



MINUTES

Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners – August 17, 2021 Held in the Executive Conference Room at 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington NM

Members Present: John McNeill, D.D.S. – Chair (via Conference Call)
Jill Tanis – Vice Chair
Doug Dykeman – Commissioner
Elizabeth McNally - Commissioner

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Baird
Warren Unsicker
Shaña Reeves
Elizabeth Sandoval

Others Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Tanis. A roll call was taken showing Chair McNeill (via conference call), Vice Chair Tanis and Commissioner Dykeman in attendance and Commissioner McNally absent. There being a quorum, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

2. Approval of the Amended July 20, 2021 Minutes

Chair McNeill sent an email August 11, 2021 to request the following changes be made to the draft minutes of July 20, 2021:

~~Page 7 - Chair McNeill asked Mr. Unsicker if he would be able to set up a meeting with the City Manager to discuss possible options for a solution of The Arc.~~ **Chair McNeill asked Mr. Unsicker if he would please set up a meeting with a City Manager, Ms. Wilkins and Chair McNeill to discuss possible solutions for the ARC's problems which were presented at this meeting.** Page 8 - ~~Mr. Unsicker stated that the property was gifted to the City and it is not being brought forth for a private entity to take the~~

Ms. Baird stated that both Bev Taylor and Flo Trujillo were involved in the discussions.

Chair McNeill stated that he believed this is a great project. Chair McNeill asked if the project violated the concept of roundabouts never being higher than the driver of the vehicle and never being something distracting that one wouldn't be paying attention to the street and if these issues were discussed as part of the project.

Ms. Baird stated that we are early on in these discussions and her first task was to present this concept to the MRA Board; the next task would be to go to Community Works and the Traffic Division to discuss any concerns and best practices for this project.

Commissioner Dykeman stated that he likes both concepts presented and is 100% in favor of this project. Commissioner Dykeman stated that when the project is presented to the Traffic Division there should be discussion on allowing large pieces of art in the roundabouts.

Ms. Baird stated that a time will be identified to present this project to Council, possibly before the next MRA Board meeting.

Vice Chair Tanis made a recommendation to promote and move this project through the essential steps and be presented to the City Council for approval. All board members were in full support of this recommendation. The recommendation carried 4-0.

Chair McNeill asked Ms. Baird which department within the City would maintain this project and who would serve as the jury, install the art and upkeep and maintenance.

Ms. Baird stated that the Arts Council would maintain this selection of art and the program of the project with City-wide assistance for installation and maintenance.

4. Debrief with Farmington Clean and Beautiful

Shaña Reeves, PRCA Director, stated that Farmington Clean and Beautiful is currently overseen by Debbie Homer, Clean and Beautiful Specialist. Ms. Reeves stated that the Farmington Clean and Beautiful initiative has been in the PRCA Department for 8 years and has been funded by grants that are dwindling each year and is being supported mostly by City funds. Ms. Reeves stated that during the pandemic, Debbie Homer was reassigned to the Farmington Civic Center to fill in as the Administrative Assistant position and is on a transition plan back to the PRCA Administration Department, in hopes to increase the time Ms. Homer can spend on Farmington Clean and Beautiful initiatives. Ms. Reeves stated that in terms of Main Street, PRCA would like to work with Warren Unsicker, Economic Development Director and a new Downtown Coordinator, should one be hired, to reinstitute the Front Porch Initiative for downtown businesses; this initiative is not new and reminds business of front porch upkeep and how to attract a shopper's eye to shop in their store. Ms. Reeves stated that another thing that Farmington Clean and Beautiful could work on with the MRA is the trash compactor project, keeping an eye out for grant funding. Ms. Reeves stated that Farmington Clean and Beautiful will also be working on initiatives for organized cleaning of the lake, the river and downtown, hopefully inspiring business owners to clean up their spaces. Ms. Reeves stated that within the next year the PRAC would be updating their master plan, noting that the MRA is an important stakeholder to the PRCA Department and would be

Chair McNeill stated hopefully sometime in the middle of September.

8. Business From:

Floor – There was no business from the Floor.

Chair – There was no business from the Chair.

Members – Vice Chair Tanis thanked Ms. Sandoval for her work in preparing the meeting minutes and keeping the board on schedule.

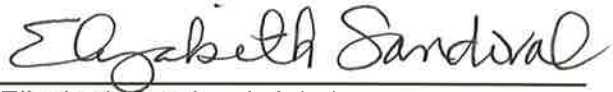
Staff – There was no business from Staff.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Dykeman and seconded by Commissioner McNally to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



John McNeill, Chair



Elizabeth Sandoval, Administrative Assistant