



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting
July 28, 2026 - Minutes

City Councilor - Klarissa Peña, present

City Councilor - Brook Bassan, absent

Department of Arts & Culture - Diego Lucero, present

Visit Albuquerque Position - Tania Armenta, present

West Central Community Development Group - Twyla McComb, present

West Central Community Development Group - Lorenzo (House) Otero, absent

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 - Bree Ortiz and Marc Montoya, present

- **Establish Quorum**
 - JR Rael called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
 - Quorum was not met.
- **Review & Approve Minutes from March Meeting**
 - Quorum was not met.
- **Presentation**
 - Wes Lansford gave a presentation on the Master Plan process for the Unser Property. Over the last two to three months, they have been gathering information to move to the next step in the process. Community meetings will be hosted to gather the surrounding neighborhoods' ideas and feedback. Mr. Lansford understands that the Route 66 Visitor Center will be a partner venue to the Unser Property as they move forward in the process.
- **Exhibits**
 - 2026 Exhibits - Diego gave the update that the current exhibit will come down in September. Hoppers will follow and potentially move in before Balloon Fiesta. There is a possibility to move in some lowrider bicycles to help fill the space. The 5 Ton Monkey car display case is mostly complete. Twyla and House have a program proposal for the next exhibits committee meeting.
 - Sign Park - Diego gave an update that the Sign Park is 95% complete with one sign still needing repairs.
 - Venue Visitors and Programming - Marc gave an update that the facility has hosted 8 events in the two months between meetings. The averages each day had increased since the previous commission meeting. A second concert series with the NM Music Hall of Fame was announced as well.

- Bylaws Committee - Twyla presented the board members with a draft of the bylaws for review and notation as the committee works towards a final draft. This will include staggered term lengths to provide a more seamless transition between members.
- **Announcements**
 - Next Committee Meeting - August 25, 2026 at 3 p.m. for Exhibits and 4 p.m. for Master Plan.
 - Next Commission Meeting - September 22, 2026 at 3 p.m.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.**