issues. **Team believes using fire remediation is a good approach to reducing density.**

Palmer & Hot Springs. Hotel - 3 story.

Planning Commissioners are appointed.

Rule not enforced 10 years - open and notorious use