



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE,  
Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting  
January 28, 2025 – Minutes**

**City Councilor - Klarissa Peña**

**City Councilor - Brook Bassan**

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

**Department of Arts & Culture - Diego Lucero**

**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 - Jeff Hertz, Bree Ortiz**

**1. Call to Order**

- JR established that there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

- Commission introductions were conducted after roll call.

**3. Elect a Vice- Chair**

- JR moved to elect a Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded. Councilor Peña nominated Lorenzo Otero for Vice-Chair. Councilor Bassan seconded the motion. Lorenzo was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair.

**4. Review & Approve Minutes from November Meeting**

- Twyla moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Lorenzo seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**5. Discussion Topics**

- a. Board Training, Board Roles and Responsibilities - JR reviewed the Ordinance for the Route 66 Visitor Center Commission. Discussion on the roles of the Commission. Shelle discussed the legislation with questions under Duties of the Commission B, D, and E.
- b. Maintenance and Repair Updates - Bree gave an update on the facility repairs and projects. Brief discussion on building usage and events.
- c. Staffing Updates - Visitor Center Manager position will post soon.
- d. Route 66 Centennial Celebration & Initiatives - Shelle noted that there is an upcoming report that will be available regarding all celebrations soon.
- e. Project Committees - Shelle gave updates on all contracts that are getting in place for the projects. The first meetings are scheduled in February.

- i. Sign Park
- ii. Exhibit Development and Design
- iii. Site Masterplan
- iv. Centennial Celebrations

6. Announcements

- a. Route 66 Centennial Press Conference: February 18, 2025 at noon

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.**