LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Report to the Board*

April 19, 2022

Midtown Project

A Voices at Midtown presentation by the public engagement consultants was held March 22; It was a high-level summary of activities with an extensive wish list of what the public wants to see at the site but with no priorities. The final report was due 3/31 but has not yet been issued.

We have written once more to the Finance Department asking for historic data on expenditures on the Midtown site since the City acquired the property in 2018. We have not received a response. The next step will be to file an IPRA request, likely in conjunction with FOG.

Chris will contact Daniel Hernandez to find out the status of planned RFPs for renovation of the Visual Arts Center and the Garson Studios. They were due to be issued mid-March.

The committee continues to monitor project activities through the websites, Governing Body presentations and press articles.

CHART

The CHART principals presented an overview of the CHART process to on March 16 via Zoom. The presentation was reasonably well attended. Nine members participated in facilitated small-group discussions with the CHART team on 4/12. The topic was Monuments.

Good Governance

Judy reminded the group that this project originated (pre-COVID) with a request from Councilors to assist in overhauling City processes. Revising the Procedural Rules was a part of this.

General Plan/Land Use Code Updates

Committee members met with Daniel Alvarado of the Land Use Department on 3/15 via Zoom to clarify what is happening with plan and code updates. The first step is a diagnostic review of the Land Use Code to understand the scope of work needed for an overall update. Selection of a consultant for that task is in process. There is no current plan to update the 1999 General Plan.

Members discussed a request from an outside group interested in the code/plan updates to attend our meetings. Because our meetings are members-only, we agreed that we can instead offer a meeting of a small group of A&A members with their members.

City Audit

The committee will continue to research the status of the audit which is delayed once again.

General

Members again discussed organizing a meeting with the new City Manager, John Blair. No plans were made as this may involve members of the Leadership Team, not just A&A members. We would appreciate LT input on this.

Attendance continues to be low. We have returned to meeting for lunch at Rio Chama. Perhaps the Annual Meeting will be an opportunity to generate interest in the committee.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto, April 16, 2022