



**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
**Route 66 Visitor Center Commission Meeting**  
**September 23, 2025 – Minutes**

**City Councilor – Klarissa Peña, present**  
**City Councilor – Brook Bassan, present**  
**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, present**  
**Mayoral Appointee - JR Rael, present**  
**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. JR called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

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

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

**3. Updates**

- a. 2026 Exhibits - Shelle explained that we are moving forward with Ideum's concepts with multiple contractors.
- b. Sign Park - Shelle gave an update that the Sign Park is in progress and will be done by the Centennial year.
- c. Valentine Diner - Shelle gave the update that there is space in the Sign Park to place the Diner, however the move is currently on hold pending other plans in Nob Hill. She still recommends the move.
- d. Maintenance and Repair Updates - Bree gave an update that most large projects have been completed. Upcoming projects include the decorative lighting repair, the bollard replacement, and the Crestron System online.
- e. Staffing Updates - Marc Montoya has started at the Center as the Event Supervisor. The Visitor Center Manager job is posted.

**4. Announcements**

- a. West Fest was a success with positive community feedback and the WCCDG looks forward to planning next year's event. They will look at parking solutions.
- b. Councilor Peña announced that she removed herself from the Governance Committee.
- c. Councilor Peña announced that Commissioner Baca is proud of the Center and continues to support the growth.
- d. Next Commission Meeting - November 25, 2025 at 3 p.m.
- e. Next Committee Meetings - Tuesday, October 21

- i. 2:30 p.m. - Governance Committee
- ii. 3 p.m. - Exhibit Committee
- iii. 3:30 p.m. - Master Plan Committee

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**