



# MINUTES

## Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners – July 19, 2022 Held in the Executive Conference Room at 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington NM

**Members Present:** Jill Tanis – Vice Chair  
Doug Dykeman – Vice Chair  
John McNeill, D.D.S. – Commissioner Telephonically

**Members Absent:** Elizabeth McNally – Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Beth Escobar  
Warren Unsicker  
Karen Lupton  
Shaña Reeves  
Tami Spencer

**Staff Absent:** Julie Baird

**Others Present:** None

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Tanis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Chair Tanis, Vice Chair Dykeman and Commissioner McNeill (telephonically) in attendance. There being a quorum the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

**2. Approval of the June 21, 2022 Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner McNeill and seconded by Vice Chair Dykeman to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022, and upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

**3. Animas Area/Healthcare District Plan RFP Status Update**

Planning Manager Escobar informed the Commission the review committee has submitted comments on the two RFP applications received. The comments and the ranking will go forward to City Council on August 9, 2022. Staff will present the two RFP's to Council with the ranking from the review committee with a request for direction. Ms. Escobar also noted the Commission is welcome to attend the City Council meeting.

4. **Presentation on the Annual Juried Sculpture Show** – *This item was tabled until the August 16, 2022 MRA Meeting*

5. **Main Street Advisory Board Business – Karen Lupton**

Ms. Lupton will be attending a fall conference in Ruidoso, NM, this September.

The Arts Council will be putting on a Jazz Jam in Orchard Park, Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Thursdays is Makers Market, and Fridays is TGIF. Ms. Lupton reported the attendance has been consistent.

Ms. Lupton gave a brief update on the Three Rivers Estates Project. She reported they have 123 units 32 are memory care and 92 are apartments. Due to supply chain issues, their competition date has been moved to September. The project has raised gardens, a putting green and a large sidewalk around the complex that will be used as a walking/walker/wheelchair track.

6. **City Staff Updates – Warren Unsicker**

Mr. Unsicker informed the Commission the downtown merchants feel things are going well, all the July 4<sup>th</sup> events were well attended. The Chile in October event will be combined with the Apple Festival and moved to downtown this year. He added downtown is being viewed as venue. Mr. Unsicker added they would be working on the downtown sound system to be more easily assessable. He also updated the Commission on the Totah Theater project. The seats are being installed, the full audio/visual is installed (they are still waiting on the final projector). After the seats are fully installed, there will be an EQ Calibration to check the acoustics.

Mr. Unsicker follow up by stating he has been working with potential business owners, helping them find the perfect location for their new business.

7. **Business From**

**Floor** – There was no business from the Floor.

**Chair** – There was no business from the Chair.

**Members** – Commissioner Dykeman informed the Commission the Ice Cream Social that was held for Freedom Days, at the E3 Children's Museum was a big hit this year. They served over 1100 servings of ice cream. The community really supported it this year and that was great to see.

Chair Tanis thanked Commissioner McNeill for his many years of service to the MRA Commission and everything he has brought to fruition while he was here.

Commissioner McNeill let staff know he has always appreciated their input, knowledge and ability.

**Staff** – Planning Manager Escobar introduced Colby Gibson to the Commission.

8. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dykeman and seconded by Commissioner McNeill to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously 3-0. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

  
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Jill Tanis  
Chair

  
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Tami Spencer  
Administrative Assistant