

**City of Albuquerque
Small Business
Regulatory Advisory Commission**



Chair: Myra Ghattas
Vice Chairman: Tim Nisly

City Legal: Leigh Brunner
Staff: M. Mitchell
C. Vender
A. Mireles

Commissioners: Paulette Baca
Matthew Biggs
Kenneth J. Carson
Cailyn Kilcup

**June 7, 2022
10:00am – 11:30am**

10:01 starting meeting

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AGENDA

I. Approval of minutes- Chair (Myra)

MOTION to Approve May 5, 2022 Minutes: Myra Ghattas

SECOND by: Matt Biggs

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Additions/deletions to agenda – N/A

III. Open Discussion - Alan Varela, J.D. Planning Department Director – Business registration process. Christina Pajaron – Family & Community Gateway Administrator.

- Myra Ghattas initiated introductions to familiarize new participants.
- Alan Varela briefly mentioned the new system plan for business licensing. Explained the acronym ABCDP (ABQ mapping, Building safety, Code enforcement, Development services & Planning)
- Myra Ghattas and Angelo Metzgar expressed how frustrating issues the present system contains.
- 21 new Full-time employees including engineers & navigators. New staff will have meetings with experienced others to clarify any issues new employees might come by.
- Tim Nisly requested more information on zoning and the different plans & paths to the new plan/ budget.

- Alan proposes a new way to avoid the improper hearings to make decisions on new businesses.
- Matt exposes the lack of communication from the planning department's customer service. Alan agrees with the miscommunication, and responds with a solution.
- Angelo Metzgar offered his assistance in future issues, as well as contact information to post on websites.
- Christina Pajaron from Family & Community Gateway, to talk about the city's proposed solutions to increased homeless population
- Christina requests insight how the small business community has been affected. Cailyn Kilcup and Matt Biggs tell about the experiences they've encountered.
- 30% increase in homelessness nationwide, 19% increase in Albuquerque homelessness.
- Christina claims it is cheaper to house 1 homeless person for around \$12,000 vs the \$35,578 it would take taxpayers.
- Resources, housing vouchers and services are provided by Family & Community for those who experience homelessness.
- Gibson Hub is to provide mental illness assistance & substance abuse assistance while a place to bring those who are suffering off the streets.
- Christina gave a timeline of phase 1 to wrap up this coming winter. (phase 1 determines the following phases)
- Christina proposes a solution to the gap between being admitted to the county's Cares campus (substance recovery) and being temporarily cared for in the ER.
- Albuquerque Community Safety was introduced to the group for further information.
- Christina explains reason for why there's such an increase, Inequality, increase in rent and inadequate housing supply seem to be the main problems nationwide.
- Myra wonders what categories of people make up our homeless population. 20-30% people are 5+ years homeless, Native American population is the biggest population in CABQ to experience homelessness.

IV. City Update – SB Liaison Carrie Vender

- State of the city, June 25 at the railyards, representation of the city departments for citizens to meet and question.
- Designing Albuquerque, June 14 & 15, at the rail yards for construction workers, architects and engineers to show how to work with the city on contracts.
- Lisa mentions study of underrepresented vendors in the CABQ.
- Myra mentioned attendance in recent downtown summit and what murals mean to the revitalization of CABQ.
- Myra requests update on "rail trail", and relation to small business.
- Lisa informs the commission of a new director at the airport, mentioned the expansion with the food court.
- Wants to level the competitive grounds for construction and retail opportunities against big corporations.

VII. Committee Update- Chair

VIII. Adjourn – Chair Ghattas

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Commissioner Kilcup

SECOND: Commissioner Baca
ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 11:17

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