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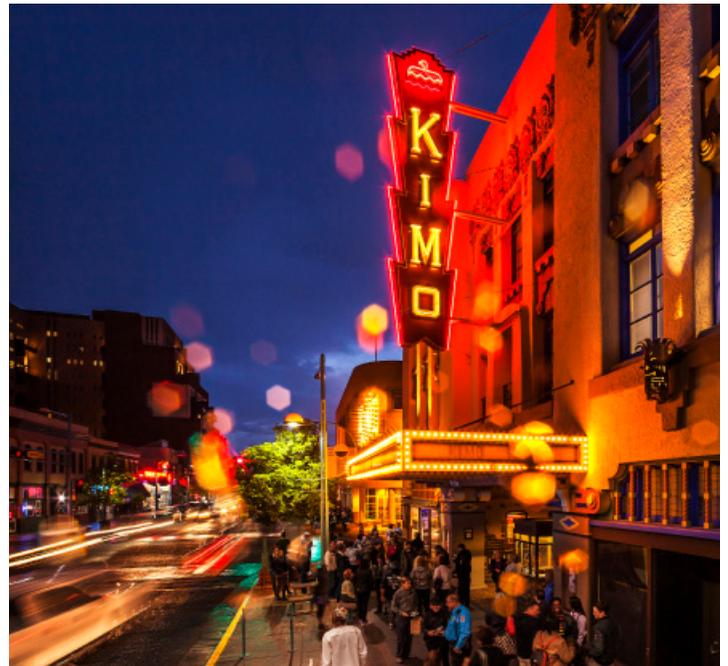
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Neighborhood Engagement Process (NEP) Update for November

As summer turns to fall, the Neighborhood Engagement Process (NEP) has progressed to the point that we have concluded Phase III of the dialogue process. We would like to thank everyone from every neighborhood association and community segment that participated in the process.

Through Phase III, our facilitation teams were able to meet with leaders from 93 different neighborhood and homeowners associations and also hear from other community members at community centers throughout the four quadrants of the city. In all, nearly 400 hundred people were engaged with us through the NEP.

Phase III has been focused on getting input from the neighborhood and homeowners associations, and Phase IV will focus on synthesizing all the information collected during the choice dialogues and preparing the final data summaries and reports. The initial review has already highlighted nearly 30 themes important to neighborhood leaders that are relevant to the NARO update. Upon completion of the analysis of input, that information from Phase IV will be disseminated to the Albuquerque City Council, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC), and to all neighborhoods listed in the ONC database. Ultimately, this information will guide and inform the City Council in determining how to update the NARO.

Now that the data-gathering portion of this project has ended, we would like to thank our facilitation team for the incredible outreach, engagement and dialogue work that they conducted through this process. Hearing the voices of the community and creating pathways for engagement from community residents was critical to success of the project and its outcomes.

To those of you who participated, we would like to thank you all again for not only engaging and welcoming us into your neighborhoods and into your conversations, but also thank you for your passion and service on behalf of your communities communities and government.





Toys for Tots Seeks Holiday Donations

Toys for Tots was founded by Marine Reservist Major Bill Hendricks in 1947. To date, it has donated over 5 million toys.

Every year, the United States Marine Corps Reserve gives hope to thousands of children and families through its Toys for Tots program. This initiative brings the community together to provide toys to children whose parents cannot afford Christmas gifts. Family and Community Services (FCS) partners with Toys for Tots in getting the word out about

donations and assisting with registering families who would like to participate. And registration is simple! Just take the required documents (see list below) to one of the partnering Community Centers or Health and Social Service Center and get signed up!

- Valid U.S. Government-issued Photo ID
- Birth certificates for kids 6 months - 10 years
- Proof of address, such as a utility or phone bill, dated within the last 30 days of registration. Bill must have parent/legal guardian name and current address

2019 registration for Toys for Tots takes place at the following Community Centers from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.:

Friday, Nov. 8., Cesar Chavez

Tuesday, Nov. 12, Don Newton Taylor Ranch

Thursday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Dec. 7, Ted M. Gallegos (Alamosa)

Monday, Dec. 9, Dennis Chavez

For more information, visit:

www.cabq.gov/family/news/toys-for-tots-2019-registration



DID YOU KNOW?

The story of Albuquerque is about the people and places that make our city **UNIQUE**

The Kimo Theater

Did You Know?

The Kimo Theater, located on the northeast corner of Central and 5th Street in Downtown, is a landmark of Albuquerque, hosting concerts, plays and other cultural events. Built in 1927, it is renowned for its architectural style and features. Originally privately owned, the City of Albuquerque purchased it in 1977 after it was badly damaged in a fire. It was renovated most recently in 2000 and continues to draw locals and visitors alike.

What's in a name, you might ask? Well, Italian immigrant, Orestre Bachechi, who is responsible for building the Kimo Theater, held a naming contest and asked the public to mail in suggestions of six letters or fewer. He received over 500 responses. That's what's in a name!

Bachechi decided on KiMo which is a combination of two Tiwa words meaning "mountain lion", which the then Albuquerque Journal referred to as the "king of beasts". Bachechi found this appropriate as he believed the theater should be adopted as the king of theaters.

He was quoted as saying, "KiMo was favored because it contains the first letters of the main words in king of movies." If that wasn't special enough, Tiwa is not a written language so the spelling was constructed specifically for the naming of the theater.



The Kimo is also alleged to be haunted by the ghost of 6-year old Bobby Darnall, who was killed in 1951 after a water heater explosion in the lobby. Though many claim to have seen or heard unusual sights and sounds at the Kimo, the story of the ghost cannot be confirmed to be young Bobby. But what's a historic theater without a ghost?

Talk about your fun facts!

To learn more about the Kimo Theater, and to purchase tickets for movies and events there, visit: www.kimotickets.com •



FOLLOW-UP ZONING CONVERSIONS

Following the adoption of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) in May 2018, City Council directed the Planning Department to provide a free, one-year process for property owners to request a zone conversion to a zone that better matched the existing uses or prior entitlements on their properties based on five criteria.

The Planning Department received over 1,300 forms from property owners looking to take

advantage of this opportunity. These zoning conversions are adopted legislatively as text amendments to the IDO, changing the conversion rules for the properties submitted in each batch. Check for updates at: <https://tinyurl.com/zc-project>.

Batch 1

In August, the City Council approved Batch 1 zoning conversions, which became effective in September. The Official Zoning Map has been updated.

Batch 2

In October, City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee voted to recommend approval of Batch 2 zoning conversions to the full City Council. The City Council reviewed and decided these Batch 2 zoning conversions as the final step in the review/decision process at the Council hearing on November 4, 2019.

Batch 3

In October, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) recommended approval of the



DECISION PROCESS FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (IDO)

Amending the City's zoning code is a legislative action that involves three steps:

Step 1: Review/recommendation from the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)

Step 2: Review/recommendation from the City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee

Step 3: Review/decision by the City Council



zoning conversions for Batch 3 properties on the East Side requesting voluntary downzones to match existing residential uses on the property. EPC adopted findings that did not support the request for properties on the West Side to convert from MX-L (a zone that does not allow single-family development) to MX-T (a zone that does allow single-family development). Batch 3 heads next to LUPZ as step 2 in the review/decision process.

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

In order to give the public more time to review changes proposed to the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO), the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) voted to hear the annual update next in December at its regular monthly hearing. EPC's review and recommendation is the first step in the City's legislative review/decision process for this text amendment to the IDO.

WHAT: EPC Hearing #4

WHEN: Thursday, December 12, 2019

WHERE: Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW, Basement Hearing Room

The agenda and staff report will be posted on the EPC webpage by Thursday, December 5th, by 3 p.m.: www.cabq.gov/planning/boards-commissions/environmental-planning-commission/epc-agendas-reports-minutes

Staff is happy to meet with you to answer questions about proposed changes. Email abcto@cabq.gov or call 505-924-3860.

See the project webpage for proposed changes, including notes from the 16 public meetings held in May/June/August 2019 to review proposed changes for each chapter of the IDO: abc-zone.com/ido-annual-update-2019

The list of proposed updates will continue to grow and change in response to public and agency comments until City Council takes final action for this annual update.

You can email your ideas, edits, or comments to abcto@cabq.gov for consideration throughout this process. To be most helpful, please reference a particular page number or section in the IDO, if possible, so that staff can best understand your suggestion. See the IDO Effective Draft here: ido.abc-zone.com.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT OCTOBER EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who participated in meetings and workshops in October! Our "Plan the Plan" meetings gathered ideas about how to best engage each community when the Community Planning Area assessments begin in June 2020.

Our Civic Skills Workshops shared the power of planning - for the good and the bad - and other ways the City addresses communities' needs and wants. More information is available at: <https://abc-zone.com/october-2019-events>

The next step in the Community Planning Area assessment process is to analyze which Community Planning Areas show the highest need for immediate planning assistance based on information we have about quality of life/livability factors, vulnerable populations, and development pressure. Based on this analysis, staff will send a recommended order of the 12 Community Planning Areas to City Council, which will decide the final order. Planning staff will host another series of public meetings in the early spring to report back what we heard from you in the October 2019 meetings and to begin to prepare for the first 5-year cycle of assessments, which are slated to begin in June 2020. ●





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HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

Want to get involved?

If you want to learn more about neighborhood associations, or find out what resources we can bring to your neighborhood, contact us! Our vision is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their concerns in a meaningful way.

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