



**MINUTES**  
**Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency**  
**Board of Commissioners – October 15, 2019**

Commissioners Present	John McNeill, D.D.S. – Chair Doug Dykeman Elizabeth McNally Greg Mills
Commissioners Absent	Jill Tanis
Staff Present	Julie Baird Rachelle Crosby Beth Escobar Sherry Roach Karen Walker
Others Present	Hannah Grover Bob Lehmer

**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 September 17, 2019 Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner McNally and seconded by Commissioner Mills to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously  
4-0.

**3. Update on the Among the Waters Trail-Rachelle Crosby**

Rachelle Crosby, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Planner, stated the PRCA is trying to complete a trail system along the river internally through City departments rather than using subcontractors. PRCA and Public Works will do the majority of the work, along with the Streets Department.

Ms. Crosby noted on a map the path the trail will take along a one-mile section of the Animas River to complete the trail system linking the confluence of the Animas and San Juan rivers to the trail system that goes along the river to Browning Parkway.

Ms. Crosby noted that pedestrian bridges will be needed and one of those bridges may span a portion of the *Among the Waters* trail near the Farmer's Ditch.

Chair McNeill asked if there are any plans for water or electric connections for food trucks or other amenities. Ms. Crosby said PRCA has not made plans for those connections. At this time, only the path is being constructed. The timeline to finish the construction of the path is next spring. After that, other amenities can be added.

Bob Lehmer mentioned discussing right of way access with a few of the property owners that have not given access yet.

Julie Baird noted that the trail would go under W. Murray Drive and cross at Miller Street.

**4. Discussion on local vendors at local events – Beth McNally**

Commissioner McNally asked to have this agenda item discussed at a later date.

**5. Main Street Complete Streets Update – Sherry Roach**

The Clean Water state revolving fund went before City Council on October 8 and was approved and the loan is in the process of being closed. The bid will be published on October 20. Construction will begin in January 2020.

**6. Downtown Farmington Updates – Michael Bulloch**

Mr. Bulloch was at the Autumn Leadership Quarterly in Tukumcari, but submitted a report prior to leaving.

The wall mural on the back of HQ has begun.

A new business for a make-up artist opened at 214 W. Main Street in one of the office spaces in the Allen Theater.

There will be a workshop to build chairs from wooden pallets on Saturday, October 19 in the plaza for the Breezeway Plaza project. On October 26, the planter boxes on the sidewalks will be taken apart.

Used bicycle wheels are being sought to build a trellis for the Hidden Garden.

The Autumn Art Walk had low attendance due to the cold weather. The Story Teller's Festival had approximately 150 attendees.

The Holiday Art Walk is on Small Business Saturday and coincides with Miracle on Main Street. The events will be held on November 30, 2019.

**7. Business from:**

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

b. **Chair** – There was no business from the Chair.

c. **Members** – There was no business from the Members.

d. **Staff** – Beth Escobar noted that MRA Secretary Karen Walker has accepted a position as Assistant Planner.

**8. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dykeman and seconded by Commissioner McNally to adjourn. The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

  
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John McNeill, Chair

  
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Karen Walker, Administrative Assistant

