

FAIRGROUNDS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE, per 2nd Fairgrounds Development Board Meeting Aug 21st

- Website Live this week fairgroundsdistrict.nm.gov
- Survey early Sept, open for 3 weeks
- Meeting for the Larger Community - week of Sept 22nd (1st of 3). FWNA website will post updates. Informing of Stantec's findings thus far. Panel discussion amongst some stakeholders committee members about most important neighborhood priorities.

Community Priorities per interviews:

1. Safe walkable community space that connects all sides of the Fairgrounds.
2. Environmental considerations-greenspace, tree canopy, reduce heat index and pollution. Ability to walk to groceries, schools, restaurants, retail.
3. Accessible Housing - on Fairgrounds itself, also important to utilize existing properties surrounding Fairgrounds first, create pathways to first-time home-ownership in surrounding neighborhoods as well as Fairgrounds, Community Land Trust - community could own and renovate the properties. Truly mixed income housing.
4. Economic and Business Development. Fairgrounds could be economic engine to bring this area back, some kind of anchor tenant important. Public Survey to inform what that might be.
5. Healthy and Safe community. Important to spread out services to underserved, not have them only focused here.
6. Community Power - clearly obvious that various non-profits, NA's, have harnessed and developed this in last 20 yrs.

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This website's focus- to be optimistic and realistic, current happenings, and opportunities in near future. Repository for goings-on.

Accessibility - front door for community to engage in Master Planning process now and moving forward. Will explain what goes into Master Planning process: site assessment, historical buildings, surrounding community happenings - NA's, District 6, etc, will also feature a resource library.

Board members ((Rogers, Barboa, Ananonu, Keller) expressed it's very important to show the many many positive projects underway in our community, NOT negative images (encampments, etc.) There are numerous positive pics they could share. This entire effort should not be pitched in the negative. Telling our story of community from inside out, not outside in, not necessarily the way others portray our community.

Positive efforts shared by Mayor Keller: for ex: improving Central- San Pedro intersection, Safety on Busses prg during Fair, closing/transforming Barcelona Suites. Using TIDD funds not only inside fairgrounds, but to improve surrounding neighborhood!

Board requested they get to review website before released.

Resolution to authorize Communications Plan passed. Authorization of Budget passed. Political Subdivision, special district. Balance budget, transparency, state fiscal responsibility.

Mayor Keller suggested create the Bond now, then figure out specifics of how/where to spend those funds. Saves time, keeps the process moving forward. Also, can do a budget adjust request if needed, doesn't have to go thru board of finance, so won't bog down.

Presentation of Economic Data, presented by Kelly O'Donnel, Economist. 10K new - perm and temp jobs

Development without Displacement. Community Land Trust. Housing. Stadium. Retail.

Sever Race Track from Casino? In next 30 day Legislative Session. Review Past Proposals - lessons learned

Casino - the 22 yr contract could be bought out or changed.

September 25th, Thursday, next Fairgrounds Development Board meeting, open to the public, likely at AAPAC, likely at 10:00 am