

Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission
December 4, 2024
Midtown Emergency Services Center
1600 St. Michaels Ave. Santa Fe, NM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Daniel Hernandez.

II. Roll Call

Present:

- Richard Czoski
- Jenny Parks
- Dion Silva
- Sandra Aguilar

Absent:

- Robert Gonzalez

Staff Present:

- Daniel Hernandez
- Patricia Feghalia
- Loretta Olguin

A quorum was declared.

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion: Jenny Parks

Second: Richard Czoski

Vote: Unanimous

No minutes were available for approval at this meeting.

IV. Presentations

A. Ethics and Open Meetings Act Overview

Presenter: Patricia Feghalia, Assistant City Attorney

Key Points:

- Reviewed conflict of interest rules and policies on gifts exceeding \$50.
- Explained public records requirements, noting that commissioners' emails about public business are subject to public inspection, even if on private accounts.
- Discussed public perception of impartiality, emphasizing caution in interactions with stakeholders.

Commission Discussion:

- Commissioners expressed concerns about potential public records requests involving private email accounts.
- Staff clarified that emails related to public business should be forwarded to city staff for responses when appropriate.

B. Aspect Media Village Development

Presenter: Philip Gesue

Key Points:

- Presented plans for a mixed-use media hub integrating sound stages, housing, and retail.
- Highlighted sustainability efforts such as xeriscaping, EV charging stations, and eco-friendly design.

Commission Discussion:

- Commissioners asked about infrastructure challenges, appraisal discrepancies, and residential integration.
- Staff noted ongoing evaluations of appraisals and phased development approaches to address city and developer concerns.

C. Midtown Visual Arts Center

Presenters: Jamie Blosser and Ray Landy

Key Points:

- Outlined plans to activate community spaces with courtyards and green areas.
- Emphasized alignment with the Midtown Community Plan's goals for open space and arts programming.

Commission Discussion:

- Commissioners inquired about public accessibility to planned green spaces and alignment with long-term community goals.

V. Action Items

No actions were taken during this meeting.

VI. Matters from Staff

Appointments:

- Chair: Dion Silva
- Vice-Chair: Jenny Parks

Staff announced plans for a site tour of Midtown developments in January 2024 to familiarize commissioners with the area and ongoing projects.

VII. Matters from the Commission

Discussion focused on:

- Strategies to enhance public communication while managing workloads.
- Commissioners emphasized the importance of public outreach and responsiveness, agreeing to forward public inquiries to staff for centralized responses.

VIII. Future Meetings

- A site tour of Midtown developments is proposed for mid-January.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Prepared by: Liz Camacho

Date: 12/17/2024

Approved: