

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Projects/Issues by Division
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Planning— The Comprehensive Master Plan project is nearing conclusion, public input and stakeholder meetings were held in December and January. Catalytic projects to include the University Avenue Gateway and street redevelopment, Sports Complex and Gallinas River Recreation Area were unveiled and discussed. The final draft document is being finalized for future presentation to Planning & Zoning and City Council. Information is available on the website.

The Downtown Action (Master) Plan was adopted by City Council. Steps to finalize the Tax Increment District under the Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA) are underway. Security cameras around the Plaza Park and Bridge Street have been ordered with residual funds from the grant.

Discussions continue with Luna Community College on annexation. Other areas for annexation are being considered and will be recommended in the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Community Development Zoning

The following matters were heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission:

1. Rolando Medrano: - Summary Plat-Lot Split of property located at 500 South Grand Avenue.--Approved
2. Marsha Zamora: - Summary Plat-Lot Split of property located at 2440 Dahlia Street. --Approved
3. Virginia Boney: - Summary Plat-Lot Split of property located at 424 South Commerce. --Approved

A report of findings regarding whether the establishment of an Art Gallery at 1240 7th Street is required to be ADA accessible was made to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Ordinance No.11-4 amending Chapter 12 Article XI Section 12-11-12 relating to Development Review Impact Requirements and adopting Plan Development Review Fees was presented for discussion

4. Gilbert Ulibarri: - Summary Plat Approval for a lot split of property located at 2118 Lopez, property is between Lopez and Montezuma Street. --Approved
5. William Mack Crow: - Application for a zone change of the property located at 524 Columbia from an O-1 Office Zone to an R-1 Single Family Residential Zone--Approved

6. City of Las Vegas: - Ordinance No. 11-04 amending Chapter 12 Article X1 Section 12-11-12 "Development Review Impact Requirements," Adopting Plan Development Review Fees. The commission gave staff direction to hold public input and advertise the proposed ordinance amendment
7. Election of Officers, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson—Alex Aragon re-elected as Chair and Travis Regensburg elected as Vice-Chair

The following matter was heard by the Design Review Board:

1. ALLSUP'S CONVENIENCE STORES INC. - Applicants
EVA PALOHEIMO – Owner -423 Grand Avenue
POLK OIL COMPANY – Owner 405 Grand Avenue
ESTATE OF GUADALUPE TRUJILLO - Owner –West 65'ft of lots 23-26 Block 6
Las Vegas Town Company Addition

Application for Certificate of Approval to demolish the structures at 423 and 405 Grand Avenue and to construct a 3,931 square foot All sup's Convenience Store and a 50x81 sq. ft, gas pump canopy on property's described above, the aforesaid areas are designated as a Cultural Historic Overlay District.—The application was approved after the board heard testimony and deliberated for four and half hours. Staff was directed to work with the applicant on the final design.

Events

Application to bring the NM Rural Alliance Economic Development forum was made and the City was notified that the conference will be brought to Las Vegas in 2012. A requirement is that the City sponsor a reception and booth at this year's conference in Gallup. Preparations are underway.

The NM Heritage Preservation Alliance 2011 Annual conference is being held in Las Vegas in April. Part of the City's Certified Local Government Grant from The NM Historic Preservation Division is being used to sponsor this event.

The Preservation Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program the City's Certified Local Government Grant from The NM Historic Preservation Division will be held in June and will bring Preservation Commission/Board members from communities throughout the State to the two day conference.

The City is organizing the 2011 Fiestas. The structure for the initiative is made up of several Mayor and Council-appointed sub-committees reporting to and recommending to the City's Oversight Committee. The project is under way.

Transportation:

Extensive improvements and upgrades were made with ARRA by both the City and Amtrak. These include both repainting/refinishing, equipment and installation of an ADA accessible ramp to get on the train.

Animal Shelter:

The recent cold spell taxed the shelter's infrastructure. Improvements to heating, water and sewer systems will be recommended in the coming fiscal year. With the staffing change at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Animal Shelter is receiving record number of animals from the LVPD. The shelter is regularly at capacity. 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.

Museum:

Museum attendance for January was 99 visitors. This is about average for the month, based on the past 5 years

Staff continues to concentrate on the inventory of all collection items in the facility.

Nellie Price and Eric Maldonado (Americorps intern) are in the final stages of production of *Las Vegas Alive!*

Museum staff is coordinating with staff at the city administrative offices and to select images to be installed in the newly renovated city hall lobby. Images have been selected and are being reproduced.

Submitted:

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