Case Name: Chavez Equestrian Arena CUP
Case Number: RCU2019-00043

August 14, 2019

The Adams County Planning Commission is requesting comments on the following application:
Request for Conditional Use Permit that would approve the expanded use of a Personal Equestrian Arena for a limited number of special events per year to occur at the site. This request is located at 14747 HARVEST RD. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 0156718400001.

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Please forward any written comments on this application to the Department of Community and Economic Development at 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Suite W2000A Brighton, CO 80601-8218 (720) 523-6800 by 09/02/2019 in order that your comments may be taken into consideration in the review of this case. If you would like your comments included verbatim please send your response by way of e-mail to HPederson@adcogov.org.

Once comments have been received and the staff report written, the staff report and notice of public hearing dates will be forwarded to you for your information. The full text of the proposed request and additional colored maps can be obtained by contacting this office or by accessing the Adams County web site at www.adcogov.org/planning/currentcases.

Thank you for your review of this case.

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CHAVEZ ARENA
14747 Harvest Road
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EQUESTRIAN ARENA – PERSONAL
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
July 19, 2019

TO ALLOW
- A limited number of special events per year
- A limited number of invited guests, greater than the 20 allowed, to attend the special events
- Limited number of livestock to be brought onto the site
- Limited Sale of food
- Sale and distribution of alcoholic beverage to be discussed with the County

SUMMARY HISTORY OF THE CHAVEZ SITE DEVELOPMENT
In 2008 the Chavez family purchased a 46.57-acre site in Adams County which included their family home. In 2014 they constructed a barn/outbuilding to store vehicles, horse trailers, and equipment. In 2018 the Chavezes constructed an equestrian arena for their personal use. The Chavez family, extended family, and friends started to use the area to practice horsemanship and to train cowboys and horses for rodeos and events.

In July 2018 the Chavezes were cited for improper use of the arena and were directed to apply for and acquire a Conditional Use Permit. Over the past year, the Chavezes and their team have discussed the details of the Conditional Use Permit. The following sections cover the intent, details, and conditions of the requested Conditional Use Permit.

INTENT
The Chavez Arena and surrounding grounds are intended to be used for Charreria equestrian training, practice, and special rodeo events as a private facility for the Chavez family and friends. Special equestrian and rodeo events are proposed on a limited schedule during the year. Attendance will be limited to invited guests of the Chavez family. There will not be ticket sales to the events. The rodeo events and competitions will not offer monetary compensation or rewards. The Arena is not for hire or for rent. The uses and activities are defined by the following Commitments and Conditions. The intent is to provide cultural heritage programs and events that enrich the community and will not have offensive impacts on any surrounding properties or roadways.

INTRODUCTION TO CHARRERIA
The practice of a Charro (cowboy) is a balance of artistic expression and athletic prowess. Charreria competitions hold great cultural significance in both Mexico and the United States and have become a feature at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Charrerias are events adapted from traditions brought by Spanish settlers during the colonial period, in which Charros competed in a variety of horsemanship skills. The men’s events of the Charreria include everything from roping skills to bull riding. An integral feature of the Charreria is the Escaramuza, in which women’s riding teams, dressed in exquisite traditional costume, perform precise choreography on horseback. In the 1970s the United States saw a resurgence of these sports, and in 2002 the American Charro Association was formed. Families in the United States and Mexico emphasize the importance of these equestrian skills and events not only as a celebration of heritage and athletic ability but also as a platform to impart discipline, passion, personal character, and etiquette to their families, friends, and community.
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1" = 50'