



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting
November 25, 2025 – Minutes

City Councilor - Klarissa Peña, present
City Councilor - Brook Bassan, absent
Department of Arts & Culture - Shelle Sanchez, Ph.D., present
Visit Albuquerque Position - Tania Armenta, present
West Central Community Development Group - Twyla McComb, present
West Central Community Development Group - Lorenzo (House) Otero, present
West Central Community Development Group - Carlos Garcia, present
West Central Community Development Group - Joe Chavez, absent
Mayoral Appointee - JR Rael, absent
Hispano Chamber of Commerce Representative, absent
Department of Arts & Culture - Diego Lucero, present
Support Staff - Marc Montoya, Bree Ortiz, present

1. Call to Order

- a. Lorenzo Otero called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. Review & Approve Minutes from September Meeting

- a. Twyla moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Councilor Peña seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Updates

- a. 2026 Exhibits - Shelle explained that the contractors are finishing the proposed designs for the main hallway along with two rotating exhibits for the museum space which includes a proposed photography exhibit. Installation will start in December for the main hallway. Proposals for the photography exhibit are being reviewed and contracted.
- b. Sign Park - Shelle gave an update that the signs have been identified with some currently getting refurbished. We are waiting on permitting to move towards installation.
- c. Master Plan - Diego gave the update that the City has received a proposal from an architect and are in the process of reviewing that proposal.
- d. Maintenance and Repair Updates - Marc gave an update on the elevators being operable and passed all inspections. The upstairs lighting has been fixed. The theater and audio systems have been updated. The deficiencies from building and fire inspections have been corrected.
- e. Staffing Updates - Shelle gave an update that a position will be advertised in the coming weeks, along with a third position that is being worked on internally.

4. Actions

- a. Recommendation to support the relocation of Little House Diner to the Route 66 Visitor Center. Twyla motioned to table the discussion to the next meeting when all voting parties are present. Councilor Peña seconded the motion.

5. Announcements

- a. 2026 Meeting Calendar - Twyla would like to keep the meeting schedule the same. Bree will get them sent out to the group with the first Commission meeting being in January.

- b. Commission By-Laws - Twyla would like to keep both working sessions as scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.