



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF MESILLA  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

**TRUSTEE:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jesus Caro, Trustee  
Linda L. Flores, Trustee  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

**STAFF:** Cynthia Stoenner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
K.C. Alberg, Marshal  
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director  
Gloria Maya, Recorder

**PUBLIC:** Susan Krueger

- A public hearing for comments pertaining to the Mesilla 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mayor Barraza opened the Public Hearing 6:06 p.m.

Ms. Krueger reviewed her recommendations and comments. *See attachment*

Mayor Barraza asked what does the subdivision have to do with the Comprehensive Plan. We are dealing with the town as a whole.

Ms. Krueger responded she is looking at one element of the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Barraza stated the first F is now deleted; G is now the new F.

Mayor Barraza asked if she wants it to stay as is.

Ms. Krueger responded she would like 10 comprehensive plan to be as accurate as possible when describing the land.

Mayor Barraza stated it sounds like a personal vendetta and asked what she proposing for this land. She will need to ask Ms. Taylor about the white line.

1 Ms. Krueger stated it isn't a vendetta.

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3 Mayor Barraza apologized for using the word vendetta – it is a concern.

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5 Trustee Caro stated ten years ago got a map that showed one acre lots. But Mr. Smith bought a  
6 two acre lots from the Fresquez'. Now Ms. Krueger says they are five acre lots so he does not  
7 know the real story behind it.

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9 Mayor Barraza stated we can do a history check. The consensus of the Planning and Zoning and  
10 Board of Trustees is that not everyone wants to purchase five acres to build a home on. Since the  
11 area was already divided it would be the right area to do that kind of development in. We were  
12 looking at the map as a whole during the worksessions not individually. There was a lot of  
13 discussion regarding the Raley's farm. It was a consensus to direct Ms. Taylor to do it this way.  
14 She believes the cotton gin has always been zoned RF and does not know if the board wants it to  
15 be zoned Industrial.

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17 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it was discussed during the worksessions but was decided it  
18 should be kept RF.

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20 Ms. Taylor stated it would not make a difference since the land use is one thing and zoning is  
21 another.

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23 Mayor Barraza stated towers are allowed in the RF zone; it can be a minor change.

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25 Ms. Taylor stated the parcel boundaries for the area west of Snow Road are what are on the  
26 County Assessor's map. This area was rezoned R1 for smaller lots. That is why is identified as  
27 an Area of Change. Referred to page 49. She stated it can be removed since it is not a  
28 dedicated road.

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30 Trustee Flores stated we looked at promoting and allowing agricultural use to keep agricultural  
31 money. Since they get packaged somewhere else we do not get any revenue.

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33 Mayor Barraza responded when cotton was being processed it was zoned RF. As Ms. Taylor  
34 indicated RF and Industrial zones are the identical. She asked Mr. Shannon to look at the lots off  
35 of Snow Road.

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37 Ms. Krueger stated since this property was rezoned R1 it had the appearance of being a  
38 possibility where people could purchase a smaller lot, it would have to be subdivided. This  
39 property was to remain within the family; there was one four acre tract that was sold outside of  
40 the family. Reiterated the question how were these areas selected. It is going to subdivide due to  
41 the size of the lots. It was recommended moving that area into Area of Interest so that research  
42 could go forward.

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46 Trustee Caro stated indicated the first part of page 150 does not go with it (Transportation).

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48 Ms. Taylor responded those were ideas that came from the community at the public meetings.

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Fire Chief Hoban responded the comment “low hanging fruit” means it is easy to do.

Ms. Taylor stated if the board would like to make changes with regards to the comments made tonight it would be easy to adopt. It needs to show in the minutes the changes on such page will be made.

**Closed Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m.**

1 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2 **TOWN OF MESILLA**  
3 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
4 **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017**  
5 **6:00 P.M.**  
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7 **TRUSTEE:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
8 Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem  
9 Jesus Caro, Trustee  
10 Linda L. Flores, Trustee  
11 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
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13 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
14 K.C. Alberg, Marshal  
15 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
16 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director  
17 Gloria Maya, Recorder  
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19 <b>PUBLIC:</b>	Susan Krueger	Jeannie Lucero
	George Mulholland	Greg Whited
	Crystal Whited	Keenan Willman
	Andy Embury	Dylan Thurnhorst
	Daryl Smith	Robert Alderete
	Wade Pinkston	Amanda Smith
	Elijah Gomez	Corral
	Thomas F. Bulger	Sherry Standford
	Amanda Gibson-Smith	Heather Tellez
	Morgan Smith	Serian Gora

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31 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

32 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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34 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

35 **Roll Call.**

36 **Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Flores, Trustee**  
37 **Johnson-Burick.**  
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39 **3. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

40 **Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee**  
41 **Caro.**  
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43 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

44 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

45 **Trustee Caro Yes**

46 **Trustee Flores Yes**

47 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**  
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1       **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.  
2 **No Public Input**

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4       **5. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION** – presented to Organizations or Individuals  
5       for their help with recent Mesilla Events and their dedication to the Town of Mesilla –  
6       **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor and Board of Trustees.**

7 Mayor Barraza presented Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers and thanked everyone from  
8 the bottom of her heart for their commitment, donations and dedication to the Town of Mesilla.  
9 We would not be able to have some of the events without their assistance.

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11 Marshal Alberg presented Certificates of Appreciation.

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14       **6. \*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – **The Board will be asked to approve by**  
15       **one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent**  
16       **Agenda is marked with an asterisk \*:**

17 **Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Mayor Pro**  
18 **Tem Arzabal.**

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20 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

21 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

22 **Trustee Caro Yes**

23 **Trustee Flores Yes**

24 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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27       **a. \*BOT MINUTES – Regular Meeting of Monday, November 13, 2017. *Approved***  
28       ***by consent agenda***

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31       **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

32       **a. For review/approval: The Town of Mesilla 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update. –**  
33       **Phyllis Taylor, Sites Southwest/ Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**

34 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviewed the requested changes. She stated there were four Public  
35 Hearings and joint worksessions with the Planning and Zoning and Trustees.

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37 Ms. Taylor stated there were a couple of things recommended by Mayor Barraza that were  
38 changed. There was a question of the MOU between EBID and Historic Preservation office.  
39 She spoke to Mr. Esslinger at EBID who indicated there was an MOU and since it is still farm  
40 land how important it is that the irrigation ditches function for the farms. There was a question  
41 regarding parking spaces, the numbers were changed making it fewer spaces than the prior draft.  
42 The Area of Change was changed to eliminate the Raley’s Farm area. We spoke about the  
43 potential for retail along Ave de Mesilla to University Avenue; that has been made on the map.  
44 We changed the area of the cotton gin to show as agricultural. There were changes on Water  
45 Conservation which are reflected in the ordinance.

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47 **Motion: To approve the Town of Mesilla 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update, Moved by**  
48 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

1 Mayor Barraza thanked the Planning and Zoning and Board of Trustees for their input. The  
2 comments made by the residents that attended the meetings were taken into account. The  
3 recommendations were reflected into the plan. Thanked all involved with updating the  
4 Comprehensive Plan.

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6 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

7 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

8 **Trustee Caro Yes**

9 **Trustee Flores Yes**

10 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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13 **b. CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) discussion of  
14 limited personnel matters on the hiring of a full-time Deputy Marshal I in the  
15 Marshal’s Department. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

16 **Motion: To close Regular Meeting and enter Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978**  
17 **Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) discussion of limited personnel matters on the hiring of a full-time**  
18 **Deputy Marshal I in the Marshal’s Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal,**  
19 **Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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21 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

22 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

23 **Trustee Caro Yes**

24 **Trustee Flores Yes**

25 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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27 **Entered Closed Session at 6:31 p.m.**

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29 **Motion: To enter Regular Meeting after limited discussion pursuant to NMSA 1978**  
30 **Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) of personnel matters on the hiring of a full-time Deputy Marshal I**  
31 **in the Marshal’s Department – no action taken, Moved by Tem Arzabal, Seconded by**  
32 **Trustee Caro.**

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34 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

35 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

36 **Trustee Caro Yes**

37 **Trustee Flores Yes**

38 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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40 **Entered Regular Session at 6:39 p.m.**

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43 **c. For approval: the hiring of a full-time Deputy Marshal I in the Marshal’s Department.**  
44 **– K.C. Alberg, Marshal.**

45 **Motion: To approve the hiring of a full-time Deputy Marshal I in the Marshal’s**  
46 **Department, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal.**

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48 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

49 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

1 **Trustee Caro Yes**  
2 **Trustee Flores Yes**  
3 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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6 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

7 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it was a great idea to recognize the volunteers that continuously  
8 give to the town. She is glad to have the Comprehensive Plan completed in doing so keeping the  
9 historical, culture and the Green Belt that makes Mesilla.

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11 Trustee Caro thanked all the businesses and individuals that donated to the Thanksgiving  
12 baskets. They made Thanksgiving possible.

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14 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated the Comprehensive Plan was a long time coming. The town paid  
15 zero money to get it done; it was a grant.

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17 Trustee Flores stated it was nice to recognize so many people that support the town.

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19 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated December 8<sup>th</sup> - Tree Lighting 6-7 p.m.; December 13<sup>th</sup> – Santa on  
20 the Plaza 1-3 p.m.; December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve on the Plaza 5:30-7:30 p.m.. We are  
21 accepting donation of candy canes or cookies.

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23 Fire Chief Hoban thanked the board for their recognition of the various people. That is a special  
24 honor.

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26 Mayor Barraza stated there were fifty-five Thanksgiving Baskets distributed. This could not  
27 have happened without everyone coming together. Recommends looking at the Webpage and  
28 Facebook; Ms. Parra keeps it updated with pictures and news. Thank all to those who help the  
29 town. It is amazing.

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31 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

32 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**

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34 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

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36 **APPROVED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017**  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez*  
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Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

