

ACTION SHEET
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06/25/14
ITEM FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06/16/14

ISSUE:

30. Request for Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Governing Body's Intention to Bring People to the Santa Fe Plaza by Providing a Safer Environment and Increased Economic Development Opportunities. (Mayor Gonzales, Councilors Ives and Dimas) (Isaac Pino)

Committee Review:

Public Safety Committee (approved)	04/15/14
City Business Quality of Life Committee (approved)	04/16/14
Public Works Committee (no recommendation)	04/28/14
City Business Quality of Life Committee (update)	06/11/14
Public Safety Committee (update)	06/17/14
Mayors Committee of Disability (scheduled)	06/19/14
Public Works Committee (scheduled)	06/23/14
City Council (scheduled)	06/25/14

Fiscal Impact – Yes

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION: APPROVED AS DISCUSSION ITEM

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS

Approved with direction to staff.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
COUNCILOR TRUJILLO	X		
COUNCILOR RIVERA	X		
COUNCILOR LINDELL	X		
COUNCILOR MAESTAS	Excused		
CHAIRPERSON DOMINGUEZ			

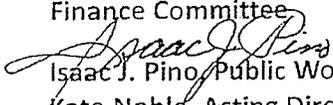
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City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

DATE: June 5, 2014

TO: Finance Committee

FROM:  Isaac J. Pino, Public Works Department Director
Kate Noble, Acting Director *MRJ for KN*
Housing & Community Development Department

Staff has been working to develop a logistics and programming plan to accompany the "People to the Plaza" resolution.

LOGISTICS:

Street closures and deliveries - The resolution now provides for closure of the east and west sides of the Plaza, Lincoln Avenue and Old Santa Fe Trail. The southern side of the Plaza, West San Francisco, will remain open. The northwest corner (Palace Avenue and Lincoln Avenue) and southeast corner (West San Francisco and Old Santa Fe Trail) will be open for turns. See traffic routes map for updated flows. The outside lanes (farthest from the Plaza) on Lincoln and Old SF Trail will be accessible for deliveries at any time of day. Planters will be placed in the center of these two streets (they are currently placed on Old SF Trail) to separate any vehicle deliveries and City of Santa Fe parking (three spots for Police, one for Fire) from the pedestrianized area. A portion of Lincoln Avenue will be used for tables and chairs for the comfort of visitors to the Plaza.

Parking, ADA Designated Spaces and Drop Offs - The Parking Division has increased by two the number of ADA parking spaces on the Plaza and in the immediate vicinity. A drop-off spot has been designated on Palace Avenue at the northwest corner.

PROGRAMMING:

Public Input - A public forum was held on May 12, 2014 to invite ideas for programming to bring people to the Plaza. More than 50 people attended and roughly two dozen spoke to audience. Attendees were then given colored dots and asked to vote for their favorite ideas. The ideas collected there and those submitted via email have been collated and are detailed in the attached "Plaza Programming Ideas" document. Music was the favorite programming idea and food was second.

Plaza Schedule - Staff has collated the schedule events for the Summer of 2014 according to the desired programming categories (please see attached Plaza Schedule of Events). This includes 40 music events and nine food events (not including Spanish and Indian Markets). Only eight dates in July and August do not have events scheduled.

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

Councilor Peter Ives

Councilor Bill Dimas

A RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY’S INTENTION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE SANTA FE PLAZA BY PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Plaza has been the commercial, social and political center of Santa Fe since 1610; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 the Secretary of the Interior designated the Santa Fe Plaza a National Historic Landmark, and subsequently listed the Plaza in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Governing Body adopted Resolution 2002-50 creating a Plaza Task Force for the purpose of developing specific options for a policy on traffic control in the Santa Fe Plaza area; and

WHEREAS, the Plaza Task Force completed its effort in March 2003 and unanimously approved certain concepts and recommendations related to traffic control in the Santa Fe Plaza area; and

WHEREAS, a safer environment for pedestrians and traffic passing in front of vendors at the

1 Palace of the Governors on Palace Avenue were deemed the two highest priority safety concerns by
2 the Plaza Task Force; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as a result, Palace Avenue in front of the Palace of the Governors was closed to
4 vehicular traffic with the exception of loading and unloading and emergency vehicle access resulting
5 in a safer pedestrian environment; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2006 the Governing Body unanimously approved the Santa Fe Plaza Cultural
7 Landscape Report, a joint effort of the City, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the National
8 Park Service; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the scope of the Santa Fe Plaza Cultural Landscape report did not include the
10 streets immediately adjacent to the Plaza Park, and therefore included no treatment recommendations
11 for these streets; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 23-5 of the City of Santa Fe Municipal Code (23-5 SFCC 1987)
13 regulates the use of the Plaza, Plaza Park and Plaza periphery area and states that the usage of the
14 Plaza and the Plaza Park should be creative, evolving, and non-institutionalized; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as Section 23-5 SFCC 1987 expressly defines the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the
16 Plaza periphery area as follows:

17 *“Plaza* means that inclusive area bounded on the north by the north curblineline of
18 Palace Avenue running in front of the Palace of the Governors, and on all other sides by
19 the facades of the buildings, excluding portals, or property lines lying to the east, south
20 and west of the Plaza.”

21 *“Plaza Park* means that inclusive area bounded by the inside back of the curb
22 surrounding the Plaza as outlined in the map prepared by the city.”

23 *“Plaza periphery area* means an area outside the Plaza Park, not including the
24 Plaza Park, bounded by Sandoval and Grant Streets on the west, Alameda Street on the
25 south, Paseo de Peralta on the east and Marcy Street on the north. This area includes both

1 sides of the boundary streets.”

2 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza is a destination for many visitors interested in Santa Fe history and
3 culture; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Plaza belongs to all of Santa Fe and is home to many annual events that
5 draw residents and visitors to the Plaza and create social connections, economic development and
6 funding for community non-profits, including, but not limited to, the eight major events authorized by
7 Subsection 23-5.2 SFCC 1987; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the duty and responsibility of the City of Santa Fe is to preserve, protect and
9 maintain the Plaza, Plaza Park and the public places in the Plaza periphery area; and

10 **WHEREAS**, many cities have found that reducing vehicle traffic and creating pedestrian-
11 friendly city centers benefits economies by improving the experience for shopping, dining,
12 sightseeing and other activities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, many cities are reducing vehicle traffic as a way to preserve and protect historic
14 areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to enhance the enjoyment and beauty of the Plaza area, the
16 Governing Body desires to restrict vehicular traffic in the Plaza annually from the observed Memorial
17 Day to the Monday following the annual Fiesta de Santa Fe weekend; and

18 **WHEREAS**, through a public forum, email and social media the community contributed
19 ideas for programming to bring people to the Plaza; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the top programming ideas submitted relate to the provision of music and food;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to increase public safety presence in the Plaza and
23 the Plaza periphery area.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby declares its desire to bring people to the

1 Santa Fe Plaza and provide a safer environment and increased economic development opportunities;
2 provide for creative and evolving usage of the Santa Fe Plaza; and increase public safety presence on
3 the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby authorizes:

- 5 1. The following street closures to unauthorized vehicular traffic, around the Plaza Park:
6 (a) Continuation of the closure of Palace Avenue; and
7 (b) Annually, from the observed Memorial Day to the Monday following the
8 annual Fiesta de Santa Fe weekend, the closure of Lincoln Avenue and Old
9 Santa Fe Trail.

10 Staff is directed to make accommodations for the provision of accessible parking
11 spaces and loading zones for deliveries to the merchants on the Plaza.

- 12 2. An increased public safety presence in the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the Plaza
13 periphery.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City Manager to
15 designate a staff team to:

- 16 1. Analyze the effects of the street closures, which shall include at a minimum:
17 (a) The economic impact of the street closures; and
18 (b) Modifications to fee structures to make downtown parking more practical for
19 the greatest number of residents and visitors and increase the use of
20 underutilized parking facilities.
21 (c) The number of public safety incidents that occurred in relation to the
22 increased public safety presence in the Plaza area.
23 2. Coordinate the purchase tables, chairs and umbrellas for public use and placement on
24 Lincoln Avenue and/or Old Santa Fe Trail or other locations as needed.
25 3. Designate cruise nights which will permit all four streets surrounding the Plaza to be

1 open during the designated cruise nights.

2 4. Analyze current City ordinances related to food sales on the Plaza and recommend, if
3 necessary, ordinance amendments.

4 5. Ensure that the measures authorized by this resolution do not conflict with the eight
5 major commercial events that are allowed on the Plaza pursuant to §23-5.2 SFCC
6 1987.

7 6. Provide opportunities for ongoing engagement and facilitation of community led
8 programming in and around the Plaza area.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that within six months of adoption of this resolution, the
10 staff team shall bring forward additional recommendations to the Governing Body that would:

- 11 (a) Enhance the experience of the Plaza for residents and visitors;
- 12 (b) Increase economic development and public safety in the Plaza area;
- 13 (c) Provide additional parking opportunities in the Plaza area, if necessary; and
- 14 (d) Ultimately bring people to the Plaza.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the authority granted by the adoption of this resolution
16 shall be implemented as soon as practicable and shall extend through the Monday following the
17 annual Fiesta de Santa Fe, September 8, 2014.

18 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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21 ATTEST:

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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24 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
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1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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**City of Santa Fe
Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)**

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

Section A. General Information

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: X

(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

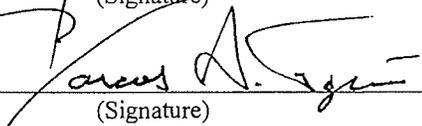
Short Title(s): **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY'S INTENTION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE SANTA FE PLAZA BY PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**

Sponsor(s): Mayor Gonzales, Councilors Ives and Dimas

Reviewing Department(s): Public Works / City Attorney's Office

Persons Completing FIR: Isaac Pino / Rebecca Seligman Date: 04/17/14 Phone: 955- 6622

Reviewed by City Attorney:  Date: 6/12/14
(Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director:  Date: 6/12/14
(Signature)

Section B. Summary

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:

The purpose of the resolution is to bring people to the Santa Fe Plaza. The resolution declares the Governing Body's desire to prohibit unauthorized vehicular traffic around the Santa Fe Plaza with the intention of providing a safe environment and increased economic development opportunities.

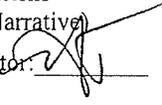
Section C. Fiscal Impact

Note: Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)*

1. Projected Expenditures:

- a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
- e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

Finance Director: 

_____ Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Expenditure Classification	FY <u>2013/14</u>	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non- recurring	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non- recurring	Fund Affected	
Personnel*	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Fringe**	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Capital Outlay	\$ 35,000	A	NR	\$ _____	_____	_____	423040 Parks Plaza Bond	
Land/ Building	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Professional Services	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
All Other Operating Costs	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
Total:	\$ 35,000			\$ _____				

* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. **For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

2. Revenue Sources:

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Type of Revenue	FY <u>13/14</u>	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non- recurring	FY _____	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non- recurring		
<u>423040 Parks Plaza Bond</u>	\$ _____	<u>NR</u>	\$ _____	_____	_____	
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	
Total:	\$ _____		\$ _____			

3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

The \$35,000 will be used to purchase tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Section D. General Narrative

1. Conflicts: Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

The resolution expresses the desire of the Governing Body to bring people to the Plaza by a safe environment around the Plaza Park. In addition, adoption of the resolution is an effort of the Governing Body to encourage residents and tourists to visit downtown Santa Fe which would promote economic development opportunities in Santa Fe.

2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

The current three streets around the Plaza would remain open to vehicular traffic.

3. Technical Issues:

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

No

4. Community Impact:

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

By adopting the resolution, the Governing Body is declaring its desire to bring people to the Santa Fe Plaza and provide a safer environment and increased economic development opportunities; provide for creative and evolving usage of the Santa Fe Plaza; and increase public safety presence on the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.

Form adopted: 01/12/05; revised 8/24/05; revised 4/17/08

ACTION SHEET
ITEM FROM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 04/15/14

ISSUE: Proposed resolution declaring the Governing Body's desire to bring people to the Santa Fe Plaza by providing a safer environment and increased economic development opportunities; providing for creative and evolving usage of the Santa Fe Plaza; and an increase public safety presence on the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION: Recommended approval

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS:

STAFF FOLLOW UP:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
CHAIRPERSON DIMAS	X		
VICE-CHAIRPERSON HARRIS	X		
MEMBER MIKE MIER	ABSENT		
MEMBER NANCY OWEN-LEWIS	X		
MEMBER PETER MIZRAHI	X		
MEMBER MIKE BOWEN	ABSENT		
MEMBER ERIC JOHNSON	X		
MEMBER DAVID TRUJILLO	X		

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5. New Business

~~A. Santa Fe Fire Department's 2013 Annual Report (Assistant Fire Chief Jan Snyder)
(Exhibit A)~~

~~Asst. Chief Snyder explained that this is the second year this report is being presented. It presents a snap shot to City Government and to the Public to share what the Fire Department is all about. Every year there are additions to keep the public informed. The size of this document is not large as the importance is to have the public read through it. Asst. Chief Snyder focused in on some of the accomplishments; the fire department did over 700 home assessments were done last year and they are scheduled to be done again in the Santa Fe area. The NMFA 10 year loan has been paid off which freed up more money for the Fire Department.~~

~~Mr. Mizrahi asked if the Fire Department resources are being stretched with the annexation that the city has been going through.~~

~~Fire Chief Litzenberg stated that at this time the resources are adequate. Over the next 5 years a request will be placed for a new fire station.~~

B. Proposed resolution declaring the governing body's intention to bring people to the Santa Fe Plaza by providing a safer environment and increased economic development through the closure of streets to unauthorized vehicular traffic in the plaza area; and through the increase of the public safety presence on the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area. (Isaac Pino and Mayor Gonzales)

(Exhibit B) Memo to Public Safety Committee dated April 15, 2014 from Isaac Pino re: People to the Plaza Resolution

It was mentioned as noted in the above memorandum that the first such Plaza closures were instituted in the early 1990s. It was done between Memorial and Labor Day. A lot has changed since then in the Plaza environment; there are now more vendors who also started coming in the early 1990s. A permanent bandstand was constructed. The City Manager and Police Chief are working together to implement Buskers enforcement.

Discussion:

Mr. Johnson noted that his recollection as Chief was that parking in the downtown area is very limited; the parking at the Railyard has increased. He asked about the ADA provisions and shuttle services for special events.

Mr. Gurule from the Parking Division stated that the parking needs at the Railyard have increased steadily and confirmed that there are shuttle services through Santa Fe Ride from the Railyard to the downtown area.

Mr. Harris noted that the description presented tonight did not reflect any parking changes in the downtown area.

Mr. Gurule said that the only change is the relocation of four ADA parking spots from the perimeter streets, corner of Lincoln St., San Francisco Street and Santa Fe Trail. (Referred to last diagram in packet). The proposal is to move 2 along San Francisco Street, 1 on Santa Fe Trail, add one on Lincoln and one on Washington next to the Palace of the Governors.

Mr. Trujillo asked about the public transportation stops, would they still be on Sheridan. Mr. Gurule confirmed that they will remain on Sheridan.

Mr. Pino said that the plan through the Parks Department is to have Planters which are very effective and attractive to meet historic design.

Dr. Lewis asked for additional information related to public safety on the plaza.

The Police Chief responded that historically in and around the plaza there have not been a high volume of vehicular crashes.

The Chair asked; as far as public safety is concerned, will this require more officers on the plaza?

The Police Chief said that historically they staff according to the special event with overtime officers. This initiative does not have additional staffing requirements on the department. The plaza will be staffed from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week. Any additional calls for service should not affect the staffing at the Police Department.

The Chair asked if 2 officers are going to be enough to staff, more so in the summer months when the pedestrian traffic is heavier.

The Police Chief stated that they have overlapping shifts where at any given time there would be 4 officers. In the evening they are also supported by the PSAs, and one PSA is on the plaza and handles parking concerns.

The Chair provided historical information – in 1984 they were having problems with the cruisers and San Francisco closed at that time. There was a specific incident that took place at La Fonda and it took close to 20 minutes for emergency vehicles to reach the hotel. The Chair shared his concern of cruisers and access for emergency vehicles is reviewed closely.

Public Comment:

The Chair asked if there was any comment in favor of this resolution from the public. No comments.

Anyone opposed to the resolution from the public.

Rick Martinez

Mr. Martinez reflected back on a fatality that took place on Palace and Washington and they did a closure. Mr. Martinez has participated in the Downtown Visitor Committee, the Downtown Plaza Roundtable Committee and each time we brought this up we were concerned about the lack of pedestrian traffic on the plaza, and there was no recession at that time. Mr. Martinez was concerned about the cost of parking at the Railyard and the time that the SF Ride operates for those that need to get to the downtown area unless the offer is for free parking. He is opposed to this idea.

Mr. Harris moved for approval of the proposed resolution declaring the governing body's intention to bring people to the Santa Fe Plaza by providing a safer environment and increased economic development through the closure of streets to unauthorized vehicular traffic in the plaza area; and through the increase of the public safety presence on the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area, second by Mr. Trujillo, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Matters from Municipal Court
Information in Packet

7. Matters from Police Chief

Referenced the 24/7 drug tip hotline. The information was released to the public on Monday and it is also on the city website. Representatives from each division were present to answer any questions. The representative from the Police Community Relations will also follow up on calls.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the Police Department for getting this on line. The Chair added a compliment to Celina, PIO for the City Police Department in getting this information out. The intent of this was to make Santa Fe an unwelcomed destination for drug dealers and to bring our community together to report any suspicious drug related incidents and to feel comfortable in doing it. This endeavor has been worked on for the last 2 years.

Mr. Johnson asked about other jurisdictions and referrals.

Mr. Ken Martinez, Director of the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Center has met with the Sheriff's Department and the Town of Edgewood as the center is a regional center so they provide dispatch communication services for all agencies in Santa Fe County. Because we can expect this number to be publicized and we will get phone calls from not only within the city but Santa Fe County, he is working with the agencies on how to handle the calls. Anything that is in progress will be dispatched accordingly and anything that is after the fact that requires further investigation or follow up will be forwarded to the appropriate department for investigation. Concurrence from all agencies is positive.

Chair Dimas who was in contact with Mr. Martinez since last year commented to the PSC that his help and information was invaluable. Thank you. It did not cost the city any money to get this going.

Dr. Lewis asked if a progress report would be presented at a 6 month or 1 year benchmark.

Sgt. Michelle Williams will be tracking at the Investigation Division level. There will be a primary intake and follow through with the Street Crime division and the Property Crimes division that work street level type narcotics. Statistics will be maintained.

The Chair stated that he has made it very public that it is time to re-establish a City Narcotics Unit. The seriousness of the drug problem that we have in Santa Fe justifies the need for this unit.

Mr. Trujillo noted that we are 2nd in the nation on overdose.

The Police Chief said that frequently they have EMTs on the scene.

The Chair, Chief of Police and Mr. Martinez reiterated that calls made will remain anonymous.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- There was none.

Ms. Noble asked to add a brief orientation for the new members on the work done by CBQL.

Chair Lindell asked for members to introduce themselves first. Introductions were made.

Ms. Noble explained that members had received the ordinance under which the Committee operates, along with the Angelou Plan; the City's Economic Development Plan adopted in 2004. She said the Implementation Strategy adopted in 2008, was the last economic development strategy adopted by City Council.

Ms. Noble said Economic Development staff in the past has looked to the CBQL for three things; to be a lens for legislation in the City in business and quality of life issues in Santa Fe. Secondly, to guide the economic development work and the Committee is a sounding board to vet and improve ideas.

She said through the work of the subgroups, issues have come forward. The most recent is the plastic bag ban from a member of the Committee. There was also good workforce development, particularly in the film industry.

Ms. Noble said there are three "swim lanes" of work; business development, workforce development and sites and infrastructure. There are two projects in sites and infrastructure; a broadband project and the St. Francis Drive revitalization Re-Mike project. There are also five target industries that she would discuss another time.

Ms. Noble said members could discuss these further or get more documents; Mr. Trujillo is the primary contact. She encouraged members to ask questions of any staff member and to ask for documents needed. She said she is looking forward to seeing the work of the new group evolve.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2014- _____. Request for Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Governing Body's Intention to Bring People to the Santa Fe Plaza by Providing a Safer Environment and Increased Economic Development. (Mayor Gonzales) (Isaac Pino)

Mr. Pino said that the resolution acknowledges the previous reports, task forces and opinions offered on how the Plaza should be used, although not all of those are included.

Mr. Pino said the resolution is for a safer environment and better public safety and opportunities for economic development for the Plaza. Staff was directed to find proposals for parking to make visiting downtown more palatable and to review the economic affect of closing the Plaza. Staff would report in six months to determine if changes are needed. The resolution would go to the Committees for Public Works and Finance and ultimately the first City Council meeting in May.

Mr. Pino said it is important to recognize the changes in the Plaza; in the mid 80s the Plaza was a place for street vendors and food vendors. The current bandstand/gazebo replaced a temporary stage and two parking garages have gone up within five years in Market Station and the Convention Center and house up to 300 parking spaces. There would be opportunity to utilize those structures with this proposal.

Mr. Pino said some activities and commitments have started; the City manager and Lieut. Polk have created a Public Safety Plan and April 12 was implemented.

Mr. Pino said the Committee was provided an overview of what the Plaza would look like with the closing of all four

legs of the Plaza. Two photographs show the existing parking and what parking looks like after closure. A concern of businesses has been how they would get their deliveries- the loading zones would remain unaffected. A plan would be developed on how the zones could be utilized.

Mr. Pino said the Parks Division was consulted on the barriers for planters of flowers/shrubs, etc. and a removable bollard that meets historical requirements is being worked on.

Mr. Pino introduced Lieut. Polk from the SFPD (Santa Fe Police Department), Mr. Gurule from the Parking Division and John Romero a City Traffic Engineer.

Lieut. Polk said he is in charge of the SFPD Support Operations Division that encompasses police motorcycles, police bicycles and public safety aides. The plan, effective April 8, called for a permanent police presence and police and public safety aide vehicles for deterrence, including special events at the Plaza or the Rail Yard.

He passed out a sheet with statistics of incidents over the last year at the Plaza and surrounding area. He said statistics show the biggest crime from March, 2013 to March, 2014 is disorderly conduct; people intoxicated and behaving inappropriately. He said he wants to be sure that neither the City nor his officers are sued and that the Department protects and respects everyone's rights.

Lieut. Polk said he met with business owners, street vendors and buskers. The City is not trying to deter or prevent that, but does want to ensure things are done safely and correctly and all liabilities, constitutional rights and civil liberties are observed and protected; which has been a major concern of the meetings he attended.

He said the key is the education of officers and the public of what can and cannot be done. The business owners have a misconception of what the police can do. He said officers are trained and constantly take refresher training and the basic customer service skills are critical to avoid serious discredit on the City. Officers are trained in dealing with the developmentally challenged individuals and that training will continue.

Lieut. Polk said he believes in following the rules and any officer who violates the rules would be held accountable. He said the SFPD Internal Affairs Department takes every complaint seriously.

He said in combination with the Mayors initiative to bring people back to the Plaza; the law enforcement presence is to support the mission by providing a safe and comfortable environment; letting businesses thrive and building economic development by tourists who feel safe in visiting Santa Fe.

Ms. Karp thanked Lieut. Polk for the statistical breakdown of crimes. She asked if there was also a breakdown of the time of day that incidences occurred. She said addressing ordinances was talked about and a dark, vaguely empty Plaza is a different kind of engagement for public safety than a vibrant middle of the day happening. She asked how the resolution would be affected by the current ordinances.

Lieut. Polk offered to check with the statistician to see if she could do statistics on times. He said the plan currently is to staff the Plaza and Rail Yard with active, visible law enforcement from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. He said April 12 and 13 had a few disorderly conducts and that information would be presented to the Police Statistical Analysis Department to see what could be done to deter issues.

Ms. Kapin asked with the shortage of officers and difficult time recruiting, how hard this would be to staff the Plaza without taking away from the rest of the City.

Lieut. Polk said there are about 24 vacancies and social media, the Internet, word of mouth, etc. is being used and individuals "in the pike" will knock down the numbers quickly. He said what could not be accounted for are

disciplinary issues and officers departing unexpectedly because of personal or family matters and retirements.

Mr. Conway thanked Lieut. Polk for sharing the information. He asked to address the issue of parking and what the disadvantages or merits would be to close the parking except for emergency personnel. He said that would save the problems and headaches of trying to figure the logistics of how to get people in there at 10 in the morning.

Mr. Pino explained that a few businesses have no access from Water Street except for loading and unloading and they rely on the loading zones. He pointed out the Plaza has no authorized parking other than loading zones and ADA spaces. He said trying to eliminate the loading zones would take a bad turn no one wants to deal with.

Ms. Kapin said the drivers bringing food to restaurants are on tight time schedules and asking them to walk around the corner would be an unfair burden.

Mr. Sisneros asked about enhancement to the Plaza and if there were future plans with landscaping, etc.

Mr. Pino said there were no plans. He pointed out impediments to doing things on the Plaza are tied with grant funding from National Parks, as well as the HDRB (Historic Design Review Board) and SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office). There are three or four layers of bureaucracy before a permit could be obtained.

He said there was discussion about the potential to create a brick theme between the Rail Yard Plaza and the downtown Plaza, but the preliminary estimate was about \$16 million.

Ms. Karp said her concerns are the ordinances on the books that need to be dismantled. She suggested a committee to bring people together that could give insight to what it means to be on the street selling wares. She also mentioned her concern on how to best utilize the free space- the streets- that would now be available for food carts or buskers, etc. and how a coherent plan could be developed.

Lieut. Polk said that law enforcement, the City Attorney, City Manager and Councilor Calvert had attended several meetings with street vendors, buskers and merchants. They presented ideas of the vision and how that could be achieved. He said there is a meeting tonight in reference to the buskers. He noted the final vote on the proposed amendment was scheduled April thirtieth.

Mr. Roybal said he has two concerns; in the evening he does small events- car shows. Four shows are planned for June, July and August. He asked if those would be affected. He was told that none of the permitted events, of which those are part of, would be affected.

Mr. Roybal said the cars create activity and once you close the traffic, the Plaza becomes a place with no activity. He asked now that the Plaza is open, if more events could be done by the City.

Mr. Pino said the Committee could make those recommendations to City Council. He added this is the kind of thing you just put in place and then follow up with actions.

Chairwoman Lindell thanked Mr. Pino for the maps. She noted a loss of one ADA parking space.

Mr. Gurule said in the [first] proposed plan about four ADA spaces were lost, but the second proposal moved the ADA spaces. He said an alternate space would be on the corner of San Francisco and Old Santa Fe Trail and another space near the IAIA building.

Chair Lindell said the City has found that a consistency of officers on the Plaza is helpful so people have a nodding acquaintance of the officers and officers are acquainted with the clientele and characters on the Plaza. She noted

that everyone knew Cecil. Chair Lindell said it wouldn't be helpful to see all of the officers standing in a corner talking. What is helpful is being in the crowd and she hopes that would be what the future looks like.

She said she would hope the part of the resolution to review the economic impact of the street closure would be done. She noted that everyone should be aware of the six month review of whether the plan is working. She said this wouldn't have to be forever, if not.

Councilor Ives asked when there would be a public hearing on the issue; the ordinance under Duties in section (A) states "the committee shall conduct a public meeting regarding such proposed ordinances, resolutions, or regulations as early as possible".

Mr. Pino said the opportunity for a public hearing would exist at the Public Works, Finance and City Council meetings. He said he would recommend to the chairs of the Public Works and Finance Committees to advertise the meeting as a public hearing.

Councilor Ives said he encourages that be done, because he has heard from many people both pro and con. He said he also noticed the resolution has two parts; one allowing the closure. The second is for the follow-up study and to analyze the effects of the street closures and return with recommendations to the Governing Body. He suggested at least present the anticipated affects as this comes back to City Council and as part of the consideration of the other committees looking at this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Heldmeyer said she was on the Council the last time the issue came up and she and Councilor Calvert spent two years working on the Plaza ordinance. She said this is a multilayered problem and there are many things going on; safety and parking issues and more importantly issues of vested economic rights; issues of constitutional rights. She said most importantly this is a symbolic consideration for many native Santa Feans. She said when City Council decided not to close the Plaza in 2002; a lot of the decision was about the symbolic and cultural significance meaning for people. That should be taken into account.

Vince Keflavik the founder of Beowulf said even if committees have tried in the past, it doesn't mean they shouldn't try again. He experienced the response of people aged 18-40 as the resolution was announced. He said almost 100% were in support. He thought there would be a lot of support from new, young Santa Fe residents.

He asked that this Committee and future committees also consider the existing regulations regarding bicycles on the Plaza and if the Plaza is closed to vehicle traffic, what *would* be allowed. He said he isn't sure whether there are issues with bicycles, with sports, with dogs at the Plaza, but would ask that they look at current ordinances that might stifle activity.

Mr. Keflavik said lastly to remember that this is a public park and not privatized and freedom of speech issues need to be respected. He said the City has the ability to cultivate positive activity to bring locals back to the Plaza.

He said regarding traditions; the tradition of cruising the Plaza to celebrate car culture; he would go against the argument that car culture is a deeply embedded tradition in Santa Fe. He said to remember that vehicles have only been around the last 100 years.

Councilor Ives moved to approve the Resolution with the recommendation that a public hearing be held at either committee level or Council level and to the greatest extent possible, the effects of the street closures is presented at those subsequent meetings. Mr. Conway seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote unanimously.

~~Councilor Dominguez asked if there was an event schedule for that park. Mr. Gurulé said no.~~

~~Councilor Dominguez explained his motion was a combination of 1 and 2 and for staff to find out what the usage would be and how to keep it open.~~

~~Councilor Dimas was in favor of having public input to find out what the usage was going to be.~~

~~The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.~~

~~Councilor Bushee moved to amend the agenda to reverse items 16 and 17 since most of the people present were here to talk about the Plaza. Councilor Dominguez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.~~

PUBLIC HEARING

17. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY'S INTENTION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE SANTA FÉ PLAZA BY PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (MAYOR GONZALES, COUNCILORS IVES AND DIMAS) (ISAAC PINO)

Committee Review:

Public Safety Committee (Approved)	04/15/14
City Business Quality of Life Committee (Approved)	04/16/14
Finance Committee (Scheduled)	05/05/14
Council (Scheduled)	05/14/14

Mr. Pino said the resolution before the Committee had been in front of the Public Safety Committee where it received a recommendation approval. It had also been at the CBQL Committee where it received the same recommendation. The resolution that was presented to them called for permanent closure to traffic. Mayor Gonzales today announced that he had some amendments that he would like to propose that had been passed out to the members. Essentially, the amendments would provide for a seasonal closure from Memorial Day to the Monday after Fiesta He passed out a schedule of Plaza events so far. The amendment would call for a closure of all four legs of the Plaza as originally intended during that time. The information about parking and traffic was included in the packet people were here from Parking and Public Safety to address concerns.

He noted that Councilor Ives at CBQL hearing asked for this public hearing so it was scheduled for the immediate next meeting which was this one.

Chair Trujillo asked how many speakers there would be. Many speakers raise their hands and lined up in order to speak.

Ms. Gloria Mendoza said she was here for third time about closing the plaza. The other two times they wanted to close it and she would repeat what she said then. "You don't have any business closing the plaza. You opened up a lot of places for people to walk and bike on trails. You spent millions on the trails for walking and probably millions on biking. There were bike trails all over the City. You've spent thousands for dog parks. You have the Railyard - a beautiful place to walk and bike."

I'd like for you once to give the local people one thing. Local people whether they walk, run, in wheel chairs or driving. There was nothing wrong with driving. I want you to let us feel that we own part of the city here downtown. We don't even participate in anything downtown because it has been taken over by change. It is people your age dropping like flies in the winter. It's our time the young people to have the power. Well, I'll be darned if I look at my power to you people. You people have enough. You are constantly asking for everything and it is constantly being given to you - for biking, for walking, for everything. Why don't you concentrate on Mayor Gonzales' night life for you? That was his priority for running for mayor. Do not, because the rest of us everywhere else are asleep and going out to work the next day while you guys are out walking and biking.

For years I've been coming and saying I am getting tired of people trying to save us from ourselves. And trying to continue to remove us from this town, especially downtown. And I'm tired of you guys satisfying these people all the time. And I can't imagine Mr. Dimas, Councilor Dimas that you would ever think of closing the plaza down. That's all we have but we think we possess the downtown area. Now you're telling us we don't. The bikers and the walkers and all these people are going to own it just like they own the Railyard? Just like they own our streets? I'm telling you right now, that by Council, I'm going to organize the neighborhoods to be out here."

My name is Charles Buddy Wilsacker. I live on Santa Rose Drive. We call it the Taco Bell triangle. I'd like to address my participation. This is my town. And it's our town by choice. And those of you who know me realize that both my wife and my extended family go to the music downtown. We go when there's mariachis, at the galleries. We participate in that. I spend money at the plaza, the restaurants, spend a little time at La Fonda. After mass, I walk through town. This is our town but we have to participate in our town. I have lots of children and grandchildren. I can say right now that there are two places that bother me. One is the Cathedral Park. I don't feel safe there. I don't feel safe when I have my little grandchildren with the pit bulls on the plaza or cathedral park. I do participate in downtown but I do feel intimidated somewhat by the bicyclists, dogs - dogs are a big issue. This is the truth. One day we were at the music, a dog had diarrhea. There were worms all over the flagstone. That's crazy. There was not a guard dog or service dog. My position relative to traffic is that we need to keep our plaza open. This is the way I operate on a daily basis my primo and I go out and have a little bit of coffee. And now I have the luxury of being retired. We pass through the plaza. And when we don't, our conversation at night is on whether the plaza was full or empty. We need to enjoy our town. In some respects, I agree with Gloria that there were a lot of special interests in our town. But I love our town. We need to participate in our town. I want to be able to take my grandkids to the plaza and not feel un perro is going to attack us. So my recommendation is - and I talked with Chris the

other day about enhancing the plaza. You know it's wonderful during the seasonal Christmas season to see lights. It gives me a good feeling. Let's enjoy our town. It's a great town.

My name is Jorge Garcia. I was born and raised here in Santa Fé. I'm against what the mayor has done. I think he was the first one to come out and say let's close the plaza to traffic. I was reading here are lots of opportunities to increase ... I cannot see ... First I'd like to see before we do anything else about closing the plaza - what are we going to do if we close the plaza for traffic? It doesn't say anything. We just want to close it. That's it. What opportunity would we have for jobs? I don't see anything. We just want to close the plaza because we feel like closing the plaza. Most of the people of Santa Fé, they don't come to the plaza. Do you know why? Because there's nothing like there. We don't have galleries so what do we do? They cruise around. They love to cruise around - noontime, the people coming cruise around. They wait for me. I'm a visitor downtown, myself. I mean we can close it down but I cannot see it. I cannot see why we have to close the plaza. For safety? Nothing. I've been here for 30 years. I've never seen anybody run over. One person got killed because that guy wasn't looking at the Burrito Company on Washington seven years ago. But closing it for safety was a bunch of...

Born and raised here, we're supposed to be the City Different. But now it's almost like Sedona, Flagstaff or Albuquerque. ¡Caramba, mis amigos! Mr. Dimas, born and raised here. For people to walk in the street we've got a lot of space, man. Half of this is your space so you can walk downtown. There is not enough tourists. Last year was down. This is going to be more down and even if we close the plaza we have events coming up. I don't see people walking on the sidewalk, I mean in the street. If we close the plaza they never walk on the street. And I see it every day when we have something going. So gentlemen, if we can have not to close the plaza, por favor, help us out. Muchas gracias.

Hello, Vince Cagney Beck, Mr. Chair, rest of the Committee. I took a small unofficial poll on Facebook today amongst people who living here. 26 people wanted the plaza to be closed to traffic, three said no. That's the constituents that I am associating with on a daily basis, people between the ages of 18 and 35 - 18 and 40. I am born and raised here. I'm also a local. I'd like to just take a moment to say that I have a lot of pride in Santa Fé; a lot of pride in being a local; a lot of pride in growing up here. I think a larger issue that we might want to look at down the road just as a community issue is a coded word of "local" and what that means. There's a lot of people who live here, a lot of people who grow a pair who here that when the locals don't want something we feel alienated from that argument. Because I'm a local to. And everybody who answered the survey today on Facebook - they're locals also.

What we're seeing in our generation is a gravitation towards non-automobile usage. I think symbolically for the city it is an important step to take with all of the facts that we have regarding vehicle usage and carbon emissions. I think it's also important to remember that this resolution was meant to bring locals back to the plaza. And the way that we do that is not just by closing the streets but by being creative with how we program the plaza. And I think there can be a lot of improvement there. And I'm not disagreeing with Gloria or the previous speakers on that point. I think there can be a lot of improvement on what we do on the plaza once it was closed. I haven't heard a good argument yet against the resolution, against the idea. There already is no parking on the plaza so the idea that you can drive your car to the plaza and Park - you can't do that already. So anyone going to the plaza who is driving there is driving through it, not to it. I

appreciate economic development, recognizing that young creatives, young entrepreneurs in our town need to be cultivated; need to be preserved; need to be nurtured. Because I think we have identified that that is an issue. And I'm telling you that this is a very lopsided issue when you speak to people under the age of 40. And I hope you guys take that into consideration and I appreciate your time. Thanks.

Thank you councilors for giving us an opportunity to speak on this issue. My name is Clarice Coffey. I own one of the open air tram tour companies on the plaza. I've been in business in Santa Fé for 25 years. In fact April 4 was when I celebrated 25 years of being in business in Santa Fe. And I have owned and operated my trams from our location on the northwest corner of the Plaza for 20 of those 25 years.

Many people are not aware of the fact that the open air trams are the economic engines for the downtown Santa Fé. Almost every visitor that comes to Santa Fé comes to the downtown area to take a tram tour. And then as soon as that tram tour is over they will visit the restaurant, the hotels and retail companies in the downtown area. And this is after they have taken our tours. To close the streets around the plaza would cripple their tram tour companies and also greatly hurts the downtown businesses. Most people that visit Santa Fé are older than 57 years of age and have mobility problems. They wouldn't be able to get to the plaza easily if the plaza were closed. I served on the Plaza Task Force in 2002 and was appointed by then Mayor Larry Delgado to serve on that committee. We studied the traffic flow around the plaza all the way back to when Santa Fé was founded in 1610. We recommended then the closing of one street on the plaza in front of the Palace of the Governors. That was our decision: that was what was implemented, and that is the way it works today and it has worked very well since that decision. I have one client that will bring 55 groups to Santa Fé this year with over 50 people in each of their buses. It has taken me many years to recover my business after the last six or seven years of the downturn. If the streets to the plaza are closed, that client will not be able to get their buses to the class or to our spot there where they can take our tours. This would devastate my business.

I'm required to carry \$5 million of commercial insurance each year and we have never had a ticket and we have never had an accident. But this is a requirement by the Public Regulation Commission. I have to carry as much insurance as if I operated 18 wheeler trucks crossing country at breakneck speeds carrying hazmat materials. We have never had a ticket or an accident but cannot get around this. We have to carry this much insurance. If I don't have traffic to my trams my business is devastated. I urge you to please vote against this issue. Thank you.

My name is Roslyn Stone and I'm here tonight to ask what about people with physical limitations. I have physical limitations. I have a permanent handicapped placard. I use my cane some days. I can't walk so much some days. Sometimes I get stuck in my home, due to my grieving over the death of my precious son, Jeffrey. When I moved to Santa Fé five years ago, the first day I met the Santa Fé Plaza. It was a place that immediately felt like a new home. I found my sanctuary. I have spent uncountable days in the evenings on the plaza. I find great energy and it soothes my mind and soul. I eat at the surrounding restaurants and I shopped the stores. It is even on my way home so I can pass through. Parking has always been an issue even before I earned my handicapped placard. Since using it, parking is still a challenge due to the minimal handicapped designated parking spots, and even though all meters and public parking are free, it still is a challenge to get close enough to where I want to be - my village of the

Santa Fé Plaza. Inclement weather also plays a note on whether I want to park and get out or just cruise through town to check out what's going on. Music is always a big plus. I can be drawn by a two park and get out or just park and roll down my windows and listen and enjoy and feel somewhat better and rejuvenated. The drive up San Francisco with the Basilica Cathedral in the distance is such a visual pleasure. When the moon peaks over it, it is spectacular. Lately my physical limitations have increased. Sometimes my feet swell so I can't wear proper shoes and some days my hands hurt so I can't use my cane. I have not walked and sat on the plaza in weeks. Instead, I get pleasure from cruising the streets around the plaza in downtown with windows down and radio off, just enjoying the sounds and smells and the people - locals and tourists. I see friends that I normally wouldn't run into if I was walking around slowly and not too far. Some don't have cell phones so it sometimes is my only way to contact them. I even have stopped at the popcorn stand and fajita stand for a drive through service on days when I can't get out.

I also have not been able to carry my backpack which makes life harder to manage since my tote bag can only hold so much and I have to be careful because weight is an issue. So having access to my vehicle is of utmost importance in the event I need to retrieve belongings or leave in a hurry. So let me ask again, what about people with physical limitations? I am very sad and have been getting them are panicked feeling of the impending doom of my plaza being inaccessible to me. It is depressing and concerning. I need my plaza, my sanctuary, my link to the world. I know I am not alone in my physical limitations in love of my Santa Fé Plaza. Please don't punish us who live frustrated and in pain already due to our limitations. Dropping a soft at the curb is not a solution. Of course I could go on, but intelligently I know I have made my point and hope the city of Santa Fé New Mexico and Santa Fé County will respect us as humans and not discriminate against us for something out of our control nor did we has to be put in this disabling life situation. We have rights too to be treated as equals. I hope to find solace driving through my plaza sanctuary.

Rick Martínez - person by want to give you guys a little tour of New Mexico of all the plaza's we have. Albuquerque's Old Town - their plaza is full. They have cars parked all around it. Go to Taos and they have cars parked all around it. You go to Las Vegas and its same way. All of our plazas in northern New Mexico are all free to cars. So I worry about that in thinking that we are some European city that has to close the plaza. And in those European cities - what is happened there is they have a high density of people living there and that keeps them vibrant. Here, we don't have that. We don't have the people living here. So if we want to do something we should start looking at St. Michael's Drive and start creating those vibrant areas and do stuff there. We should also take a look at where Target is and Best Buy is There are only two crosswalks there - one on the east end of Rodeo Road and Cerrillos Road. And you've got to get in your car and drive to get to the next one. Maybe that would be a better improvement to make that very pedestrian friendly. And we could start looking at other areas of town. One reason I don't like closing the plaza because I feel I have to pay a toll. And the reason I say that is because if the Plaza is closed I have to go look for a place and put \$2 in the meter to walk to my own plaza just to see it. And that makes me feel like I'm paying a toll for the plaza and it really bothers me.

I sat on the Downtown Vision Committee in 2007. I sat on the Plaza Roundtable Committee in 2009 and each time the recommendations were "Don't close the Plaza." Businesses are hurt and it turns into a dead zone and that's what we don't need. The plaza belongs to the local people to. There's a lot of other

areas when you go back to look at what we discussed in both of those committees, they are just sitting there gathering dust. So open up those books. Let's go through it to see how we can make a better but in each of those committees we did not say to close the plaza. So I hope you guys consider that and maybe put this on hold for a while. But don't put a toll on us to park downtown or two visit our own plaza.

My name is Beverly Spears. I've lived here in Santa Fé for 40 years and I'm an architect and also a landscape architect. Forgive me, but I'm going to read a letter - just a one-page letter that I wrote to the New Mexican on this topic. "The plaza should remain open to cars for many reasons. Not only do most of us Santa Feans like to slowly cruise around the Plaza. Visitors like to do that too. Much more than that, the size and the layout of the Plaza and also its history dictate that it remain open. As a member of the 2002 Plaza Task Force, I and my colleagues studied over many weeks the traffic issues around the Plaza. We did find you recommend the closing of Palace Avenue to traffic to protect the Native American vendors from carbon monoxide exhaust as well as to protect the ancient adobe Palace of the Governors from gradual destructive traffic vibrations. But we recognize the benefits of allowing traffic on the other three streets. The Plaza, the park that is down by the surrounding streets is a large beautiful pedestrian space. There is plenty of room to stroll through and around the Plaza, even with cars on the surrounding streets. Likewise, the sidewalks along Lincoln, old Santa Fé Trail and San Francisco are generous enough not to be too crowded. The paved streets surrounding the Plaza are wide. If these streets were closed to traffic and pedestrians could wander randomly in the streets, this would diminish the attractiveness and definition of the portal covered sidewalks as well as the plaza itself. The moving cars, generally well behaved add vitality in their own right as well as helping to define the pedestrian zones of the portal covered sidewalks and the central plaza Park. Having designed the Plaza gazebo, some years ago, I have thought a great deal about the Plaza. It is undoubtedly the oldest and most beautiful Plaza in New Mexico. And it is just fine the way it is with grass, trees, beautiful baskets of flowers and sidewalks. If the paved streets were emptied of cars and the streets either vacant or filled with vendors, this would only diminish the soul and authenticity of the Plaza as the center of our town. And imagine how bleak it might be on a cold winter day or a windy or rainy afternoon at dusk. Cities that have successfully created pedestrian zones are cities with crowded sidewalks and a boring grid of streets that can be enlivened by dedicating a street or two to a pedestrian zone. Santa Fé does not fit this mold. Caretas, caballeros, wagon trains, cowboys, convertibles, low riders, and SUVs have plied the Plaza sequentially for 400 years through the long Spanish Colonial period, the brief Mexican period and on through the route 66 era to the present. Closing the Plaza to all but walkers would be a sad and misguided turn of events."

My name is Andreta Pecandero and my family owned the plaza >>. I remember back and I can't believe we're even discussing this because I don't think the Plaza should be closed. Although I can relate to the younger generation here that wants Santa Fé green. But Santa Fé does not have the money coming into it right now that we had years back and we cannot afford economically to close the Plaza. If we were to close the Plaza and bring other people in we would have more unemployment because a lot of the shopkeepers are not going to be able to keep the people hired. They would have the unemployment with that. Revenues would go down because a lot of the people will be doing cash only. Elderly and handicapped won't be able to enjoy the plaza. A lot of people are unable to walk and would have to be transported. I remember when I was young I used to drive my father in my Jeep. I had a topless Jeep. And I would take them for a ride around the plaza. And he and Tommy Maccioni would get together in the back

and it was quite a parade. He wouldn't have been able to enjoy that. There's a lot of people who can't enjoy that. They have to be brought in by vehicle in order to enjoy the Plaza. Young, old, it doesn't matter. A lot of people can't do it. Deliveries would be impacted. You have a lot of delivery people that are coming in with the shops. Five and dime, the restaurants - they're going to be impacted. It's going to cause traffic jams. The parking is going to be respected. You're going to have emergency vehicles are going to be caught in traffic if the Plaza is closed off. They are going to have to turn and take other routes and if you have a situation on the Plaza you're going to have backup and we're not going to have emergency vehicles in. We do have a lot of the police department and the fire department to come down and park on the Plaza. It's wonderful and awesome and good for PR. It's good for the city. They are affable. They are there for the public. It looks good on everybody here in the city that we are a welcoming community. You also have people from that really don't frequent the plaza on foot and that have been local cruisers. And there are thing is to come in and cruise their vehicles and it's wonderful because they come in and a lot of tourists enjoy it. They don't see vehicles that are built like the ones we have here in Santa Fé. And so they're able to photograph them or stop them and speak with them. It's a new experience and you would be cutting out so many experiences for so many people. I just don't think that's feasible in my mind.

My name is Philip Crump. I'm a 25 year resident of Santa Fé - a former member of and one-time president of the Old Santa Fé Association and a former member of the City's Planning Commission. So I think I'm sensitive to and somewhat knowledgeable about issues concerning the really special nature of our downtown and the delicate nature of our plaza. I appreciate the Mayor's concern about safety as well as economic development. With regard to safety on the Plaza, I think that given them construction of streets leading to the plaza and the relatively low volume of traffic and the low velocity of traffic, it is probably as safe a collection of streets as you will find anywhere in this city.

With regard to economic development, I don't believe that by closing the streets on them plaza you will suddenly create a vacuum that will draw pedestrians who haven't been there before. I think the question from my perspective is not should the streets be open or closed but under what circumstances - what are the criteria under which it is appropriate to close the plaza streets. And I think that to a certain degree the question has been answered. The streets were closed for special events when there are going to be large populations, lots of pedestrians downtown or when there are going to be booths occupying those streets because there's not space on the plaza itself. To extend the conversation, perhaps at certain times and make it special. Maybe close it on Friday nights. Maybe it would be closed in the summer, on weekends, most of the year it's too cold and there are not enough people there in that plaza would be dead without an occasional vehicle. We hope maybe a low rider or a Harley to create little excitement. So I ask you to be thoughtful of that proposal to close the plaza to traffic.

I am John Dressman. I have a couple of stores on the Plaza. And as an historic know, I had a treehouse on the plaza when I was a child. Reading the paper a couple of weeks ago, Ike Pino had mentioned the idea that streets have been closed and businesses survived. And that became sort of a challenge to me I did something that I hate to do. And that is to look at my bookkeeping. One of the lines in this proposal is to analyze the effects of the street closures, particularly the economic impact of street closures. So I did that. Because I was there. In 2002, a lady was killed over on the corner of Washington and Palace on June 26. So that gave me the ability to look at 2001, 2002 and 2003. There was a large

complicating factor. September 11, 2001 through the economy into a tailspin for at least a year. My books showed that my business was down about 25% during that 2002 - the first six months of 2002. So I took that 25%, subtracted it from the 2003 figures. The 2003 showed me up 44%. So the net was 19% increase and that figure was real. Retail is simple. Those numbers were not absolutely solidly locked. But I think that 18, 19% is a pretty close effect of that closing the plaza cost my business. So for the four months, looking after June, July, August, September, October - those four months cost me \$143,369 in sales. We're merchants, so who cares? But I do have employees and they are on commission based on gross sales. It cost my employees an average of \$948 each to close the Plaza over that period of time.

My name is Elizabeth Perez and I am with the Downtown Merchants Association. I do think that there is a way to deal with this as more of a compromise. I think having the Plaza closed to traffic during bandstand, having it closed to traffic some evenings or even all evenings in the summer is a thought. I'm most concerned about the fact that there are so many businesses that do have to bring in large amounts of merchandise to sell or large pieces of merchandise. I'm not one of them. I'm not actually on the Plaza but we have members who are. We don't have alleys behind - there are no alleys behind these stores. There are no loading docks behind these stores. And if you spend any time on the Plaza you will see that there are trucks coming in and out. A truck coming from California or Kalamazoo or whatever couldn't just wait until 8 o'clock in the morning the next day. That person who bought that truckload of merchandise is going to have to pay to have it merchandise sent all the way back to where it came from and to bring it back again if it cannot be offloaded when it needs to be offloaded. I don't think anyone here wants to put that kind of a burden on anyone.

I personally have fixed feelings, although I think that having the plaza open more certainly during the day is better for commerce. It's better for a lot of things. But I also think closing it in the evenings or some evenings and certainly for bandstand works very well. I don't think it was a piazza like in Italy. I think it's a different sort of activity. And I think if we were to look at it carefully and come up with a compromise that reflect the reality of the way people use the Plaza and in the meantime paint the portals and doing a better job of painting the edges and making curbs safer and look better we would be spending our money better. But maybe experiment with the times we close it and times we don't close it. I don't think it was an age issue. We're going to enjoy it a lot longer than you might think. I do think it is a use issue. And I believe everyone in Santa Fé, visiting Santa Fé, born in Santa Fé or those of us who've only been here since 1980, have a say in this as we should.

And I think there was a way to come up with a compromise that would work historically, functionally, commercially for visitors and for everyone. And I wish we would examine them all and all the safety choices before making a decision.

My name is Rose Asihias and I am an employee of Haagen-Dazs. Haagen Dazs is in support of closing the Plaza and I just had a couple of questions wondering whether or not food trucks I heard about would be coming to the Plaza. And how that would affect businesses like mine. And also when would the Plaza be closed as we have been talking about specific times or maybe holidays or maybe different times like that and also would the building in front of the Plaza be closed? Thank you.

My name is Sonja Leyba and I just wanted to say my husband and I have four children and we go to the plaza for events that the roads are closed because it was a safe environment for my children and I feel safe with them being able to run and experience the Plaza. I just want to address some of the things that people have concerns about such as deliveries not being able to be made on the Plaza. We have to make deliveries to stores and we can't just go and deliver whenever we want. There are set hours that we can go deliver and if those set hours are in place then the Plaza can be open to those delivery vehicles for certain hours and then the Plaza is closed and you can't deliver past those hours. Also in traveling and going to Austin and Colorado and California, there are places there where they roads closes and there are walking areas. And there's tons of people shopping and their stores are thriving. And I think if the store owners would do some research to those areas, they would they be not be so much in fear that give a little more consideration to the possibility of positive change. I think it could be very positive for them. I used to work at an art gallery downtown and everyone I sold artwork to were people who walked there from hotels. Nobody who was cruising the Plaza would go buy \$7000 paintings. They want the people who were cruising the Plaza they were people who were staying at hotels there and walking the plaza. The plaza is a destination place so people will walk to the Plaza if they are not able to drive the. I don't think it's going to stop people from going and shopping there. I think it's going to make it later. I just think that the Plaza is becoming old and tired and all these changes would attract more people to it and will be a positive thing for Santa Fé and people with families. I have a lot of friends with children. Now we go and meet at the Railyard Park instead of meeting at the plaza because there is a lot of traffic here. And I don't personally want my kids to be breathing in the emissions from cars. I am in favor of closing the plaza.

My name is Herb Lotts and I have had the honor of being here for 44 years. When I first arrived in Santa Fé I drove down from Taos and parked on the Plaza, went to La Fonda and had breakfast. And I couldn't believe what I was. Initially, when I heard about the Plaza being closed again I was furious. Because I have very strong opinions and I think my opinions on the right opinions. I still believe. I think it is a mistake to close the Plaza. I had some thoughts that I wanted to run by you all, if I could. What are the origins of a plaza? Why is a plaza even here? And I don't know that specifically. My sense of history is somewhat limited. But I don't think ... I think it tended to be a safe place for people to come. Who would be served by closing the Plaza and who would be served if we leave it open? And by that, I mean with the property owners, the business owners, the tourists, the locals - who is served? Because I think things are rarely what they appear to be. So we always have to look a little deeper when things like this happen. While sitting here I made some notes. I don't tend to go to businesses where no one was parking. I am not a huge whole foods subscriber but when I go there to buy my cola without high fructose corn syrup, the place is jammed. And very few of them are on bicycles for working. Most of them were there in vehicles. If anything, I would like to see more parking at the plaza. I would like to see diagonal parking on the outer edges of the plaza with a way to drive to the Plaza. And obviously you can have temporary parking on the inside of the Plaza. I would love to see someone stationed at the Old Santa Fé Trail - a safety aide at the Old Santa Fé Trail and San Francisco St. To help those tourists who don't understand what a red hand means against the light with a person walking. I wish there were less dogs. I just got bitten by a dog the other day as I was walking by the video shop over there half of Paseo de Peralta. I also want to say that I've run my business here for all these years. I am a photographer, now retired, and I live three blocks from Plaza. To get my Albuquerque Journal and my New Mexican I walked downtown every day. I've been banking at the First National Bank so walked over to the bank and to care of some issues. I'm one of those

people who still lives downtown and I do it the old way. I would like to see the vendors moved off the plaza. I remember when the vendors came on the Plaza and would like to see moved over to Water Street where we have some city property. I have a whole list of things I would like to see done and if I am invited to join a panel I would be. Thanks so much for listening.

My name is a Roland Bloes. I'm an architect in City Planning and I'm almost a local having lived here for the last 16 years. However I have an international practice so I travel a lot and always get a bird's eye view of the city every time I come back. And I have a couple of comments to make. I think it is a big debate whether the roads should be close to the Plaza and this issue could continue to be argued forever. Because everyone has a good point from his or her point of view.

I think, however, what we should not forget is that why Santa Fé is known to be such an attractive city. And especially overseas, when you talk to people, everyone knows about Santa Fé. I personally think that one of the main reasons is the plaza is more than a plaza. It's really a jewel in the crown. You take away the charm of the Plaza, what makes a plaza a vibrant place is the activity and what makes the activity is the people who participate there. You can go around the world and point out the plazas where they have been successful and they are based on people. The reason is people is because they - those areas that are successful have been specially designed to accommodate residences, lots of residences. When you have people they have evening life. It doesn't necessarily mean having bars and loud music and so forth. I think what it means is an activity. So it does not look like an office building that opens at 8 and closes at 5:00. You have a great opportunity of doing both. In an hours' time you can close the doors. You have the ability to close it or keep it open. But you should not forget the larger picture that allows the plaza to impact a much larger area. When I come back into town and sometimes I feel claustrophobic because I think the Plaza is sinking. And I think we need to do just the opposite. We need to expand the plaza so its impact was spread to a larger area and allow some kind of vertical zoning perhaps to expand the residential area that could take advantage of the Plaza. And once people are there, the commerce will come. You cannot have the plaza with empty showroom windows and no business. That is the most depressing thing. So you have to create activity and it doesn't matter what kind of activity because no matter what you do it's never going to outgrow the plaza.

The commercial areas must be there. But not only office buildings. I hope that years from now people are still talking about it. You should take time to evaluate all the pros and cons before making a decision.

Lee Murphy - thank you city councilors. My husband and I own the Kettle Corn stand directly on the Plaza and I suppose I am just very curious about what that might be like if we did close the Plaza so I think, yes, go for it. I'm not real sure what that would look like by saying yes. I have to say before I say the reasons why, we stand to lose by closing the Plaza mainly because we have a lot of drive up traffic. We have people that do a really fast exchange for a little bag of popcorn and then take off. So we do stand to lose by that. But I wouldn't want what we benefit from for what the community might benefit from. And I'm not sure any of us knows what that would look like because we've never tried that. So I don't know whether it would be a compromise but not a permanent thing. But perhaps it would be from 11 to 4 or maybe as some others have suggested on Fridays. But it would be nice to give the Mayor an opportunity. The reason

I say try it is because I have worked on the Plaza and I have also worked across the street for some of our iconic businesses. I work 8 to 14 hours and I watch an enormous amount of animosity among drivers because of the pedestrians. People are trying to get from point A to point B. Tourists are kind of like weevils. They wobble but they don't fall down. But there's a lot of eye candy. There's lot of locals congregating. And we have a lot of drivers that come in there and they are yelling and screaming and using profanity. We have trucks. We have semis. We have skate boarders and bikers. And it just would be nice to give the Mayor an opportunity to try it. I would say try it for 8 months and that would take us up to January. And people could come in here and say, Wow, that was a terrible idea and here's why. Or that was a great idea and here is why it is working.

I am sympathetic to perhaps the tour guides that go through there so maybe you could address how they would do that or the routes that they would take. They're probably needs to be a little bit more discussion. But I'm just really curious and think it would be good to try it and see what it actually would look like. So I think it would be a good idea to give the Mayor an opportunity in some way or another.

Michael Murphy also owner of Kernels Kettle Korn. My wife and I spend roughly anywhere between, depending on the season, 6-10 hours a day on the plaza so we see a lot of what goes on there, whether it's dogs or buskers or cars and traffic or fights or homeless people or whatever it is, we see it all.

For myself, I don't know if completely closing the Plaza is the right way to go. Right now we have Old Santa Fé Trail partially closed off and basically it constricts the traffic down to one lane. What we see a lot of on the Plaza is someone looking around or looking at the Plaza - maybe it's one of our trams which we really appreciate having on the Plaza. I think that's great for the Plaza. And basically, you have some idiot driver who is not patient. Why then have five more minutes getting around the Plaza - there just in a hurry and so they lay on the horn and just fly around whoever it is that's moving slowly and they literally cause a safety issue with people that are pedestrians or even people that are on the sidewalks sometimes because they are moving so quickly. And I just think there is definitely a safety issue down there. I like and I are down there late a lot of times. We really enjoy seeing the different cars coming in whether their classics or low riders. However, we have a lot of low riders that like to show off so they like to get their cars up on three wheels as they come around the corner there in front of the five and dime. And to me that's a safety issue. If they have a tire the blows out or something goes wrong they could easily go into one of the storefronts or hit somebody. So although it was a lot of fun to see but in the right venue. So I think there definitely are some safety issues that need to be addressed by the Council.

Because of the corner we are on, we have Wells Fargo trucks who come in and park in front of the bank and just let their vehicle keep running with lots of exhaust that will just about kill you. It would be nice if those people were just kind of thoughtful enough to shut their vehicle off when they are there.

I think closing the plaza may not be the best idea but there are some safety issues so maybe partial closing down to one lane on each road so that people had to slow down and take the time. It would take longer to the around the Plaza so maybe you wouldn't have as much traffic through there, I don't know. But please think about your choice.

My name is Elizabeth Alarid and I went to thank the Council for giving us this opportunity to speak. As has already been pointed out, not all of us can walk to the Plaza. Parking is a problem and I don't think this is going to improve if we are not able to do our shopping and visit our restaurants there for those of us are not able to walking distance. The Plaza is a historic place for all of New Mexicans and for everyone else as well. But I'm not seeing traffic occur that has been a traffic jams. It happens other places too. I don't think it's unique to this area. It was mentioned that plazas in Europe work and I'm sure they do and I'm glad they do. But his isn't Europe. This is New Mexico. We would like to see our Plaza used by the native people here, as well. I strongly urge the Council to veto closing to vehicles. We like it like it is thank you.

I am Jackie Block, a concerned citizen. I'm kind of disappointed the mayor is not here since this was his idea. You would think he would want to hear what this is all about. I am opposed to the closing. For the past 40 years you've seen the slow "Disneyfication" of the downtown area. Closing off the streets would be the final blow in making this another Disneyland. It's bad enough now and I heard the lady say her while ago that people were rude to some of the pedestrians. But what you've got to remember is these pedestrians are just up and down the street, no matter what. Police cars are there but they don't use those crosswalks or anything.

Bus closing or not closing the Plaza, the tourists are still going to come. You close it off and it's going to be the final signal that the city says to the local people you are not welcome here. Whenever I'm downtown, I'd like to just throw a quick cruise just to see who Roque is there - or whoever. But once you close it off there's no way I'll be anywhere downtown. I'll go down for the concerts in the summertime but that's for two months. So don't finish off the Disneyfication of the downtown. Let's keep those streets open and let's get these policeman that are down there to do something besides bullshitting among themselves and tell the people to use the crosswalks and not be walking up and down the middle of the street. The middle of the street should be for traffic. So please keep it open.

I'd like to thank you for allowing us to speak about this issue in front of you. I'm here because I'm also part of the age group that is not often heard. My name is Scott. I'm 30 years old and consider myself a local - a long term local. I family moved here when I was three years old and for my entire life, the plaza has been an important gathering place. It's been a gathering place for people, not automobiles. People come there to enjoy the Plaza. We love to call ourselves the City Different in this might mean many different things to many different people. But what it means to me is we don't follow other people's rules. We are always willing to try new ideas and will do things just because someone else told us to do it that way. The idea of opening up the Plaza - - excuse me closing off the Plaza to vehicle traffic is a unique idea. And it is something I wholeheartedly believe we should try. I believe this will allow more opportunity for vendors, for street performances plus keeping it open during the busy months of the year, during the tourist season there are also safety concerns to keep vehicles off the Plaza when high pedestrian traffic is going to take place.

I feel like we are pretty much an automobile crazed culture. We can go almost anywhere to see automobiles but why in the summer for Plaza? Why not consider this a sanctuary from automobiles? Embrace the antiquity of our city. There was a time when there were no automobiles. It was covered wagons and oxen going through the streets. We won't ever go back there but maybe we can get a little

piece and quietness that we had. Also I don't believe this proposal reduces parking. I've never driven to the plaza - only through it. I've always parked on the outskirts and walked through the Plaza. The only automobile traffic I've seen going through them is not stopping there but only going through.

As far as I know, there is an amendment to suggest that this proposal only take place from Memorial Day through the end of Fiesta weekend. It's not the whole year. It gives us a block of period of time to try this and I think we're closing off an opportunity if we completely say no. I believe in Santa Fé we've always been willing to compromise. This was something we should try to compromise on and see the potential before you close it off.

My name is Paul Hillman unlike most of the speakers previous, I have only been here six months. So I'm looking at the city I guess through virgin eyes. I guess I'm on my honeymoon still. I worked in Manhattan for 45 years and lived outside the city and I watched Manhattan close downtown Times Square to great success. It opened up many new business opportunities in the Times Square area. Vendors that never existed there before came forward. Tourism multiplied incredibly. I just saw it as plus, plus, plus. When I first arrived here one of the first places I was driven to was the plaza and as we approached it the first thing I said to the driver was why are cars allowed here. It seemed to me to be inappropriate for traffic of automobiles. It took effort to maneuver the streets in the area and I just imagined where the streets were grass growing and people being able to walk. More vendors, more music, more of all of those beautiful things that could come forward from closing the streets. I would certainly like to see some type of a trial period as has been suggested. And I think that any problems that would arise from closing the streets and the Plaza could be addressed and could be solved. I don't think we should be afraid of change. I'm here for the long haul now. I love the city. It's really captured my imagination and part of that imagination was not seeing traffic in that beautiful area of the city. I really feel that we can benefit in every positive way and I want to see grass growing in the streets around the Plaza, not pollution from automobiles.

I am Karen Heldmeyer and I was going to come here and give you a history lesson because history in Santa Fé generally remembered better in hundreds of years and this was 12 years ago. But you've heard from a lot of members of the Plaza Task Force from 12 years ago so I don't have to give you a history lesson. You've heard from it. So let me leave you with a couple of questions. Why are we doing this? What is different now than was the case in 2002? What has happened now? We saw this resolution come forward as one of the first resolutions from the new mayor. And it mentioned two things. It mentioned safety and it mentioned bringing local people down to the plaza. You've heard from a lot of local people today. I don't have to speak for them. They've spoken for themselves.

Safety - we've had a few incidents on the Plaza over the period I've lived here. Sorry, I'm not a local. I apologize. I've only been here 25 years. But they've been few and far between. One of the remedies for safety was to put more police on the Plaza. I have to tell you that a week ago I sat in the First National Bank building in a meeting looking out on the Plaza and saw three police officers mostly for that two hours sitting on the corner of Palace and Lincoln on their bikes talking with each other, sometimes joined by one or two safety aides. It wasn't their fault they were doing what they were told to do by the department. But I can't say it made me feel any more safe. I can't say that it made anybody feeling more safe. There are some safety issues on the Plaza that weren't there 12 years ago.

Closing the plaza won't make those issues better; it's going to make them worse. Because if you've got more room to hang around, or room to have street performance, or room to have people panhandling, the things that make people feel unsafe, it's going to be worse. And what's really going to help - and the police have talked about this in the meetings on the buskers and also in the business and quality of life meeting. If you want to make things more safe, you write laws that give the police the power to get rid temporarily of the people who are causing the problems.

If those two things are not white we are considering this now been the other thing we've heard about are the young creatives - people who want to come down to the Plaza and do things. And we've heard about food trucks, street performers of various kinds, we've heard about riding bicycles, which might be okay. We've heard about a lot of things. But if you look at a survey done by CVB, one of the things that it showed was that all age groups were looking for authenticity. And what we need on the Plaza is authenticity that is authentic to Santa Fé. Not what they do in San Francisco or New York Sn Miguel Allende but what's authentic for Santa Fé. And I think the people of Santa Fé have stood up here tonight as they stood up here 12 years ago to say what they feel is authentic to the. And that is something I think you need to take that into account both for the sake of the locals and the sake of the tourists who are looking for something real and not fake and not manufactured.

My name is Jeff Green. I'm not sure I have too much more to add to the discussion we've had so far. I do support closing the plaza to vehicle traffic. I don't drive a car. I ride a bicycle. I'm not at the Plaza every day but when I do go down there I often do see unsafe behavior by drivers. Sometimes there is a lot of people, a lot of pedestrian traffic. Sometimes there's not but when there is I've seen drivers who don't wait for the people to cross the street. They become impatient and maybe you're going too fast. So I think that is a huge concern. I've been in Santa Fé for a couple of years. I've traveled around the country. I've been to some places around the world. All of my favorite cities do have an open air pedestrian promenade. A great example is Boulder Colorado has Fall Street and if you've ever been to Boulder you know it is a very vibrant place for tourists. There's all kinds of people hanging out there - different kinds of stores. Santa Fé, unfortunately, has greatly reduced the diversity and vibrancy of our downtown Plaza area in the last couple of decades and has cared more and more to tourists. But I think closing the Plaza to traffic would be good for tourism and it would also be good for the locals. I think it would be good to test it out.

My name is Ezra Leyba and this is my daughter Lillian Leyba. We live here in Santa Fé and we go down to the plaza on special occasions when the Plaza's closed. And I think we would go more often if it was closed to experience the Plaza. I would feel better about it.

We were in New Orleans last fall and we walked around there and the reason I brought Lillian up is that she wanted to tell you one of her favorite things about being in New Orleans. Lillian said it was the horses. They had horse drawn carriages and it was really cool ad like to see something like that here in Santa Fe.

There were no other speakers in the public hearing.

Chair Trujillo closed public hearing at 7:01 p.m. and he thanked everyone for speaking up.

Before moving on, he read the proposed amendments to the resolution the Mayor had offered.

1. On page 3, delete lines 15-17 and insert in lieu thereof, "Whereas, in an effort to enhance the enjoyment and beauty of the Plaza area, the Governing Body desires to restrict vehicular traffic in the Plaza, annually from the observed Memorial Day to Monday following the annual Fiesta de Santa Fé weekend; and Whereas, additionally, the Governing Body desires to increase public safety presence in the Plaza and the Plaza periphery area."
2. On page 4, delete lines 1-3 and insert in lieu thereof: "(b) Annually, from the observed Memorial Day to the Monday following the annual Fiesta de Santa Fé weekend, the closure of Lincoln Ave., San Francisco Street and Old Santa Fé Trail."
3. On page 4, line 13, insert the following: "(c) The number of public safety incidents that occurred in relation to the increased public safety presence in the Plaza area."

Councilor Bushee asked if this had gone or would go to the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities.

Mr. Pino said it wasn't on the meeting schedule.

Councilor Bushee asked that it be on the schedule. She enjoyed the comments.

She was one of the main people that wanted to see it closed in 2002 and managed to get enough votes to try it for four months. Why we were seeing what we see on the Plaza now was because every attempt, and Councilor Dimas could talk about an earlier attempt to have it closed in 1984. Why you see the Plaza opened again was that it had not really worked for a variety of reasons. The plaza has always been our center of commerce. He was a strong advocate back then, saying it was cleaner. They did have that accident just off the Plaza where a woman was killed and it raised a lot of concerns. They also had the concerns of the fumes for the folks then that vended under the Palace of the Governors Portal. And after the former closure they saw again that a task force was created and the folks that came together were very thoughtful in their approach and they convinced her at the time. She thought it was a great thing to try. But the plaza still has to function and must allow some traffic. She would be willing to look at it. She would like to see the sidewalk cafés were feasible.

They might look at Lincoln Avenue also for closing at least in the evenings for bandstand and other events. She liked the thought of expanding the idea of the Plaza. There were lots of good comments tonight that she liked.

She had been here just over thirty years and watch the Plaza Rats hang out on the Plaza for a while and then they moved on to other places. The Railyard was supposed to be the next vibrant center for the people. She brought COMMunity Day forward.

She had been on the Council two thirds of her time in Santa Fe. She thought there was some room for compromise but didn't see it as much for just being in the summer. Perhaps with two streets like San Francisco and Old Santa Fé Trail open they could still have good flow. She would like to see more parking. She had been an advocate of the Plaza bandstand and getting the funds for that to happen. She was open to new ideas but learned her lesson in 2002 as far as radical change and what that would really mean.

When Las Cruces closed their plaza they killed their business downtown.

She also didn't want to see the Plaza just be for tourists buying expensive things downtown have it not the same as locals coming downtown.

She noted that just changing a blade of grass on the plaza brings out everybody. A landscape guy had some great ideas for landscaping with corn beds and places where people could sit. She hated it when they had the jail cells as protectors of the grass. They were expensive and unattractive.

Palace was already closed and the changes to Old Santa Fé Trail were based on concerns for safety... The resolution was an interesting mix because it said it was to bring people down on the Plaza and encourage economic development. She would love to see food trucks all the time like the old fiestas and have food there.

Councilor Dominguez said it was obvious this legislation needed some work. To clarify, on the sheet for the calendar of events, he asked if the dates that were blank were open to traffic.

Mr. Pino said no - this was just to show the calendar of events that were already scheduled to take place and with no events, it was open.

Councilor Dominguez understood the way the policy was right now, it was open for traffic. The Plaza was open. He felt the way this resolution was written, it was almost as if they were doing things backwards. It asked for an analysis of economic development impact of the street closures. He asked what would happen at that impact came back negative. There was a lot of political damage from this no matter what position we take.

It almost seemed as though they were doing some of that backwards and didn't know how they could determine the economic impact ahead of time. He said the resolution was to make it so that the Plaza was economically viable and successful without necessarily hurting many of the people who do use the Plaza for cruising. But it was not clearly articulated in this piece of legislation. Line 1 on page 4 would bring a lot of the heartburn to a lot of people - the closure of Lincoln, San Francisco and Old Santa Fé Trail. One option was that it would be heard at the next Finance meeting and let the Mayor try some different language and be brought back to Public Works. Councilor Dimas and Councilor Bushee were not on Finance.

Councilor Dimas said he had some ideas too, back in 1984. The Council did close the Plaza back then. He was the Police Commissioner at the time. They close it because a lot of younger people who wanted

vibrancy there but they had a lot of younger people who were cruising and providing lots of traffic jams downtown because the young people had nothing else to do. It was a real safety issue back then. They ran an experiment to see how long an emergency vehicle would take to get to La Fonda on a Friday or Saturday night. So they supposedly had a man having a heart attack and it took 20 minutes to get an emergency vehicle there so they closed the Plaza. Haagen Dazs really complained early on but appreciated it later. Later it was reopened and he thought he would never see the issue again in his lifetime.

As a lifetime 4th generation resident, he noted that Santa Fe High School was once located right here at City Hall and high school students walked to the Plaza all the time and it was an enjoyable time. And it was all locals back then. He thought they were premature with this resolution and even though he was a cosponsor in this right now, it would be very difficult right now to continue to support it the way it was now written. He thought it needed a lot more work on it.

Councilor Rivera and thanked everyone who came out to speak tonight, regardless of which position they were taking. Everyone cares about the plaza and it was a great place to congregate. He had been here since 1984. The only thing that brought locals back to the Plaza were the events. Since then, the grass became a big issue and that event was moved to Ashbaugh Park where it slowly deteriorated. The only way to bring local people back to the Plaza is to provide more events for locals on free weekends. Most of the Arts and Crafts events were good events but not really free and didn't have much for the kids to do during that time.

He was not sure this plan had been fully thought out. ADA needed to be looked at. So he would support this going back to the Mayor's Committee on Disability and entertain different ideas than were now proposed now even with the amendments.

Councilor Dominguez moved to take no action on this item at this point. It was already scheduled to go to Finance and that it go to the Mayor's Committee on Disability and then come back to Public Works Committee. Councilor Rivera seconded for discussion.

Councilor Dominguez commented that what it came down to was safety - how to make the Plaza safe and also an attractive venue for everyone. Part of the discussion needed to be what the public safety plans were. Were they going to keep an officer on the Plaza all the time - what that safety plan would be and what the traffic plan would be. There was work that needed to be done on this. It was an opportunity for the Council and the Mayor to take a position that was closer to what everyone could deal with.

Chair Trujillo agreed the plaza was very important. The Plaza was for everybody. He remembered cruising there. He was probably the only Councilor who rode a motorcycle. He and his wife cruised around and walked around it. The Plaza was a special place for them to.

How we get people to the plaza was the question. Baseball brings him downtown. He ate downtown and then watched the baseball game. The Plaza belonged to everybody and we want to protect the Plaza. This resolution was not ready. Most who spoke were against closing it. With this motion it would have the

discussion at Finance and Committee on Disabilities and then come back to Public Works.

Councilor Bushee asked that Finance consider whether bicyclists would be allowed on the plaza. She had once heard some people say kick out the skate boarders and kick out the bicyclists. Vibrancy discussion should not just revolve around parking. She felt they came at it backwards by airing at street traffic first. She said they did have a horse drawn carriage and found it was not economically viable. The discussion should be expanded. The bandstand folks were considering a food truck and it would support the bandstand music. Those were things to put in the mix.

Chair Trujillo asked her to come up with a list for the Finance Committee. He reminded them if closed, they would have barricades up to consider if someone had a heart attack on the Plaza.

Mr. Pino said the barricades proposed were such that a movable bollard or chain could be pulled out of the way for emergency access.

Chair Trujillo said last week they closed the bandstand and he understood the reasons but didn't want to stop seeing a child going to the bandstand and having their own concert. There were things we should not be discouraging.

Mr. Pino said park workers needed to be available also.

The motion to forward with no action passed by unanimous voice vote.

16. 2014 CIP BOND ISSUE

- **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CIP FUNDING OPTION A FOR \$16 MILLION (ISAAC PINO)**

Committee Review:

Finance Committee (Scheduled)

05/05/14

Council (Scheduled)

05/14/14

Mr. Pino said ever since 2006, Santa Fé has had a CIP bond every other year to have financing for capital projects. For 2007-2008, the CIP was combined into both capital projects and some O & M costs that could no longer be covered by the general fund. So every two years there has been a bond when there was not the ability to service the debt because things were economically that bad. In March 2012 bonds were sold so that the city could proceed with capital projects and with O & M projects. What was being proposed now was the 2014 bond in the amount of \$16 million with a purpose very similar to what it had done in the past. He included for the committee's consideration recommendations broken into categories and referred to the exhibit right behind the memos.

The first category with a budget of \$12.091 million were the regular operation and maintenance costs including things like street repaving, dirt road maintenance, traffic signals, sharrows and things the city had

Plaza Programming Ideas

MUSIC – 35 votes

- 11 votes – International Food Market on Burro Alley (Submitted by Santa Fe VIP)
- 6 votes – Mariachi night
- 6 votes - Plaza dances (country night, salsa night, other) Music competitions, talent competitions
- 4 votes - Salsa Night – Music and dancing at least once a week. (this should liven up the plaza and the people)
- 2 votes – Decade Dances 50's through the 90's. (encourage people to dress for a specific decade and play music from that decade)
- 2 votes - Music on the Plaza Health Day (CPR, massage, preventative medicine)
- 1 vote - Marimba Night
- 1 vote - Singles Dancing Night (need more men over 60)
- 1 vote – Close off Plaza on weekends and invite all food vendor trucks to sell food.
- 1 vote – National Food Truck Drive

FOOD – 14 votes

- 10 votes – Dinner on the Plaza (areas dedicated on the Plaza with limited tables. One different restaurant a night will cater their event and ticket revenue will be donated to local charity)
- 4 votes – Food trucks and bandstand nights

SPECIAL EVENTS – 11 votes

- 3 votes – Halloween parade event (similar to Boulder, Colorado. Competition night with prizes donated). Arty Party Night for Kids (free, summer nights, come by and make things. Bring your own supplies)
- 3 votes – Wrap parties to celebrate the end of a TV series or movie productions and give the locals a chance to meet some of the stars in those productions.
- 2 votes - MIX and Santa Fe VIP on the Plaza themed event.
- 1 vote – Youth Festival Weekend (chefs, musicians work with local youths prior to this weekend) Together they showcase their creations.
- 1 vote - Astronomy Night (telescopes, show moon and Jupiter)
- 1 vote – Costume Consortium (theater, film wardrobe and fun)

CARS – 9 votes

- 6 votes – Cruise nights on the Plaza. (make permit process more friendly and more affordable)
- 3 votes – Car show on the Plaza

TECHNOLOGY – 7 votes

- 6 votes – Develop web application to show if city parking lots are full or available. (would help cars driving around to find parking lots open)
- 1 vote – Free Wi-Fi On Plaza to promote on social media

HISTORY/CULTURE – 7 votes

- 4 votes - “You Know You’re Old School Santa Fe” Group Day on the Plaza (celebrate Santa Fe history and its people)
- 2 votes – Give historical tours of the Plaza to elementary grade students.
- 1 vote – Ethnic culture events (Mexican, Japanese, food, music arts and crafts)

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE – 7 votes

- 6 votes - Permanent chess boards on the Plaza (concrete tables)
- 1 vote – Open Gazebo

TRAFFIC – 2 votes

- 2 votes – Close X3 sides of the Plaza and Memorial Day with end to Balloon Fiesta from 5 pm to midnight) but still allow Cruiser Night, costume nights)

PLAZA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June

- 1 Kerygma (Religious)
- 10
- 13 Set up Challenge
- 14 Challenge NM
- 15 Challenge NM
- 19 Morrison Choir
- 20 Plaza Cruise Nights
- 21 Yoga
- 22 Corpus Christi (Religious Cathedral Park)
- 23 Santa Fe Bandstand Opening Day 6-9
- 24 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 25 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 26 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 27 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 28 Pride
- 29 Conquistadora Procession (Religious)
- 30 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9

July

- 1 (Tues) Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 2 Santa Fe Bandstand 12-1, 6-9
- 3 Pancake Set up
- 4 Pancake Breakfast
- 6 (Sunday) Conquistadora Procession
- 7 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 8 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 9 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 10 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 11 Plaza Cruise Night, Folk Art Market
- 12 (Saturday) Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 14 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 15 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 16 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 17 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 18 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 20 (Sunday) Monomundo (Dance)
- 21 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 22 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 23 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 24 Spanish Mkt Setup/SF Bandstand 6-9
- 25 Spanish Market Set up
- 26 Spanish Market
- 27 (Sunday) Spanish Market
- 28 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9
- 29 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 30 Santa Fe Bandstand 12pm-1pm, 6-9

August

- 1 (Friday) Plaza Set up
- 2 Girls Inc
- 3 Girls Inc
- 4 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 5 SFB 12pm-1pm, 6-9, National Night Out (Police/Community event)
- 6 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 7 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 11 (Monday) Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9

- 12 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 13 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 14 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 15 Plaza Cruise Night
- 16 (Sat.) Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 18 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 19 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 20 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 21 SWAIA Setup
- 22 SWAIA Setup
- 23 SWAIA
- 24 (Sunday) SWAIA
- 25 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 26 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 27 Santa Fe Bandstand 6-9
- 28 SFB Closing Day 6-9
- 29 Labor Day Setup
- 30 Labor Day Arts & Crafts
- 31 (Sunday) Labor Day Arts & Crafts

*Fiestas: August 30 thru September 6

September

- 1 thru 6 Santa Fe Fiestas
- 7 thru 13 Plaza Clean Up
- 19 (Friday) Plaza Cruise Night
- 27 (Saturday) Santa Fe Concorso (Vintage car run)

November

- 28 (Friday) Plaza Holiday Lighting

December

- 14 (Sunday) Las Posadas
- 24 (Wednesday) Canyon Road Farolito Walk
- 31 (Wednesday) Light up a Life (Presbyterian event)
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MUSIC – PURPLE

FOOD – BLUE

MUSIC & FOOD – GREEN

CULTURAL – ORANGE

CARS – DARK RED

SPECIAL EVENTS – BLACK

OPEN DATES:

July – Sat 5, Sun 13, Sat 19, Thurs 31

August – Fri – Sun 8,9,10, Sun 17