

**City of Santa Fe
Planning Commission
Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

Case # 2025-11386

214 Camino de los Marquez Development Plan

Owner's/Applicant's Name – Santa Fe Opera

Agent's Name - Jenkins/Gavin

THIS MATTER came before the Planning Commission (Commission) for public hearing on February 5, 2026 (Hearing) upon the development plan application (Application) of Jenkins/Gavin Planning as Agent for Santa Fe Opera (Applicant).

The Application pertains to the property located at 214 Camino de los Marquez Road totaling approximately 2.50 +/- acres (Property). The Applicant requests approval of a development plan for three new apartment building with 83 dwelling units totaling 90,488-square-foot (Project). The property is zoned R-29 (Residential 29 dwelling units/acre) and is within the Suburban and River and Trails Archaeological Review Districts. The redevelopment project involves the demolition of the current 50-unit Axton Apartments, which consists of five existing buildings and a carport structure.

After conducting a public hearing and having heard from staff and all interested persons, the Commission hereby FINDS, as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

General

1. The Applicant requested approval of a development plan for three new buildings totaling 90,488 square feet.
2. At the hearing, the Commission received reports from the City's Land Use Staff, testimony and evidence from the Applicant, and testimony offered by any interested members of the public.
3. SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.1 sets out certain procedures to be followed on the Application, including, without limitation: (a) a pre-application conference [SFCC 1987 § 14-3.1(E)]; (b) an Early Neighborhood Notification (ENN) meeting [SFCC 1987 §14-3.1(F)(2)(a)(iv)]; and (c) compliance with notice and public hearing requirements [SFCC 1987 § 14-3.1(H)-(I)].
4. The Applicant attended a pre-application conference on August 28, 2025, with City Land Use Department Staff (City Staff).
5. The Applicant conducted an ENN meeting for this project. The Applicant gave notice of the ENN meetings to neighbors and neighborhood associations within 300 feet of the subject property and posted posters on the subject property.
6. The Applicant held the virtual ENN meeting on September 29, 2025. The ENN meeting was attended by members of the Applicant team, City Staff, and approximately 23 members of the public.
7. City staff reviewed the Application, as well as the related materials and information submitted by the Applicant for conformity with applicable SFCC requirements. Staff also provided the

Planning Commission with a written report of its findings (Staff Report), which evaluates the factors relevant to the Application.

8. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the development plan, subject to certain conditions (the Conditions) and the technical corrections set forth in the Staff Report and Attachments.
9. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-2.3(C)(1), the Commission has the authority to review and approve development plans.

Development Plan

1. Under SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(B)(3)(a), a new development with a gross floor area of thirty thousand (30,000) square feet or more requires approval of a development plan.
2. SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8 establishes certain procedures for development plan approval including, without limitation, a public hearing by the Commission and a decision based on the criteria set out in SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D).
3. SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(C)(1) requires the Applicant to submit plans and other documentation that demonstrates conformance with applicable provisions of the SFCC (Submittal Requirements).
4. SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D)(1) sets out approval criteria and requires the Commission to make complete findings of fact sufficient to show that these criteria have been met before approving a development plan.
5. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D)(2), the Commission “may specify conditions of approval that are necessary to accomplish the proper development of the area and to implement the policies of the general plan.”
6. The Commission finds that the Conditions and technical corrections set forth in the Staff Report and attachments are necessary to accomplish the proper development of the area and to implement the policies of the general plan.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Under the circumstances and given the evidence and testimony submitted during the hearing, the Commission CONCLUDES as follows:

General

1. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.1, all procedural requirements regarding the pre-application conference, ENN meeting, and notice of public hearing have been met.

Development Plan

1. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-2.3(C)(1) and Section 14-3.8(B)(4), the Commission has authority to review and approve this final development plan.
2. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.1, all procedural requirements regarding the pre-application conference, ENN meeting, and notice of public hearing have been met.
3. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(C)(1), the Applicant met the applicable Submittal Requirements.

4. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D)(1)(a), the Commission finds that it has the authority to review the Development Plan under SFCC 1987 Sections 14-2.3(C)(1), 14-3.8(B)(4), and Table 14-2.1-1.
5. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D)(1)(b), the Commission finds that the Development Plan will not adversely affect the public interest. The Governing Body has implemented the General Plan and ordinances to establish minimum standards for health, safety and welfare affecting land uses and developments as a means to protect the public interest. This project serves the public interest through the provision of much-needed apprentice housing for the Santa Fe Opera.
6. Pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.8(D)(1)(c), the Commission finds that the Santa Fe Opera’s apprentice apartments use, and any associated buildings, are compatible with and adaptable to buildings, structures, and uses of the abutting property and other properties in the vicinity of the premises under consideration.
7. The Commission approves the Development Plan subject to the conditions and technical corrections recommended by Staff because all applicable code requirements and criteria for preliminary development plan approval have been met.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED ON THE 7th DAY OF MAY, 2026, BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

Considering the foregoing findings and conclusions, the Commission approves the development plan for the Property, as requested in the Application for Case # 2025-11386, subject to the Conditions and the technical corrections attached herewith. The development plan shall expire three years after issuance of this final action unless actual development of the site or off-site improvements has begun and is continued pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.19(B)(6). If the development plan approval expires, approval of any corresponding preliminary development plan expires simultaneously pursuant to SFCC 1987 Section 14-3.19(B)(4).

Janet Clow, Chair

Date

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Geraldyn F. Cardenas
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Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank Ruybalid

Date

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