



MINUTES
Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency
Board of Commissioners
May 16, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Tanis – Chair
Doug Dykeman – Vice Chair
Beth McNally – Commissioner
Tara Taylor – Commissioner
Ruth Brooks – Commissioner

Members Absent: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jill Tanis at 4:00 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tara Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Doug Dykeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

Doug Dykeman moved to approve the Open Meetings Resolution as presented. Beth McNally seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **OPEN MEETINGS ACT PRESENTATION**

The City Clerk, Andrea Jones, gave an informational overview of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and answered various questions from the Commission.

5. **CITY STAFF UPDATES**

Economic Development Director, Warren Unsicker, gave an update on the Animas Action Plan deliverables. Warren is also working on postcards/materials for Riverfest, but location of the booth is uncertain due to potential flooding.

Warren talked about the possibility of moving Farmington's Downtown towards becoming an authorized Arts and Cultural District (ACD) and some of the benefits that would provide for the community. The City will be creating a coordinating council, which will be made up of community stakeholders. Tara Taylor volunteered to be on this council as a representative from the MRA.

Assistant City Manager, Shaña Reeves, provided an update to Doug Dykman's concern raised at the last meeting about Planning & Zoning (P&Z) items coming before the MRA.

Shaña obtained a legal opinion from the City Attorney, which stated that the MRA does not have authority to hear zoning matters under State statute or City code. After some discussion, it was decided that the best practice would be for members to attend P&Z commission meetings as an individual or interested party if they have an interest in planning and zoning matters.

6. MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD BUSINESS

Downtown Coordinator, Karen Lupton, gave a status update on the annual workplan. The first public sculpture exhibit is currently being set up Downtown. Karen also gave an update on the increased number of hotel stays from 2022-2023.

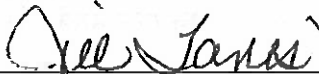
Some ongoing efforts include filling vacant spaces, the Chile Pod expansion and Citizen's Bank demolition, and bringing more events to Downtown. Jill Tanis mentioned an asphalt art grant that could potentially be used for the Downtown pocket park.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



Jill Tanis, Chair



Kay Rose, Liaison