LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Report to the Board*

March 15, 2022

Midtown Project

The Governing Body (GB) approved Resolution 2022-12 on February 23. This resolution directs City staff to begin several pre-development actions: <https://www.santafenm.gov/document_center/document/13388>

Chris, Jody and Judy met with Daniel Hernandez March 9 via Zoom. We discussed several questions we had first asked late in 2021 as well as questions raised by recent events. We will follow up with the Finance Department with questions about City expenditures (debt service, consultants, etc.) and revenue (from leased structures).

A Voices at Midtown presentation by the public engagement consultants is scheduled for March 22; registration is required. An announcement is scheduled for March 15. (This was previously scheduled for March 2; anyone who registered for that session should have gotten an updated link.)

The committee continues to monitor project activities at [www.midtowndistrictsantafe.com](http://www.midtowndistrictsantafe.com) and public engagement activities at <https://www.cultureconnects.site> although these websites are not always current.

CHART

The Sunshine Week presentation on CHART is scheduled for March 16 at noon on Zoom.

We plan to schedule a League-only facilitated discussion on Monuments after the general presentation. Registration will be required with minimum and maximum numbers of participants.

Las Estrellas / Santa Fe Estates

No new information to report.

Good Governance

Based on Chris’ review of the approved revised procedural rules, it appears that there are only two changes from the draft discussed with the sponsors back in December.

General Plan/Land Use Code Updates

Jody presented her findings from a search for information on City initiatives to update either the General Plan or the Land Use Code. There is an outstanding RFP for a ‘diagnostic review’ of the Land Development Code; the submission deadline was March 8.

Committee members will meet with Daniel Alvarado, Senior Planner in the Land Use Department, on Zoom Tuesday afternoon, March 15. The objective is to clarify what is actually happening with plan and code updates. We have questions about line items in the current (FY22) budget, responsibilities, terminology and timelines.

City Audit

The committee discussed the ongoing issues with the audit process and timing. Jody will continue with her research efforts and will give a status report at a later meeting.

Outreach Circle

Hannah updated the group on Outreach Circle and new initiatives to promote it within the League. It is appropriate not only for action items but also for recruiting and announcements.

General

Members also 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.

Attendance has been low at the last two meetings. We returned to meeting for lunch at Rio Chama in March now that the restaurant has resumed lunch service.

The committee will discuss how we can both increase participation by members currently on our email list (n=17) and recruit new members.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto, March 13, 2022