

## **Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee--DRAFT**

### **September 26, 2019**

**Subcommittee members:** Nancy Boudrie, June Wall, Dianne Wilburn, Jake Trujillo

**Subcommittee members absent:** Lisa Reader

**LA County Representatives:** Jeff Humpton

**Guests:** Louis Schulte, Wendy Burke-Ryan, Melissa Arias, Susan Williams, Brian Hollander, Amy Rogers

Discussions:

1. Minutes August 22, 2019: Approved as written
2. Follow-up on items that require County action:
  - Ongoing concern about the county owned lots at North Mesa Stable area
    - Jeff Humpton reports there is no update on the disposition of county owned lots.
  - Update on rodeo arena lights
    - Jeff Humpton reports there is no new information
    - Project will cost twice the \$120,000 that is currently budgeted
    - There will be an opportunity to request more money in December
      - ELAS will put this on October ELAS meeting agenda to be presented to PROS at their November meeting
  - Non-profit license agreement
    - Jeff does not know where Dan is on this process
    - Passed back to Melissa Arias for final revisions
3. Proposed Amendment to Section IV “Services Provided by Los Alamos County,” Part I of the “North Mesa Horse Stable Rules and Regulations” dated October 22, 2014.
  - Current wording in the 2014 Rules and Regulations: “Any request for services must be made by a Licensee. A report of conditions may be made by any person.”
  - LASOA requests the addition of the following qualifiers:
    - “Parks, Recreation and Open Space Division will consult with the Los Alamos Stable Owners Association concerning substantial projects affecting all lot license fees.”
    - “Licensee(s) requesting projects that affect all lot licensee(s) and/or yearly license fees must bring that project proposal to the Los Alamos Stable Owner Association (LASOA) for review. This includes projects perceived to be a (non-emergency) safety hazard

and/or liability issue. Projects recommended by LASOA will be submitted for review by the Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee (ELAS) or the appropriate Parks, Recreation and Open Space Subcommittee.”

- Discussion:
  - Brian Hollander states that many stable owners do not recognize LASOA as their representative to the County
  - Brian states that he served on the committee that rewrote the Rules and Regulations and worked hard to assure that LASOA was not mentioned in them
  - Brian fears that LASOA will be able to block individual negotiations with the County, i.e., the 4-H lot
  - ELAS members reassured Brian that the intention was for the stable licensees to have input into projects that may cost a substantial amount of money which affects the yearly lot assessment fees
  - Jeff Humpton added that the proposed amendment helps to protect the County workers who are asked to perform operations that affect the overall costs for all licensees. They would be able to say that they are unable to proceed on the project until LASOA approves
  - All licensees may vote on these issues in spite of the fact that they do not recognize LASOA as their representative to the County
- Motion: June Wall moved that the Amendment, as stated above, be approved and sent to PROS for approval. Dianne Wilburn seconded. Vote 3 for, 1 against. Motion passed.

#### 4. Outdoor arena maintenance

- Water needed to treat the arenas
  - Jeff states that Parks and Rec does not have a water truck
  - Could we tap into non-potable water?
    - Jeff states that the non-potable water costs almost as much as fresh
  - Should we ask for a watering system along with the lights?
  - Should Parks and Rec have a water truck?
  - Nancy will talk with Dan about how we can have access to water for the arenas
- Jake Trujillo states that the deep sand in the rodeo arena is dangerous for horses

#### 5. Rodeo Contractor update

- Dianne Marquez of LA County states that RFP's are going out for a multi-year contract with potential renewals
- Contract will have an escape clause to protect either party in case there are problems
- RFP's going out this fall in an effort to have the contract in place by January.

- Jake Trujillo suggests that the rodeo be co-sanctioned with NM Rodeo Association
  - Dianne Marquez will use Jake as a resource in the planning and organization of the rodeo with respect to rodeo contractors
6. BMX track
- June Wall expressed concern about the location of the BMX track on the fence line south of the horse arenas and near the Kwage Mesa trailhead
7. Adjournment
- Dianne move and Jake seconded the motion to adjourn
  - Majority vote to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1245.

Respectfully submitted,

*June Wall*, Secretary  
Equine and Livestock Advisory Subcommittee