



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE,  
Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting  
November 19, 2024 – Minutes**

**City Councilor - Klarissa Peña**

**City Councilor - Brook Bassan**

**Department of Arts & Culture - Shelle Sanchez, Ph.D.**

**Visit Albuquerque Position - Tania Armenta**

**Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce - Ernie C'de Baca**

**West Central Community Development Group - Twyla McComb**

**West Central Community Development Group - Carlos Garcia**

**West Central Community Development Group - Lorenzo (House) Otero**

**Mayoral Appointee - JR Rael**

**Support Staff - Cherise Quezada, Jeff Hertz, Bree Ortiz**

**1. Call to Order**

- JR established that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

- Commission introductions were conducted.

**3. Review and Approve Minutes**

- Councilor Bassan motioned to approve the October minutes; the motion was seconded by Councilor Peña and approved unanimously.

**4. Discussion Topics**

- a) Commission Vacancies and Appointments
  - i. Bios - Director Sanchez gave an update and requested bios within the next three weeks. Twyla reported the Johnny Peña will not be on the Commission and she will send a new recommendation for the WCCGD vacant position.
  - ii. Contact List - A list was passed around to obtain current contact information.
- b) Board Training - Open Meetings Act - Director Sanchez asked if the Commission would like a Board Training. The training was approved and it will get scheduled for 2025.
- c) Facility Overview - Updates on building operations.
- d) Maintenance and Repair Updates - List of all building repairs and upcoming repairs was shared with Commission.
- e) Staffing Updates - DAC is working on getting one position this fiscal year.
- f) Route 66 Centennial Celebration & Initiatives - Director Sanchez gave an update about upcoming AR plans for the Visitor Center in conjunction with a “Road Trip” that will span Route 66 through the City as part of centennial program.

## 5. **New Business**

- a) Project Committees - Commission invited to be a part of committees that will meet every other month in-between Commission meetings.
  - i. Sign Park Design - Carlos Garcia, JR Rael, Tania Armenta
  - ii. Exhibit Development and Design - Erine C'de Baca, Lorenzo Otero, Tania Armenta
  - iii. Site Masterplan - Councilor Bassan, Twyla McComb, Councilor Peña, Tania Armenta
  - iv. Route 66 Centennial Initiatives - Councilor Peña, Lorenzo Otero, JR Rael, Tania Armenta

## 6. **Announcements**

- JR announced that the January meeting will review the legislation for the Commission, review the role of the board, and elect a vice-chair.
- Hold the Date - January 16 Centennial Kick-off event with a press conference at 10 a.m.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**