



**MINUTES**  
**Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency**  
**Board of Commissioners – May 14, 2019**

Commissioners Present	John McNeill, D.D.S. - Chair Jill Tanis – Vice-Chair Doug Dykeman Elizabeth McNally Greg Mills
Commissioners Absent	None
Staff Present	Isaac BlueEyes Michael Bulloch Mark Hathcock Shaña Reeves Sherry Roach Karen Walker Warren Unsicker Bart Wilsey
Others Present	Judy Casselberry Erin Havens

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of the April 16, 2019 Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dykeman and seconded by Commissioner Tanis to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**3. Proposed Bike Lane Changes – Isaac BlueEyes and Mark Hathcock**

Isaac BlueEyes, City Traffic Engineer, with Mark Hathcock, Associate Traffic Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Accessible Improvement Ideas for on Street Bikeways. Mr. BlueEyes explained the current bike lanes and the proposed changes. The proposal for Miller Avenue will consist of restriping the lanes. Tucker Avenue will have two flashing beacons at the Main and Tucker crossings. There is a proposed new Animas Park shared use path as well. These proposals were approved by City Council and funding is available.

required to research historic designations and work on applications for these designations. The Commissioners agreed to have Warren Unsicker, City Economic Development Director, look into the next steps to pursue a CLG.

**5. Discussion and Recommendation for a Fence for the Palmer House**

Bart Wilsey, Gateway Museum Director, discussed three proposals for a 6-foot wrought iron fence to be placed around the Palmer House located on N. Allen Avenue across from the Civic Center. The need for the fence, said Mr. Wilsey, is to protect the building. The Commissioners recommended the first illustration listed in the May 14, 2019 Agenda Book. The recommendation was unanimous, 5-0.

**6. Discussion and Recommendation to Apply for EPA Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant for Main Street**

Warren Unsicker said the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant would allow the evaluation and examination of the downtown MRA District, particularly the Animas District. It would help to utilize and integrate outdoor recreation and find ways to connect downtown to the river area as well as attract manufacturing. Mr. Unsicker said the grant would bring in people from the EPA, Environmental Protection Agency, to provide work sessions and give insight on the implementation of the next steps to move forward. Mr. Unsicker asked the MRA Commissioners for their recommendation to City Council to apply for the grant.

There was a unanimous consensus of recommendation from the MRA Commissioners, 5-0.

**7. Main Street Complete Streets Update-Sherry Roach**

Sherry Roach said the Main Street Complete Streets construction project is progressing. Storm water issues are being addressed. Some of these issues may be costly to design and to complete due to various constraints.

The offsite signage to divert truck traffic from Main Street will be finalized soon based on the Traffic Assessment Report.

Ms. Roach said the Crime Data for April is similar to last month. Crime is at a minimum in the MRA District. Police will be on foot, bike, and in vehicles downtown. During the summer, park rangers will also be patrolling the parks.

Ms. Roach mentioned a recent seminar on Developing Commercial Properties in the Downtown Area. The seminar was well attended. Topics discussed included historic preservation and historic tax credits, restoration, and remodels. The result was to inspire property owners on what they can do with their vacant spaces to make them more attractive to potential customers. Ms. Roach noted a handout from the Village of Santa Clara, a PowerPoint presentation on Historic Tax Credits, and a questionnaire from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division.

Ms. Roach mentioned a Survey Monkey survey on the City's Facebook page asking citizens what they would like to see in the downtown area. Commissioner Dykeman suggested opening the downtown theater.

The Commissioners and staff discussed the possibility of 505 Cycles opening his business in the downtown area.

The Downtown Makers Market begins Thursday, June 6, 2019 and runs through the end of October.

The Summer Art Walk is June 14, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Roach said she is discussing the possibility of demonstrating the road diet approved for the Complete Streets Project during the Art Walk.

9. **Business from:**

a. **Floor** – There was no business from the Floor.

b. **Chair** – Chair McNeill asked to have the June MRA meeting moved to June 11 as he will be unavailable on June 18 for the regularly scheduled meeting. The Commissioners agreed to move the June meeting to June 11, 2019. The change will be advertised for the public.

c. **Members** – Commissioner Dykeman asked what was happening at 401 Auburn Ave. Karen Walker said there is a zone change request for that property. The petition is being handled by Helen Landaverde. Chair McNeill asked that it be brought to the attention of Ms. Landaverde that the MRA Commissioners would like to hear about any changes to properties in the MRA.

d. **Staff** – There was no business from Staff.

10. **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Tanis and seconded by Commissioner Mills to adjourn. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

  
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John McNeill, Chair

  
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Karen Walker, Administrative Assistant