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The following are summary minutes for the meeting of the **City of Las Cruces – Transportation-Sustainability-Infrastructure Policy Review Committee** on May 4, 2021. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Gill Sorg, Chairman
- Johana Bencomo, City Council
- Philip Simpson, Southern New Mexico Trails Alliance
- John Moscato, Las Cruces Homebuilders Association
- Mark Gaiser, EMNRD

STAFF PRESENT:

- Andy Hume, Airport Administrator
- Adrienne Widmer, Interim Assistant Utility Director
- Delilah Walsh, Interim Utilities Director
- Lisa Larocque, Sustainability Officer
- Ikani Taumoepeau, Assistant City Manager
- Erin Taylor, Energy Planning and Program Chief
- Eric Martin, Facilities Management Administrator
- Patrick Peck, Director of South Central Solid Waste Authority
- David Weir, Deputy Director Community Planning
- Tony Trevino, Deputy Director Public Works.

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Gregory Shervanick, Public

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Sorg called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30.
- II. Conflict of Interest:** There was none. Andy Hume commented that they have disabled the chat feature as it is a public meeting; if someone wishes to make a comment they can raise their hand.
- III. Acceptance of the Agenda:** Committee Member Bencomo motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Chair Sorg. Motion passed unanimously; agenda was accepted.
- IV. Minutes for Approval - TSI PRC Meeting of April 6, 2021:** Committee Member Bencomo motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Chair Sorg. Motion passed unanimously; minutes were accepted
- V. Discussion:**

1 **a. El Paseo Corridor District Development Ad Hoc Committee:** David
2 Weir gave the presentation. The ad hoc committee has met five times and
3 covered a variety of topics in regards to redevelopment and transportation
4 enhancement; both El Paseo and South Solano corridors. The ad hoc
5 committee has also looked at the impacts adjacent neighborhoods and
6 areas would have with the study areas. The initial topics have been
7 concluded.

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9 Staff currently is working on preparing a set of recommendations based on
10 the committee points. At the meeting in May, the ad hoc committee will
11 review that information and decide on additions, modifications, or make
12 recommendations to bring it forward to this Committee. If additional
13 recommendations are requested the committee will meet in June to discuss
14 them. Some topics discussed included existing conditions of the property;
15 services the City provides in regards to zoning, permitting, public works,
16 transit, and etcetera; financial incentives the City is able to provide; and
17 neighborhood organizations. Each topic was reviewed through the lens of
18 adopted policies the City has.

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20 Committee Member Bencomo added that the last meeting included Deputy
21 Chief Danes discuss the community partnership policing program in the
22 area; data will be sent concerning crime statistics. The committee also
23 discussed safety infrastructure such as lighting and moving away from
24 enforcement but rather partnerships with people who work and live in the
25 area. David Chavez from Mesquite Historic District also joined the
26 committee and discussed education and preservation of the history. There
27 was discussion on whether the recommendations should be a full
28 discussion item when brought to this Board; it may not be ready by June.
29 Mr. Weir suggested Committee Member Vasquez, Committee Member
30 Bencomo, or another ad hoc committee member give that presentation.
31 Andy Hume stated that July will be the land use and zoning code revisions
32 discussion which may be quite an in depth discussion. Mr. Hume will work
33 with Chair Sorg and Mr. Weir to schedule the discussions.

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35 **b. TSI PRC membership:** Andy Hume gave the presentation. He gave a
36 presentation to City Council in March for a resolution to update the
37 membership of the PRC. There were no changes to representatives of the
38 Councilors but opened the opportunity for flexibility of where other
39 representatives could come from; specifically the seats designated to an
40 organization. If the organization chose to not provide a representative on
41 the Board then the seat would remain unfilled. The resolution removed that
42 specificity.

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44 There are currently three seats filled; Committee Member Moscato from
45 Home Builders Association, Committee Member Simpson from the non-
46 profit Environmental Corporation, and Committee Member Gaiser from the
47 EMNRD. The Board can up to four more representatives from the group.
48 Mr. Peck mentioned the South Central Solid Waste Authority is interested

1 in being a Board Member on this Committee. Mr. Hume stated that there
2 should only be one Member from each of the groups. He asked for
3 suggestions of people for staff to reach out to. There was discussion of
4 what groups could be a representative; NMDOT, NM Environment
5 Department, SCRTD, LC Green Chamber, or a business member. There
6 was also a suggestion of the Regional Transit District. Chair Sorg
7 suggested that people send an e-mail to Mr. Hume if they can think of
8 anyone who may be interested in joining the Board.
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10 **VI. Future Discussion/Task Listing:**
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12 **a. Neighborhood and Traffic Calming Program:** Chair Sorg believes this is
13 a very important discussion to have; he receives many complaints due to
14 careless driving and speeding. This will be a presentation next month by
15 Public Works. Committee Member Simpson asked that the presenter
16 address the prospect of interim measures during the presentation. Usually
17 traffic calming requires reconstruction of the street in conjunction with traffic
18 calming. In some cases the pavement needs to be redone so it would be
19 easy and inexpensive to do a traffic calming program at the same time. He
20 specified the area on Alameda between Las Cruces Street and Picacho.
21 Mr. Trevino will coordinate with Traffic for the presentation.
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23 **b. Land Use and Zoning Code Revisions:** This presentation will be the
24 results of last month's surveys, review of the current codes, and other
25 documents that are currently being done.
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27 Chair Sorg would like to add redoing the Park Impact Fees to the discussion
28 rotation. He would like to discuss how the fees are used, specifically in new
29 developments and building of parks. Chair Sorg would like a resolution that
30 essentially says revenue from park impact fees in new developments are
31 used to build parks first for that area; leftover money can be used for
32 community parks. He will have staff draft a resolution to view next month
33 for input. Committee Member Bencomo would like to have staff from Parks
34 and Rec brought in for feedback on the resolution and park impact fees as
35 a whole.
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37 Committee Member Bencomo mentioned the next meeting is before the
38 work session on American Rescue Plan funds on June 14th. She would
39 like to discuss whether there are projects to recommend; such as where the
40 new transit facility on Motel is with funding. Ikani Taumoepeau asked if the
41 parks resolution will come from this PRC to Council; yes it will. There was
42 discussion on what will be on next month's discussion items. There was
43 discussion on whether the entire transit fleet was going to move to the new
44 Motel facility. Tony Trevino stated currently it's just the maintenance and
45 operations for transit but future plans would include the fleet. Chair Sorg
46 would like to add a future discussion item on storm water ponding
47 maintenance and building. Mr. Trevino will coordinate with Mr. Hume to get
48 it on a future agenda.

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Mr. Hume stated that he has provided some updates with ongoing projects which was shown. He will continue to work with lead departments for continual updates. Lisa LaRocque suggested reaching out to the ARP presenter to make sure they will be able to present at the next Board meeting. Committee Member Bencomo clarified that they don't need a presentation on the funds but rather discuss projects related to transit, sustainability, or infrastructure that the PRC would like to advocate for within the ARP plan. Ms. LaRocque suggested identifying criteria incorporated within the projects to make sure they're meeting the considerations for equity. Mr. Taumoepeau added that when the discussion comes in June it will be a first presentation and things will change; nothing needs to be rushed.

VII. Next Meeting - June 1, 2021.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:16 a.m.

Gill M Sorg

Chairman Sorg

Approved: _____