

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY ADVISORY COMMISSION

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Chairman: Anthony Trujillo **Commissioners:** Alex Romero
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Larry Rainosek
Scott Throckmorton



MINUTES from May 20, 2014

ATTENDEES:

Anthony Trujillo
Don Kaufman
Larry Garcia
Larry Rainosek
Scott Throckmorton
Alex Romero

EXCUSED:

Beverly Chavez

STAFF:

Cheryl Rein
Jenny Walters
Donna Griffin
Gary Oppedahl

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trujillo at 7:33 a.m.

No changes or additions were made to the Agenda.

The March minutes were approved by the Commission.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KAUFFMAN
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RAINOSEK
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation/Overview of Millennial working group recommendations—Julia Mandeville,
Director of Programs and Community Relations, Harwood Art Center

Ms. Mandeville gave the Commission a background on how their millennial group of about 60 members was formed in March of 2014. This group shares a deep commitment to downtown Albuquerque and to non-traditional approaches to revitalization. Many smaller groups have formed out of their initial summit to tackle three specific initiatives. After intense research in a short amount of time the group has found and is committed to education around the economic impact that all three initiatives bring to the City of Albuquerque.

1. Communications Website—to start building engagement and interest from a broader millennial group in the community.
2. Green-in Group—to start greening on Central between 1st and 8th, received \$5000 “Keep America Beautiful” Grant, and will head a 100 person volunteer work day in June 2014.
3. Permitting and Regulations—Special Events, Arts & Culture, and Small Business Development. Revamping the process to reduce the time and cost it takes to permit an event in Albuquerque.

The current process is time consuming and costly to the degree that it discourages events from taking place. Film for example can receive a permit within 24 hours to shut down an entire block on Central, for your average citizen or event planner to do the same it takes nine months and about \$6,000.00 in fees. There are about 300 special events permitted each year in the downtown area, however Business First did a community survey of hundreds of local citizens in regards to seeking a special event permit. The majority of people surveyed, answered the second question “how far did you get?” with the response that they gave up. The group has been meeting weekly and will make improvement recommendations to Mayor Berry in mid-June. Ms. Mandeville shared that their tag line is “We want a community/city that wants us”. They are trying to create a community that supports engagement driven events and collaborative efforts.

There was time allotted for Q/A with the Commissioners and Ms. Mandeville.

Challenges in hosting food trucks on private parking lots—John Moore, Executive Director of STEPS and Kenji Kondo, Design & Fabrication Kenji Kondo Studios

John Moore stated that STEPS has a very effective & efficient business model that provides a service to ABQ entrepreneurs that no other entity can match. In the last 45 days or so, they have directly assisted 8-10 new “*Kitchen table entrepreneurs*”, STEPS clients, to launch their new businesses and produce about 30 jobs. Some of these companies are food trucks. Kenji is a STEPS client and he would like to have a food pod in his private parking lot for local food trucks, however in order to have a food pod the host business has to have some relation to food and Kenji’s business has nothing to do with food. These are old ordinances that prohibit food trucks on private property, even when invited by private property owner, but allow them on public streets. The legislation is dated as most restaurants do not want a food truck parked near the business (on street in front) and secondly places that don’t have food nearby (private parking lots) would love to have the food option available. Mr. Moore would like to see the regulation changed to allow food trucks on a business private parking lot when the owner is giving the permission and is receptive to having the food trucks there.

A representative from the Planning Department advised that vendors can park on the side of the road with a vendors permit and zoning does not regulate this, however parking on private property is only allowed conditionally. There is a declaratory ruling that someone can vend for 2 hours without going through the conditional use process.


There was time allotted for Q/A from the Commissioner and Mr. Moore/Mr. Kondo.

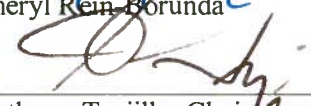
Donna Griffin suggested changing the declaratory ruling from 2 hours to more time. Commissioner Throckmorton motioned for a letter to be delivered to Brennan Williams (Planning Dept) requesting the change on the declaratory ruling to go from 2 hours to 5 hours.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THROCKMORTON
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ROMERO
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER THROCKMORTON
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes submitted by:  Date 8/19/14
Cheryl Rein Borunda

Minutes approved by:  Date 8/19/14
Anthony Trujillo, Chairman of the Board

