

Design and Review Board

Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees prior to the Call to Order.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:14 P.M.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Rick Rubio: Present

Roland Medrano: Absent

Harold Garcia: Absent

Isaac Sandoval: Present

Lorraine Garduño: Present

Lee Einer - Present

A quorum was established..

Others present: Makahla Hapat; Thomas Clayton; Charles Ortiz, Community Development; Scott Zunker, Community Development, Danny Gurule, Public Works; Arnold Lopez, Public Works

By Google Meets: Amtrak representatives: Nina Simonetti, Mario Quesada, Jared Tuk and Jenna Soloman

Appointment of Temporary Chair

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a temporary Chair had to be chosen.

Lorraine Garduño nominated Isaac Sandoval, Lee Einer seconded the motion. Question for other nominees did not result in other nominations.

A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor.

Isaac Sandoval was elected temporary Chair to serve the meeting/hearing.

Approval of Agenda: Lorraine Garduño moved to approve the Agenda. Rick Rubio seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all voting in favor.

The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Rick Rubio moved to approve the minutes. Lee Einer seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken.

Lorraine Garduño - Yes

Rick Rubio - Yes

Lee Einer - Yes

The motion passed.

Public Comments:

No one signed up for public comments.

New Business:

1. Conduct a public hearing regarding a Design & Review Board application by MainStreet de Las Vegas at "MainStreet Corridor" for more benches and trash receptacles within the historic corridors followed by consideration for approval of the application.

Isaac Sandoval ask all who were going to testify in the hearing for this subject to be sworn in. Makahla Haparar was sworn in.

Makahla Haparar representing MainStreet de Las Vegas requested approval for the placing of an additional 10 benches and 4 trash receptacles to be place within the Historic areas of Las Vegas. The letter from SHPO was presented stating the benches and trash receptacles met the requirements for the Historic area. Ms. Haparar showed photos of the benches that had been included in the Board packets.

Lorraine Garduño asked that the Zoning in the application should include CH C3 to be included in the file.

Rick Rubio moved to recommend approval of the project. Lee Einer seconded the motion.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Lorraine Garduño - Yes
Rick Rubio - Yes
Lee Einer - Yes
Isaac Sandoval - Yes

The motion passed.

2. Conduct a public hearing regarding a Design & Review Board application by Amtrack ADA Stations Program at 500 Railroad Avenue for ADA compliant modifications followed by consideration for approval of the application.

Isaac Sandoval asked all who were going to testify in the hearing for this subject to be sworn in. The following were sworn in: Charles Ortiz and by Google meets: Nina Somonetti, Mario Quesada, Jared Tuk, Jenna Soloman.

Neena Somonetti presented the project to the Board. The replacement of brick around the Train Station was discussed as was the placement of stamped concrete in the loading deck area on the Railroad property. The letter from SHPO was included in the Board packets.

Rick Rubio made a motion to recommend approval of the project. Lee Einer seconded the motion.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Lorraine Garduño - Yes
Rick Rubio - Yes
Lee Einer - Yes
Isaac Sandoval - Yes

The motion passed.

3. Conduct a public hearing regarding a Design & Review Board application for the Great Blocks Project on Railroad Avenue followed by consideration for approval of the application.

Isaac Sandoval asked all that were going to testify in the hearing for this subject to be sworn in.

The following were sworn in: Arnold Lopez, Danny Gurule, Thomas Clayton, Charles Ortiz and Scott Zunker.

Arnold Lopez and Danny Gurule presented the project to the board. They discussed curb, sidewalks, gutter, asphalt and lighting. Photos of lighting and the SHPO letter were not presented and the board asked to have those items given to the Board. The question of future art installations was asked. Platforms for placing art are not currently in the plans but depending on space they could be added in the future.

Thomas Clayton spoke regarding the project and stated that he supported the project but had concerns that the sidewalk area would lose 1 ½ to 2 feet. He stated that he and his wife owned the Rawlins Building on Railroad Ave. and they have a tenant moving into their ground floor space that might at some point want to add tables on the sidewalk and there might not be enough room.

Arnold Lopez stated that the sidewalk would be ADA Compliant as it would still have approximately Eleven (11) feet remaining. Mr. Lopez presented a larger plat showing the area and the planned parking indicating that "no parking" would have to be placed in front of any of the existing buildings that have garage doors and curb cuts on Railroad Ave.

Rick Rubio moved to recommend approval of the project. Lorraine Garduño seconded the motion.

A Roll Call vote was taken.

Lorraine Garduño	- Yes
Rick Rubio	- Yes
Lee Einer	- No
Isaac Sandoval	- Yes

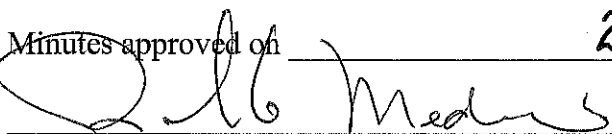
The motion passed.

Other Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lee Einer. Rick Rubio added the second. All voted in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Minutes approved on 2/24/2025
 _____, Chair