



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
**Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting**  
**May 26, 2026 – Minutes**

**City Councilor - Klarissa Peña, present**  
**City Councilor - Brook Bassan, absent**  
**Department of Arts & Culture - Shelle Sanchez, Ph.D., absent**  
**Department of Arts & Culture - Diego Lucero, absent**  
**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, absent**  
**West Central Community Development Group – Denise Chavez, absent**  
**Mayoral Appointee - JR Rael, present**  
**Hispano Chamber of Commerce Representative – Erik Contreras, present**  
**Support Staff - Marc Montoya, present**

**1. Call to Order**

- a. JR Rael called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**2. Review & Approve Minutes from March Meeting**

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

**3. Exhibits**

- a. 2026 Exhibits – Marc gave the update that planning is continuing for Centennial related exhibits and programming with a focus on Route 66 themed installations. Hoppers model car exhibit will follow the Centennial Roots exhibit.
- b. Sign Park - Marc gave an update that the last two signs of this phase will be installed sometime in the next week. Restoration and electrical work will continue after installation.
- c. Master Plan - JR gave the update that the architect for the Master Plan will give a presentation at our next commission meeting.
- d. Maintenance and Repair Updates - Marc gave an update that the main entry gate has been fixed after being struck by a truck and trailer. New closers have been installed on the 1937 Lookout doors. Doors sweeps have been added to the east side gallery doors. All electrical work has been completed for the marquee install. The outdoor lighting that was not working has been replaced.
- e. Concerts and Public Hours Operations – Marc provided an update on the successes of the concert series along with the averages of attendance per day since opening.
- f. Bylaws Committee – Twyla announced that she has been working with Jeff, using the ordinances to create the Bylaws. It would include the City providing the Governance Committee with programming plans so that the Governance Committee can give feedback and guidance. They are also planning to change the term length of the ordinance to prevent all members from leaving at once. Twyla is hoping to have a draft ready to present at the next commission meeting.

**4. Announcements**

- a. Next Committee Meeting – June 23, 2026 at 3 p.m. for Exhibits and 4 p.m. for Master Plan.
- b. Next Commission Meeting – July 28, 2026 at 3 p.m.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.**