MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary B. García
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Jesús Gandara Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Guillermo Gandara Sr. *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.)*
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto, Jr., Acting City Manager
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by *Trini Lopez*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Jesus Gandara, Jr. sat in as Mayor Pro Tem

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with three members present

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move the consent agenda to be next on the agenda.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. ***APPROVAL OF*** **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 03/01/11 AND 03/0811 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 03/03/11 AND 03/17/11.** ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY FINDING PETITIONS INSUFFICIENT FOR RECALL OF CITY OFFICIAL.** ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

8. *APPROVE* RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL 112 DRIVEWAYS FOR DISTRICT 4 PILOT PROGRAM AND APPROVE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL 600 DRIVEWAYS UNDER DIRECTION OF COUNCILMAN GUILLERMO MADRID TO IMPLEMENT THE NEXT PHASE OF PILOT PROGRAM IN ALL DISTRICTS OF SOCORRO. *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

5. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Suky Ramos, spoke during Public Comment

Mayor Guillermo Gandara, Sr. arrived to the meeting at 6:03

Manny Soto, Armida Sotero and Adelaida Valenzuela, Juan Castaneda was signed up to speak but was not present.

REGULAR AGENDA:

9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* IB TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURTS EDUCATION CENTER TRAINING. *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to delete *item number nine (9).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON COUGAR PARK. *MARY B. GARCIA*

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve April 23, for the 1st Annual Easter Celebration for the City of Socorro at Cougar Park designating Hotel/Motel funds to be used for the event and including the use of the park by organizations from April 15 to the 25th for decoration and clean up of the park.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

11. *SWEARING IN* OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS. *MARY B. GARCIA*

During this time Mayor Gandara swore in David Garcia to the Historical Landmark Commission.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move the Presentation to be next on the agenda.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

4. *PRESENTATION* OF COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN PROJECT STATUS REPORT BY SITES SOUTHWEST, LLC. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

Deborah Hradek, of Sites Southwest indicated she was not ready to make her presentation.

12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES FROM A FINANCIAL INSITUTION TO SERVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2011 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014 WITH A PROVISION FOR A TWO ONE-YEAR CONTINUATION UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITION OF THE CONTRACT. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve Wells Fargo Bank, to provide bank depository services to the City of Socorro, Texas for the three-year period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2014 which includes a provision for two one-year extensions.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

13. *EXCUSE* ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and to move this item to the Consent Agenda for future meetings.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVAL OF THE SPEED HUMP PROJECT FOR APODACA, ST. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

15. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SHADE AND CAR PORT AT *LOT 2, BLOCK 14, VALLE DEL SOL #2.* ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *go with the Planning & Zoning recommendation and deny item number fifteen (15).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REZONING OF *TRACT 1A-41 AND 1A-44 LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293* FROM *UNCLASSIFIED ZONING* TO *M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.* ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

Bobby Malooly, owner of this property spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table this item for no more than thirty (30) days and if worked out earlier to be brought back to council at a later date.).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

17. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TP AWARD WEATHERIZATION CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT UNDER SECO GRANT SUBAWARD#463MM TO SOLAR SMART LIVING LLC FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES AT THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Jerry Wallace stepped out of the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number seventeen (17).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

Manny Soto stepped out of the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Jerry Wallace stepped back into the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

4. *PRESENTATION* OF COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN PROJECT STATUS REPORT BY SITES SOUTHWEST, LLC. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

Manny Soto stepped back into the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Presentation made by Deborah Hradek of Sites Southwest, LLC. *(See Exhibit "A")*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *swear in Mrs. Cathe Apodaca to the Historical Landmark Commission.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

During this time Mayor Gandara swore in Cathe Apodaca to the Historical Landmark Commission.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:01 P.M.

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. ***MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number twenty (20).* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

21. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *adjourn at 8:02 p.m.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr. absent. Motion passed.

Guillermo Gandara Jr.

Guillermo Gandara, Sr. Mayor

Olivia Navarro

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

April 21, 2011

Date when minutes were approved

Prepared by Olivia Navarro

Socorro Comprehensive Master Plan

Council Update

Prepared for the City of Socorro, Texas

By Sites Southwest, LLC

April 2011

Public Meetings

- Tuesday, October 5, 2010
- 6:00-8:00pm
- Rio Vista Community Center

- Tuesday, February 22, 2011
- 6:00-8:00pm
- Socorro Sports Center

- Wednesday, April 20, 2011
- 6:00-8:00pm
- Rojas Elementary Cafeteria

Public Meeting Comments

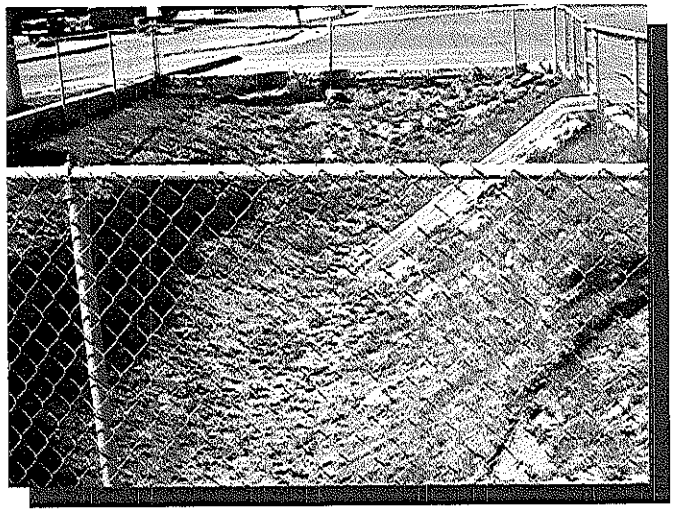
- **General & Infrastructure**
  - Socorro needs Sidewalks
  - Socorro needs for more Lighting
    - Leads to traffic accidents
  - Water tanks for Firefighter Use
  - Gas lines on Horizon are Dangerous
  - Lots of Trash
  - Many Dead Animals – "Road Kill Country"

Public Meeting Comments

- **Transportation/Roads**
  - Major problems with intersection of Horizon/Alameda & Horizon/N.Loop
  - Too much traffic on Middle Drain & Bauman Road.
  - Lots of Streets need paving.
  - More access from I-10.
  - Do not build any more homes until streets are widened.
  - Rio Vista change speed limit to 35 mph from 25 mph.
  - Widen bridge by Sanchez School

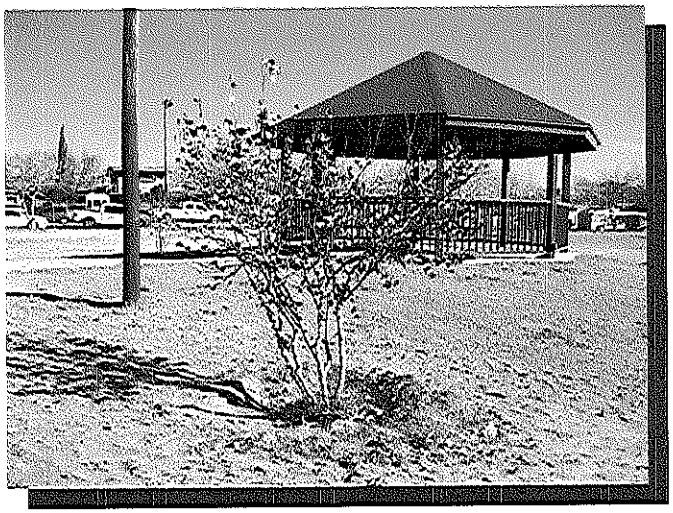
Public Meeting Comments

- **Water/Wastewater Utilities**
  - Peters & Passmore: Sewage plants (not) built adequately (because) during summer they stink.
    - Stinky sewer plant at Peters & Passmore

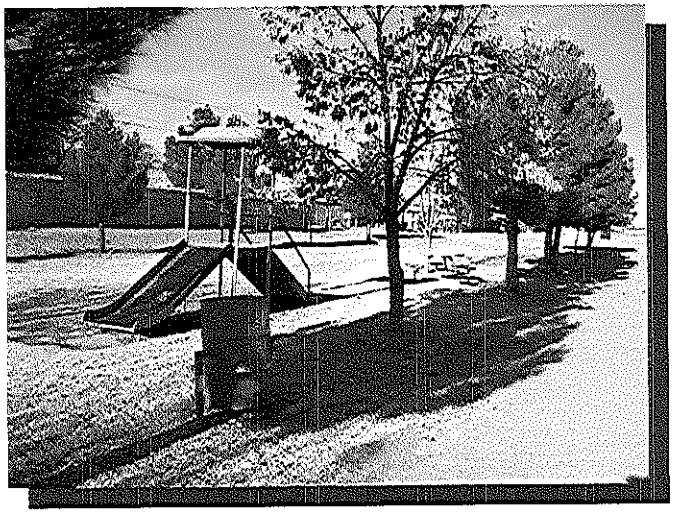


  - [Socorro needs] proper drainage
    - Major storms cause drainage overflow
    - Maintenance of ponding areas an issue
  - The corner of Carlin and Favila – Accumulates a lot of water when it rains.

Public Meeting Comments

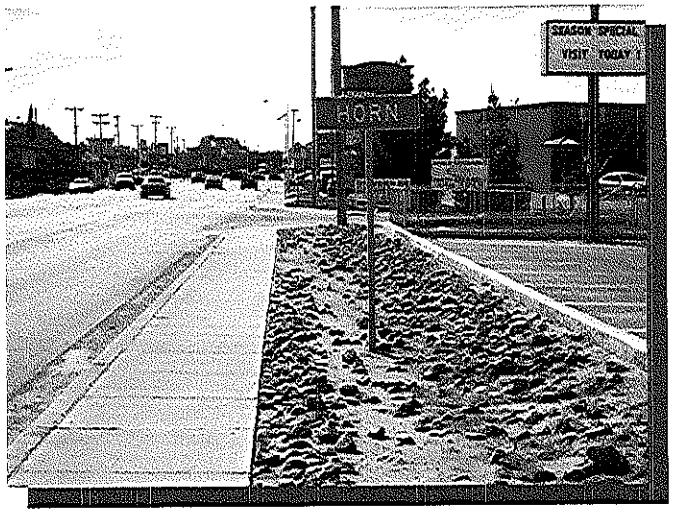


- **Parks and Recreation**
  - Fix up the existing parks
  - Socorro lacks parks
    - (Eastern Area)
  - We need a walkway with lights and
  - No recreation for kids & teenagers



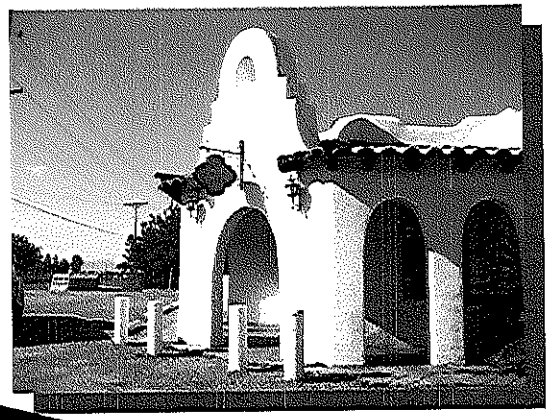
Public Meeting Comments

- **Public Facilities and Services**
  - There is not enough control for dogs & cats
  - People are leaving dogs on Middle drain ditch
  - Programs after school are needed (summer school)
  - Reduce school zone limit from 30mph to 25 mph at Socorro High School
  - Lack of fire service
  - Lack of chemical disposal can cause epidemic
  - Street & Site Maintenance not sufficient
    - Roads full of weeds/trash
    - Majority of properties are dirty/full of trash
  - Trash trucks/solid waste department is not sufficient
    - Not enough trash pick-up
    - Alternatives needed for people to throw trash
  - Trash truck needs to come more often
    - 3x6 trash limit



Public Meeting Comments

- **Historic Preservation**
  - The Mission is "a Jewel" in Socorro.
  - Divert truck traffic off Socorro road in order to protect historic adobe structures
  - Inventory historic buildings
  - Designate historical area and offer incentives for preservation and tourism development
  - Attract more business to the Socorro Rd. area

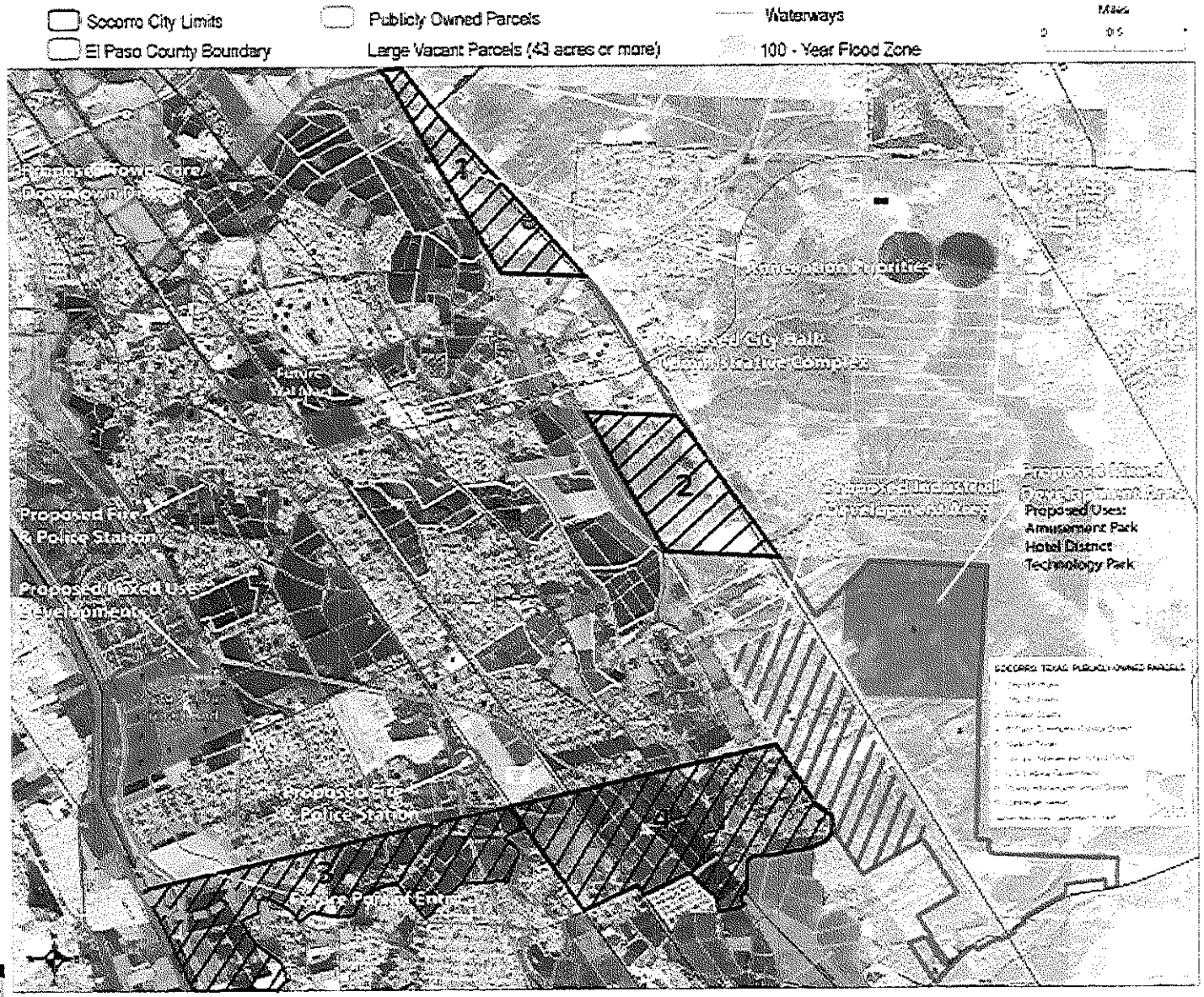


Public Meeting Comments

- **General**
  - Socorro has a Lot of Good People
  - More Police
  - Taxes are high
  - Need Boys & Girls Club
  - Need a Public Library
  - There are plans, but no Implementation
  - Need more advertising for Recycling Center

Socorro, Texas

DRAFT Future Land Use Ideas



Stakeholder Interviews

- Economic Development
- Drainage Issues
- Transportation Corridors
- New Park/Community Centers
- Identify Walking/Biking/Equestrian Trails
- Is there a need or desire for Agricultural Preservation in Socorro?

Stakeholder Interviews

- Information on Subdivisions and Planning
- City is currently amending its Historic District Ordinance
- It is important to figure out future transportation network first, then plan out future land uses
- Establishing a Maintenance Department is also a priority

Stakeholder Interviews

- Likes concept of Smart Growth
- Want to create a unique sense of place for Socorro
- Irrigation Ditches
- Agriculture/Open Space
- Mission Trail has lost its identity in last 10-15 years
- Flooding

Stakeholder Interview Notes

- Annexation
- Safe Routes to School Plan
- Ideas for Administrative Center
- Utility Infrastructure
- Public Transportation (Bus Routes/BRT extension)

SOCORRO LAND USES

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SOCORRO PUBLIC FACILITIES

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Socorro, Texas

Large Vacant and Publicly Owned Parcels

Socorro City Limits
El Paso County Boundary
Publicly Owned Parcels
Large Vacant Parcels (43 acres or more)
Waterways
100 - Year Flood Zone

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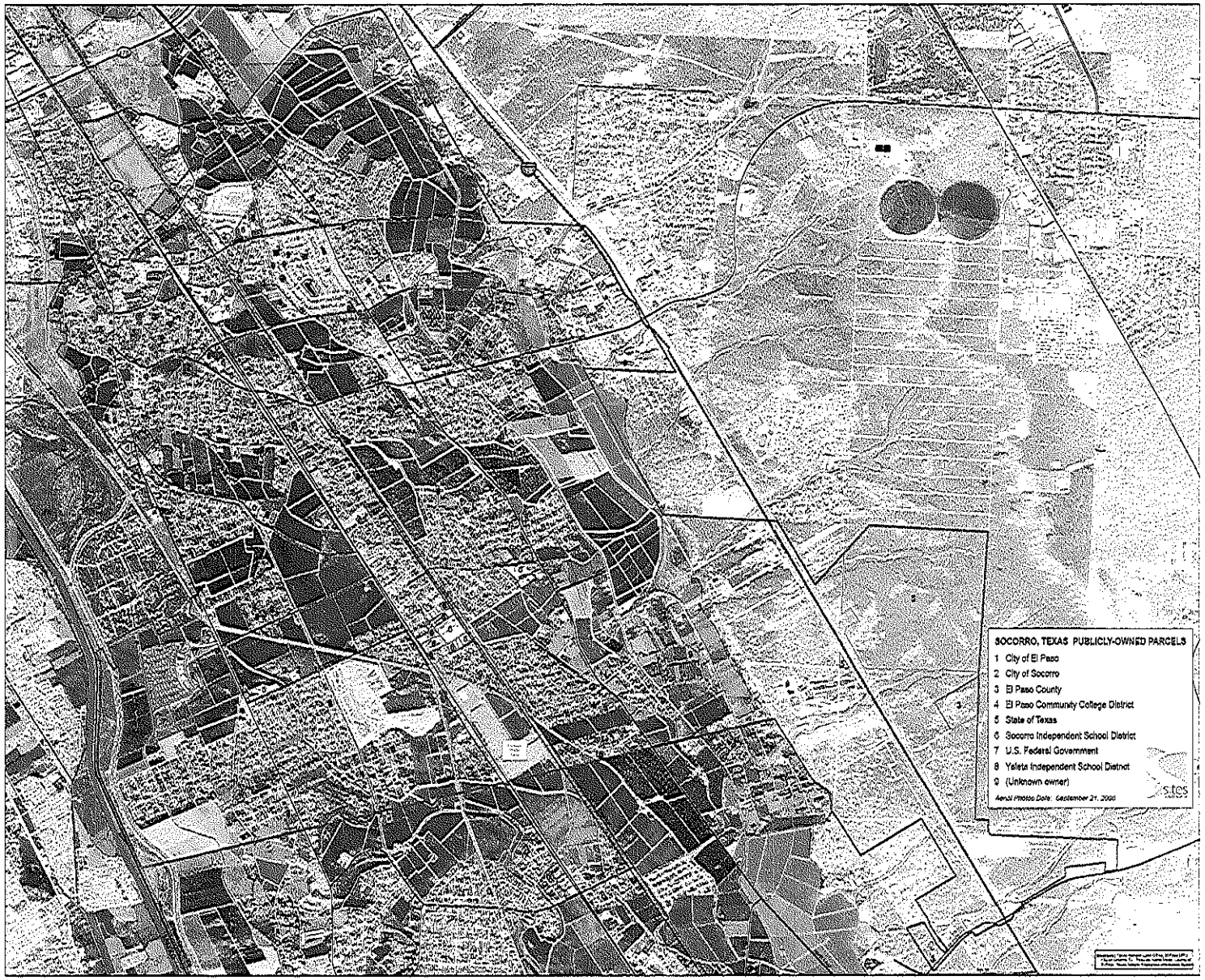

Socorro, Texas

Large Vacant and Publicly Owned Parcels

Socorro City Limits
El Paso County Boundary
Publicly Owned Parcels
Large Vacant Parcels (43 acres or more)
Waterways
100 - Year Flood Zone

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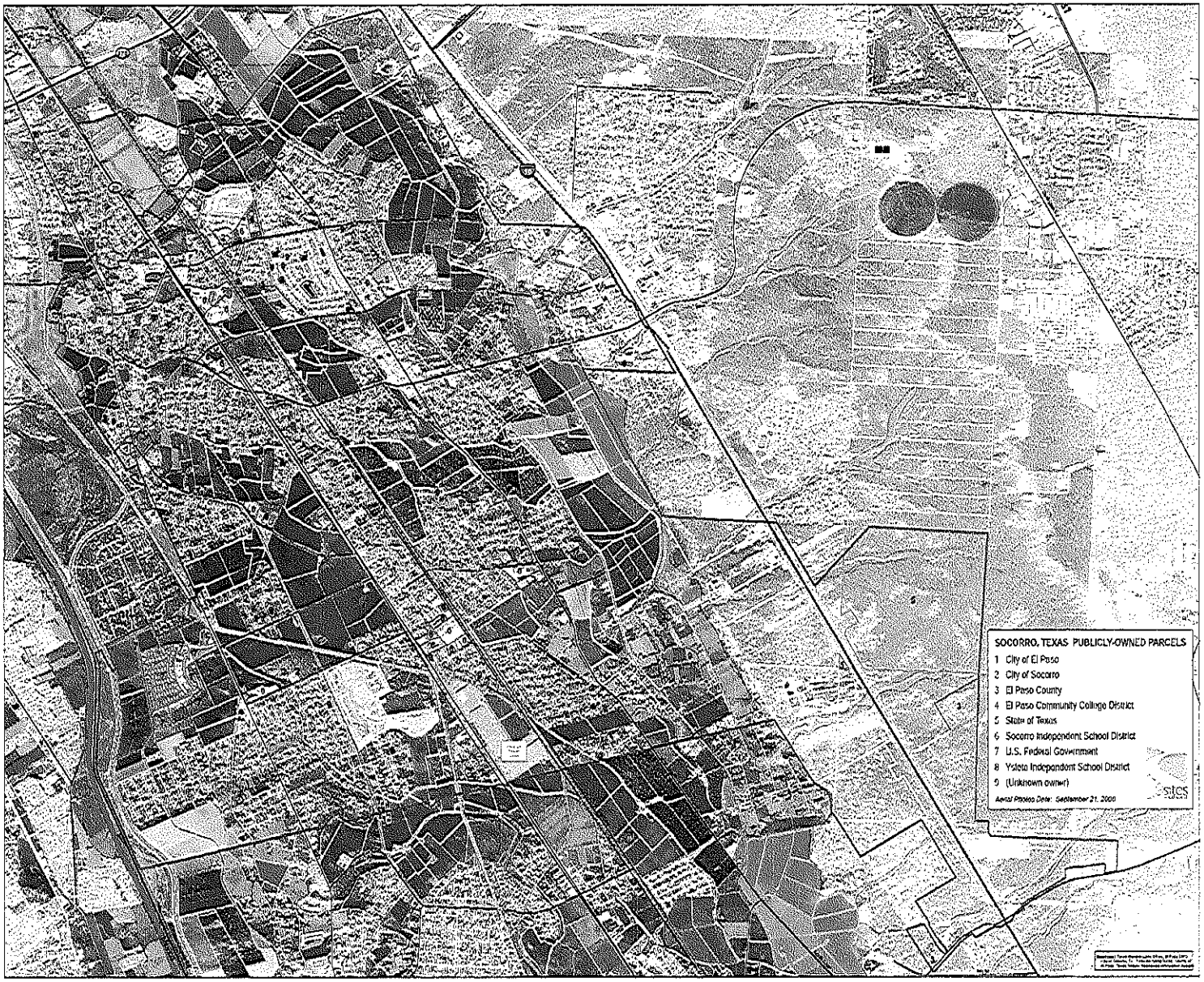

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