

THE NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

Notes from October 11, 2010 North Plains Community Plan Update Meeting Apex Recreation Center

Welcome to your community meeting!

OPENING COMMENTS?

Purpose of meeting is to go over Equestrian issues. Topics include minimum lot size for equestrian uses on new residential developments.

- RC: Handing out maps with lot sizes and building coverage for discussion on appropriate equine lot sizes.
Development patterns trending to 10,000-15,000 square foot lot sizes with more building coverage than decades ago when R-1 zoning was prevalent.
- C: Smaller lot sizes for equestrian uses would get degraded quicker. Larger lots are more appropriate.
- C: All plain plans should have the same recommendations for horse property.
- C: Newer developments occurring in the Fairmont area would not accommodate large animals
- C: Square footages for “open areas” should be for the animals and exclusive of the driveway, sidewalks, etc.
- C: There is some information out there on pen sizes and the CSU extension has information as well.
- C: Much of the issues created with small lot sizes having animals are brought upon by the owners and poor property management.
- C: Equine trails in semi-rural areas are being blocked off by new subdivisions that do not allow equestrian land uses. Avoiding “land locking” existing horse property from area trail networks is important.
- C: Existing equestrian trails in the Fairmont shall remain their connectivity.
- ?: How many horses are in the County and the Fairmont area?
- C: Area vets may know.
- RC: What is an appropriate size for a lot that would have horses?
Is 12,500 square feet too small for horse allowance? YES
Half acre minimum lot sizes seem more appropriate. Then allow for the 9,000 square feet for first horse, and 6,000 square feet there after.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!