



**Regular Meeting of the Historic
Districts Review Board
September 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
200 Lincoln Avenue**

Meeting Minutes
[HDRB Meeting 9/24/2024](#)

Call to Order

Chair Rios called the regular meeting of the Historic Districts Review Board to order at approximately 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1. Roll Call

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Ms. Cecilia Rios, Chair
Mr. John Bienvenu
Ms. Jennifer Biedscheid
Ms. Madelein Aguilar Medrano
Ms. Amanda Mather
Ms. Mary Ellen Degnan

Members Absent

Mr. Anthony Guida, Vice Chair

Others Present

Ms. Heather Lamboy, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Gary Moquino, Historic Preservation Division Manager
Mr. Frank E. Ruybalid, Assistant City Attorney
Ms. Amanda Romero, Senior Planner
Ms. Lani McCulley, Senior Planner
Mr. Paul Duran, Senior Planner

Note: All items in the Board packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Board packet is available on PrimeGov and can be requested from the Historic Preservation Division.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Moquino stated that under New Business item a. 2024-009042-HDRB, 645 Garcia St. has been postponed and item b. 2024-009045-HDRB, 636 Garcia St. units 2 and 3 was withdrawn.

Member Aguilar-Medrano moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Biedscheid seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (5-0).

3. Approval of Minutes

No Minutes were approved.

4. Approval of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

a. 2024-008417-HDRB, 528 Jose St. (June 11, 2024)

b. 2024-008335-HDRB, 716 Don Gaspar (June 11, 2024)

Items a-b. were approved.

Member Aguilar-Medrano moved to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for June 11, 2024, and Member Mather seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. 2024-008259-HDRB, 697 Gonzales Rd. (June 25, 2024)

d. 2024-008334-HDRB, 409 Camino del Monte Sol (June 25, 2024)

e. 2024-008452-HDRB, 216 Old Santa Fe Trail (June 25, 2024)

Items c-e. were approved.

Member Biedscheid moved to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for June 25, 2024, and Member Mather seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

f. 2024-008336-HDRB, 1666 Cerro Gordo Rd. (July 9, 2024)

Item f. was approved.

Member Bienvenu moved to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for July 9, 2024, and Member Mather seconded. The motion passed with Members Mather, Aguilar-Medrano, Bienvenue, Biedscheid, Degnan voting for and Member Biedscheid abstaining.

5. Matters from the Public

Chair Rios asked for clarification if the Board is expected to just provide comments, or if they will be entertaining comments from the public? Secondly is the Historic Board commenting on the feasibility of the resolution on the Item at hand?

Ms. McSherry stated she is present as staff for a piece of legislation. The Governing Body referred legislation to advisory committees for specific advice, or recommendations. A variety of Amendments have already been requested.

Members of the public spoke on the matter of the Obelisk.

Stephanie Beninato
Larry Good
Phillip Crump
Frank Kats
Pat Lilis
Barbara Fix
Elizabeth West
Beverly Spears
Ann Albrink
Barbara Chattergy
Rick, (last name inaudible)
Virgil Vigil
David Rash
Manuel Garcia
John Murphy

Chair Rios asked to hear from Councilor Romero-Wirth

Councilor Romero-Wirth spoke on the Obelisk providing a resolution and amendments, some of which were included in the packet and others not, at that time. The Resolution was sponsored by Councilor Romero-Wirth, Councilor Alma Castro, and Councilor Amanda Chavez. The Resolution was directing the City Manager to investigate the feasibility of relocating the Obelisk to Santa Fe National Cemetery.

City attorney Erin McSherry stated clarifications That Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the litigation could be due Monday or 10-15 days after that she wasn't too sure about the timeline, and she gave the definition of the Obelisk.

The Historic Review Board had many inputs and discussion regarding the Obelisk matters.

Member Aguilar-Medrano shared her concerns and stated she did notice that it does not have a status review.

Frank did state this would have to be on the agenda per the Open Meetings Act. He did state that per code on 14-5.2 subsection C this Historic District Review board does have authority to designate Statuses for structures within the Historic District.

Member Aguilar-Medrano then asked Mr. Moquino if she could request that Obelisk receives a Status Review for a future Agenda.

Mr. Moquino stated he will look into the request for a future Agenda.

Chair Rios asked if there was any further discussion at this time.

Ms. McCulley inquired if Member Aguilar-Medrano's request included the status of the Plaza itself.

Member Aguilar-Madrano stated she would love for the City to Explore, if possible.

Chair Rios asked if there were any matters from the Board and there was not at this time.

6. Staff Communications

No matters were to be discussed.

7. Old Business

No items were listed under Old Business.

8. New Business

There was no New business.

9. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

10. Matters from the Board

There were no matters from the Board.

11. Next Meeting

10/8/2024

12. Adjournment

Member Degnan moved to adjourn. Member Aguilar-Medrano seconded. The vote passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mariah Kavanaugh
Mariah Kavanaugh, Transcription

Cecilia Rios, Historic District Review Board Chair

Date