

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Elmer J. Martinez, Director  
Improvement Plan  
SWOT  
Projects/Issues by Division  
February 18, 2010

**Improvement Plan:**

1. Hire a City Planner—A City Planner has been hired.
2. Revise Master Plan--- A contract has been negotiated for services with Architectural Resource Consultants. Council will be asked to approve the contract on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
3. Rehabilitation/renovation of Old City Hall & Museum---No further action to report on this project at this time. (The Conceptual Downtown Action Plan has identified the Old City Hall as a key opportunity site.)

Planning—Comprehensive Master Plan is in process—see above

The Downtown Master Plan committee has developed a conceptual plan. The consultant and staff have been meeting with merchants and other stakeholders to obtain further input.

Education—Three staff are scheduled to attend the bi-annual New Mexico League of Zoning Officials conference. One member will obtain re-certification at that time.

The NM Behavioral Health Institute, San Miguel County Health Office and private property were annexed into the City. City staff has revised the City's official map and is being submitted for Council's review and approval this month.

Infrastructure--- CDBG allocation meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Albuquerque. The City's application is for the Moreno St. & Drainage Improvement Project.

**Community Development Zoning:**

The following projects are in process:

- Planning & Zoning will hear an application by Ralph gallegos to rename Lujan Lane back to Encino St.
- Planning & Zoning will hear an application to rezone 1309 Pecos Street from and R-2 to R-3 Zone by Gabriel Romero.
- Planning & Zoning will hear ordinance 10-15 re-zoning properties that were recently annexed into the City into the proper zones.
- DRT will review the newly proposed Student Union Building on the NMHU campus.
- The job description for the "building permits" position under the re-organization has been developed as a "Zoning Inspector" and will be submitted for approval.

**Transportation:** Amtrak is proposing to make improvements to the passenger loading area at the Depot. The plans require review/approval by the NM Historic Preservation Division (forwarded ); review and approval by the City’s Design Review Board is also required.

**Animal Control:**

The Department is yet to hear from the Animal Welfare Coalition on the proposed agreement which allow the group to operate the shelter in exchange for services. A job description for a Shelter Manager has been developed in anticipation of implementation of the re-organization.

**Museum:**

The Museum sponsored an oral history workshop, conducted by Dr. Rose Diaz, on March 5. There were 25 participants from the local community, Fort Sumner, Los Lunas, Pecos, and Albuquerque. Staff is developing an oral history program that will include student participants.

The Museum Manager attended a discussion on March 27 about the designation of regional or county historians throughout the state. The project is an initiative of the Office of the State Historian. The Museum could be the “home base” of such a position.

A traveling exhibit about Las Vegas and Statehood is in the planning stages.

Museum attendance for February was 249. This is a significant increase from February attendance.

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