

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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Projects/Issues by Division
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Planning— The steering committee for the Comprehensive Master Plan met with ARC, Inc., the consultant contracted for the project. Information regarding population data and projections was presented as it relates to the provision of City services in the future.

A public input/review meeting was held on June 22 on the Downtown Master Plan. The draft plan is now being finalized for review by City Council. City Council passed a resolution adopting the Designation Report for the establishment of a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA).

The 5th revision of the walking tour brochure, “Historic Las Vegas” has passed final review and is going to print. This is a project funded in part by NM Historic Preservation Division under the Certified Local Government grant. The Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation is the contractor for the project. The project is also funded with Lodgers Tax.

The grant application for a Certified Local Government grant is due July 30, 2010. The newsletter and a stone working workshop will be two projects that will be submitted for consideration.

Community Development Zoning The following projects are in process:

- The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the City’s application to subdivide property off Legion Drive. The subdivision will now go before City Council.
- City Council approved Ordinance 10-8 amending the Zoning Ordinance (temporary uses section) to incorporate procedures and standards previously adopted by resolution and concerning filming and similar productions. The Ordinance contains a provision which would waive the 45 requirement under extenuating circumstances.
- Code Enforcement functions have been transitioned to the Police Department; Department staff coordinate with the Police Department as required.
- The Design Review Board will hear two matters concerning improvements to the Railroad Depot which be undertaken by the City and AMTRAK; the Board will hear an issue concerning Lion Park and an issue regarding the demolition of a structure on South Pacific

Transportation: The Department has identified improvements to the facility which will be implemented with additional ARRA monies. A contract revision is still in process at the State level.

Animal Control (Animal Shelter): The Animal Shelter received 74 dogs and 65 cats in June. The Shelter hours were changed the Shelter is now open from 8:00 to 5:00

Museum: On June 4, the Museum hosted, in conjunction with the Mayor’s office, a reception for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the marker honoring Dr. Meta Christy. The Museum completed

the transaction to purchase a ledger from the Lechter/Ilfeld store, dated 1867. Staff continues to organize and plan the November meeting of the NM Association of Museums annual meeting in Las Vegas.

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