

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

JUNE 6, 2016

Civic Center

Members Present: Melissa Meechan, Mark Marquez, Charles Kromer and Harelda Anderson

Members Absent: David John, Lynn Love and Cathryn Abeyta

Staff Present: Julie Baird, Ass't City Manager and Joanna Oliver, Secretary

Guest Present: Beverly Charley, John McNeil and Cynthia Lopez

CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Meechan called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm with no quorum of members present; the following procedures were duly had and taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Quorum. Approval of minutes tabled to July regular meeting.

COMPLETE STREETS PRESENTATION

John McNeil, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency and Cynthia Lopez, Planner with the City of Farmington gave a presentation on the Complete Streets project. The State requires the City to form an agency to manage a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area which also gets designation from the State. To get that designation requires that a certain area of the City be listed as blighted. Once you get that designation you become eligible for certain tax benefits. The goal of the MRA is for revitalization of that area and to assist to help bring it back to a vibrant place like it used to be. This area is very large. It goes from on the west at American Plaza to Butler Street. North from Navajo Street to the river itself. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the conceptual plan for Main Street.

HOMELESS STAND DOWN GRANT

Melissa Meechan stated that since we did not have a quorum, we will go ahead and hear Beverly Charley presentation today and then make a motion at July's regular meeting. Beverly Charley addressed the Commission regarding the grant application for the 5th annual Stand Down event to be held on October 14th from 8 am to 2:30 pm. It will be held once again at San Juan College and they have 35 supporting agencies attending. Charles Kromer asked that we get the final budget after the event.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Strategic Planning Session – Melissa Meechan will send out email to look at setting up the meeting for June 23, 2016.

OLD COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS

Harelda Anderson stated that she applied for a position on the Navajo Human Rights Commission and had a short interview with them. She will update the committee regarding acceptance of her application.

CITIZEN INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Melissa Meechan, Chairman

Joanna Oliver, Secretary