

Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission
November 20,2024
Midtown Emergency Services Center
1600 St. Michaels Ave. Santa Fe, NM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 by Loretta Olguin.

II. Roll Call

Present:

- Richard Czoski
- Jenny Parks
- Sandra Aguilar

Absent:

- Robert Gonzalez
- Dion Silva

Staff Present:

- Alan Webber, Mayor
- Daniel Hernandez, Metropolitan Development Director
- Patricia Feghalia, Assistant City Attorney
- Loretta Olguin, Business Manager
- Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director
- Chelsey Johnson, Arts & Culture Director
- Timothy Farrell, Property Development Manager
- Elizabeth Camacho, Economic Development & Communications Administrator

A quorum was declared.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved unanimously.

Motion: Jenny Parks

Second: Richard Czoski

IV. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval at this meeting.

V. Presentations

A. Introduction of City Staff

Presenter: Daniel Hernandez

Summary:

- Commissioners were introduced to the City's Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency staff.
- Staff outlined their roles and responsibilities, emphasizing collaboration with the Commission on redevelopment projects.
- Staff shared their contact information and encouraged open communication to streamline project planning and implementation.

B. Overview of Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) Designation Process

Presenter: Daniel Hernandez

Key Points:

- Explained the MRA designation process and its benefits for Midtown.
- Staff noted that during the master planning process, property owners expressed general support for the designation but requested ongoing updates.
- Commissioners raised questions about how MRA designation might impact individual property owners and public outreach plans.

C. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Compliance

Presenter: Patricia Feghalia

Summary:

- Reviewed OMA rules, emphasizing public meeting requirements and avoiding rolling quorums.
- Staff explained scenarios involving informal discussions that could inadvertently create a quorum.
- Commissioners sought clarification on handling emails and group discussions to ensure compliance.

VI. Action Items

No action items were discussed at this meeting.

VII. Matters from Staff

Staff reported on:

- Progress on neighborhood stabilization plans to address potential development impacts.
- Ongoing discussions with consultants for infrastructure planning.

VIII. Matters from the Commission

Commissioners discussed:

- Enhancing public communication strategies while maintaining transparency.
- Balancing workload and compliance with Open Meetings Act requirements.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15