

LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Annual Meeting Report* May 11, 2022

- The Committee continued to meet on 1st Thursdays. We returned to in-person (Museum Hill) in the summer, went back to Zoom in the fall/winter and returned to Rio Chama in March. Attendance has ranged from as many as 10 down to as few as 5.
- Communications sent to the press and/or governmental bodies included:
 - Letter to the Governing Body and the press re the proposed Las Estrellas land sale, 5/11/21;
 - Op-eds (*New Mexican My View* 5/23/21 and *Journal North* 5/16/21) re Las Estrellas;
 - Public comments to Santa Fe Public Schools Board re staffing crisis, 11/4/21;
 - Letter to the Editor (*New Mexican*) re redistricting, at the request of LWVNM, published 11/27/21;
 - Letter to the Governing Body re the revised Procedural Rules for the Governing Body, 12/16/21; and
 - Letter to the Editor (*New Mexican*) re the revised Procedural Rules for the Governing Body, published 1/7/22
- The committee stayed in regular contact with Daniel Hernandez about the Midtown Project status and the public engagement activities for the Midtown project.
 - Chris Furlanetto, Jody Larson and Judy Williams met via Zoom with Daniel periodically for updates on progress. We monitored presentations to the Governing Body and to the public; electronic copies of such presentations were distributed to members along with documents Daniel shared with us.
 - Members attended selected public engagement activities.
 - We continue to try to obtain historic data on costs to the City – consultant fees, carrying costs on the property, staff time, etc. - for the project. We are considering escalating our request.
- The City's CHART project was another primary focus. The committee organized two Zoom events open to the entire membership:
 - A presentation by the principals of the consultant organization during Sunshine Week (3/16/22); and
 - A facilitated League-only small-group discussion session on Monuments 4/12/22. Nine members participated.
- We were asked by three Councilors to provide input on a set of revised Procedural Rules for the Governing Body and did so in a small-group virtual meeting. This was originally part of a larger Good Governance project that began shortly before the pandemic hit and the broader initiative was suspended.

- Other topics of discussion related to the City included:
 - Las Estrellas/Santa Fe Estates proposed land sale (now on hold);
 - General Plan/Land Use Code Updates; and
 - City audit process and progress
- No issues of concern at the County level surfaced during the year.
- The committee had regular coverage of the SFPS (Mary Ellen Gonzales) all year.
- Members monitored meetings of the Governing Body and selected committees when issues of particular interest were on the agenda. New volunteer observers are always welcome; invitations to join the committee have been included in Voter articles.
- Chris continued to send Stephanie Schlanger written communications and A&A monthly Reports to the Board for posting on the A&A web page.
- The priority matrix was reviewed, approved as revised by the committee in August and also approved by the Board in August.
- Civil Discourse – in the context of promoting civility at local government meetings – is now again under the purview of A&A.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto
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