

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Projects/Issues by Division

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Planning— The Comprehensive Master Plan project is nearing conclusion, however, the Planning & Zoning Commission on July 11th asked for additional information to be included in the plan. The consultant, ARC and staff have made revisions, the P&Z will consider the matter again at its regular July meeting. From there, City Council will consider publication of an Ordinance to adopt the plan. Information continues to be updated and is available on the website. It is important to note that the comprehensive water component is being addressed separately in the City's PER (Professional Engineering Report). If so directed by the City Council, the PER will be included in the Comp Plan as an addendum or supplement when completed.

Training---On June 2-3, the Department sponsored a 2-day statewide training for Preservation Commissions. This was made possible thru a grant from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division under the Certified Local Government Program. The conference had 29 participants.

Community Development Director presented at Oklahoma's Preservation Conference in Guymon, Oklahoma. The topic was Historic Preservation in Las Vegas and its CLG Projects.

Community Development Zoning ---The following matter was heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment:

Application by Viola Trujillo for a zone change from C-3 Commercial to R-3 Residential for property located at 319 Railroad Avenue.

A resolution asking for a recommendation to City Council for the City of Las Vegas Comprehensive Plan was presented to P&Z. The Commission asked for additional information and will re-consider the matter at its next regular meeting on July 25th.

The Design Review Board considered the following in June:

An application for Certificate Approval for the proposed placement of an advertising wall sign at 131 Bridge Street within the Bridge Street Historic Overlay District;

And, will consider the following at its July meeting:

Application for Certificate Approval for the proposed placement of advertising signage at 111 Bridge Street within the Bridge Street Historic Overlay District by Larry Callahan and Monique Esquibel.

Application for Certificate Approval by the Daughters of the American Revolution for the proposed placement of a granite marker in the Las Vegas Plaza Park honoring the men and women who traveled the Santa Fe Trail

Application for Certificate Approval to re-roof the residence located at 719 Jackson Avenue being within the Lincoln Park Historic Overlay District by Bill Taylor.

Discussion on the Cultural Historic District Ordinance, Chapter 200 Section 5: Duties, Powers and Jurisdiction of Design Review Board and Chapter 200 Section 18 C: Certificate of Approval. As per

which of these sections gives authority of landscaping review in designated Cultural Historic Overlay Districts.

Events---City staff and volunteers planned and coordinated the 4ht of July Fiestas.

The events planner is working with the New Mexico Tourism Department on the “*Catch the Kid*” promotion. This is a state-wide event being held in 10 communities in New Mexico. The Las Vegas event is scheduled for July 23.

Transportation--- Transportation is operating at full staffing. Ridership is usually lower in the summer. Staff continue to attend required training.

Animal Shelter---The shelter is operating at capacity. Staff continue to coordinate and work thru issues resulting from the splitting of responsibilities with the Police Department. Because of staffing limitations and having to clean feed and care for animals in the morning, the shelter does not open to the public until after 10:00 AM. Calls are being transferred to Community Development between the hours of 8AM and 10AM. The crematory is no longer operable. Deceased animals are being transported to the Wagon Mound landfill for disposal. Staff are re-evaluation fees and operations costs and will be making recommendations to City Council.

Museum---Museum attendance for May was 283 visitors. This is a significant increase over the past several months and an increase over this month last year. Guests from out of state continue to be the largest segment of visitors.

Traveling exhibit is circulating around town. The display has been set at Tome on the Range, the Railroad depot, CCHP, and Storrie Lake State Park. Still to come is Community 1st Bank, Travelers Cafe, Spic 'N Span, NMHU. The exhibit is a collaboration between the Museum and students and faculty from NMHU History and Political Science Department.

The Museum portal project continues with finish painting. New exterior signs are completed and installed.

Americorps intern Josh Phillips continues to photograph the object collection and input images into the catalog. By the end of August, many of the 2200 items will be viewable through the museum's website.

Nellie Price and Americorps intern Eric Maldonado have developed a summer program for grades 8-12. The program participants will create stories based on historical subjects. The stories will be developed into video scripts and will be filmed. The program is scheduled to begin on July 5 and run through August 12.

Museum brochures will be distributed to NM Visitors Centers.

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