I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 27, 2022

Frances Lerner Moved to Approve the Minutes and RoseMarie Sanchez Seconded the motion. The minutes were Approved 5-0, Lydia Hammond and Dr. Bobbie Green were absent.

III. DISCUSSION REGARDING MESQUITE AND ALAMEDA HISTORIC DISTRICTS.

Estela Hernandez discussed the desire of the Mesquite and Alameda Historic Districts to be together in one district.

Irene Oliver-Lewis, Member of the Public said when the historic neighborhood was broken up, we were against it and had no voice in it so I appreciate that you are having public input now so that things can be discussed, and constituents can give you their view before you make a decision. We have been working for years on designating the Mesquite Neighborhood. The State Historic Preservation goes to Colorado and then east and west to Water.

Michael Harris asked what are the precinct numbers?

Estela Hernandez said it would be 32, 92, 35, 36, and 41 for the Mesquite Historic District.
Brittany Poss, Research & Polling reviewed boundaries of the historic districts on the concept maps.

Connie Chapman, Member of the Public asked do you care what District they are in?

Irene Oliver-Lewis said no, we just want to keep the historic districts together. You would want the historic districts together because they have similar needs and historic preservation.

David Chavez, Member of the Public said the Mesquite District has its own overlay. From a historic preservation standpoint, if you end up breaking it up too much it makes it difficult when cases are in different Districts.

Gregory Shervanick, Member of the Public said for Concept D District 1 takes in everything you just spoke about.

Michael Harris said D integrates both historic districts and a little bit needs to be added.

Brittany Poss asked do the folks from the Alameda District want to be in the same district as the Mesquite Historic District?

Estela Hernandez said that seems to be the consensus.

Connie Chapman asked when do you start adding districts?

Brittany Poss said the city charter lays out the number of districts.

RoseMarie Sanchez asked when did it go from five districts to six?

Michael Sharp said it's been six for as long as I can remember.

David Chavez asked if it's been 20 years, what is the formula or population number that will require another district?

Brittany Poss said that's a completely separate process. The process of redistricting is just equalizing the population no matter how much growth there's been. There's not really a trigger point. It would just be folks getting together to decide they wanted to change the charter.

IV. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Gregory Shervanick asked if a district changes, will the councilor have to move from that district?
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Christine Rivera said they would serve out their term and then they wouldn’t be able to rerun in that district.

Brittany Poss said the new districts don’t take effect until the next election.

Don Kurtz, Member of the Public asked how many of the concepts involve that situation?

Gregory Shervanick said D and B.

Don Kurtz said I think as a general principle it is good to look at whether the current councilor would be moved out of their district. A couple of people were elected less than a year ago by people in that area and to have it arbitrarily decided that they will not serve the people of that district is a big step for a committee to take. I think you’re going to find the council very reluctant to adopt a plan that disenfranchises.

Michael Harris said I received some public comment from District 6 that concepts A and B make the most sense for District 6 they don’t split it up quite so extreme.

Terry Cook said I don’t know how the El Paseo Corridor is geographically designed.

Mandy Guss said the El Paseo Corridor is an area that has been defined by council to be looked at for some economic revitalization. It was based on connecting the University to downtown and revitalizing the businesses.

Terry Cook asked does it impact our work here?

Mandy Guss said the focus is more on the businesses.

Michael Harris said another question that I got was how much land has the city annexed and also any major projects.

Christine Rivera said any projects that I’m aware of are occurring within a specific district, but I can look into the annexation part.

Michael Sharp said just from comparing the maps we created 10 years ago it doesn’t look like there’s been any annexation.

RoseMarie Sanchez said I talked to Councilor Abeyta, and she said fair representation and try not to split where the schools are at.

David Chavez said for historic preservation, we have selected 13 historic districts. It’s a source of economic vitality.
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Irene Oliver-Lewis asked when does your work end and you take it to city council?

Michael Harris said we are trying to get some plans together by summer so that we can get it on council’s agenda to approve by the end of the year.

V. NEXT MEETING – MAY 25, 2022

VI. ADJOURNMENT

RoseMarie Sanchez Moved to Adjourn the Meeting, Estela Hernandez Seconded the Motion. It was Approved to Adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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Chair