

LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Annual Meeting Report* April, 2021

- The Committee continued to meet on 1st Thursdays (except for March). Attendance was typically between 7 and 10 members. All meetings were on Zoom.
- Hannah Burling facilitated the transfer of committee leadership from herself to Chris, including an introduction to Daniel Hernandez, Project Manager for the Midtown Campus Project.
- Chris kept in regular contact with Daniel Hernandez about the public engagement process for the Midtown project.
 - Chris, Jody Larson and Judy Williams met via Zoom with Daniel and Michaele Pride, the project's public engagement consultant in December. We completed a survey distributed to local nonprofits following the call. We then participated in a late March meeting with the consultants and members of nonprofits to discuss options for grants related to public engagement.
- Hannah and Chris worked with Stephanie Schlanger to update and enhance the A&A webpage. The page now includes:
 - A&A communications with public bodies / letters to the editor:
 - July 2020 – letter to Governing Body on website information for online public meetings
 - October 2020 – letter to Governing Body re the Health and Safety Task Force followed by a shortened letter to the *New Mexican* editor
 - November 2020 – letter to Governing Body re the proposed CHART commission
 - Monthly A&A Reports to the Board (beginning 11/20)
 - The League's A&A priority matrix
- The priority matrix was reviewed in August, approved as revised by the committee in September and then approved by the Board in September.
- Committee members, led by Hannah, volunteered with distributing flyers and making phone calls for the 2020 Census in the early Fall.
- Other topics of discussion included:
 - Mayoral Salary Commission amendments
 - Ideas for a study or voter education re bond issues
 - Santa Fe Estates proposed land sale
- The committee had regular coverage of the SFPS (Mary Ellen Gonzales) all year and of SFCC (Irene Epp) for part of the year. Members monitored meetings of the Governing Body and the BCC when issues of particular interest were on the agenda. Requests for new volunteer observers were made in several Voters and through a Constant Contact message but were not successful.
- The committee organized and hosted two virtual meetings in March for the entire membership:
 - March 8 with Mayor Webber and staff on the revised plan for the CHART process

- March 24 with Daniel Hernandez on the status of the Midtown Campus Project with a focus on the public engagement component
- Special projects which had originated in the A&A Committee – Good Governance, Civil Discourse and Outreach – were moved out from under the committee with the revised Leadership Team structure approved at the 2020 Annual Meeting. At committee member request, updates on these projects continued to be part of the A&A agenda.

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