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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

**Market Station**

**Conference Room**

**500 Market Station**

**6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
4. New Business:
  - a. Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
  - b. Action Item:
    - Discussion and election of Chair and Vice Chair
  - c. Review of Commission RFP Evaluation Tool
  - d. Discussion regarding partnership with Arts Commission
5. Old Business:
  - a. Update on Data Project
6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners
7. Report from Staff
8. Matters from the Floor
9. Adjournment

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 955-6520, FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.**

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
MARKET STATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
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**MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

**NONE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNED**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Children and Youth Commission was called to order by Joanne Lefrak, Chair, at approximately 6:00 pm, on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at the Market Station Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joanne Lefrak, Chair  
Allegra Love  
Catherine Katie Dry  
Lisa Salazar  
Gus Martínez  
(Two Vacancies)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez  
Tommy Rodriguez, pending Commission member  
Lisa Suzanne, Genoveva Chavez Community Center  
Chris Sanchez, City of Santa Fe  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Salazar, seconded by Commissioner Martínez, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
January 26, 2016**

Chair Lefrak said on page 4 it says Commissioner Sanchez and it should be Mr.

Commissioner Salazar said on page 10, Mr. Salazar should be Sanchez, on page 12 Mr. Salazar should be Sanchez and on page 15, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, it should say the score was lowered to 165 not 160.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Love, seconded by Commissioner Salazar, to approve the minutes as amended.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. COUNCILOR CARMICHAEL DOMINGUEZ**

Chair LeFrak said thank you Councilor Dominguez for joining us. We asked that you talk a bit about the Resolution that we discussed at our last meeting. One of the concerns is that we are not doing it on southside.

Councilor Dominguez said thank you for having me tonight and thank you for all the work you do for the City of Santa Fe, the public and our young people. Before he gets into the meat of it, he wanted to talk to the Commission about the City's fiscal situation which is a big part of why he has taken the strategy he has taken. The city has a \$15 million deficit. We asked for \$4 million cuts on top of the \$15 million in cuts we have made over the last six or seven years. We have issues to resolve. He doesn't want anyone to panic, but this really is a structural deficit. We need to right size government. There is not money missing and it is not that we are spending more money than we have, it is how we use it. Enterprise funds are not having issues, it is our general fund. The economy in New Mexico is not very good and it does not look like it will get any better any time soon. The City of Santa Fe's economy is not faring as well either. There are a couple of other factors. The southside is getting younger but the City overall is getting older. When you are older you don't spend as much money. Also there is online purchasing. That does not do us much good at the local level.

Councilor Dominguez said the Governing Body does not have the appetite to start new programs or to engage in a capital campaign. We don't have a different location to move the center to so we have to redefine the program we have. It is the stuff that happens inside the buildings that is meaningful. Especially when we consider our at-risk youth. The Commission has moved in that direction and he approves of that. With that, there is still a lot of work to be done.

Councilor Dominguez said how does the Resolution work. We just went through the Teen Summit and there is a lot of momentum around teen programs. We still need

to do things the teens have asked us to do. The Resolution is intended to take a short term look and a long term look at things. It says we will have a pilot Teen Center at the Carlos Ortega Center. In time, when we are able to engage in a capital campaign, we can build a building on the southside and have a program that has actual meaning. We can work on the program now and bring that to the southside. Chris is working on that now. The Resolution says we will work to formulate a development plan. The City has land in Tierra Contenta and a building but the City does not have a Master Plan for that site. There are plans developed but not formally adopted. We have to have the Master Plan so that the Governing Body and the public understand what will be going on at that site. The Resolution is a commitment from the City and the Council to work on the programming but more importantly it sets the stage for a significant capital campaign. We don't have engineer designed plans for a building yet so we need that first. Long story short, this is meant to continue and keep the commitment with our young people to move forward and eventually move to the southside.

Commissioner Martínez said he understands where the Councilor is coming from. His question is the part of how we are going to get students to come to this side to get engaged when they live on the other side. What if we try to get some temporary portable buildings from the schools so that they are able to stay in their environment there and not have to come across town. As a father with kids and a parent having to be able to drive them to this side is tough. We are all working families. How are they going to get to this side. It is key to get them here so it is successful. They need to know the plan as well. He knows Councilor Dominguez is committed to kids and the southside.

Councilor Dominguez said that is not a new issue. We have done some things to help resolve it. The City has some modes of transportation that they use. There are free buses for people under 21. You are correct that if you have to spend so much time in a van or on a bus it is not ideal. If there are other ideas about transportation to get kids there the staff will take a look at it. There are not a lot of people going to the Carlos Ortega Center now.

Mr. Sanchez said we have about ten to fifteen.

Councilor Dominguez said so investing money in transportation now may not be feasible. In terms of the portables, that is a good question. The City of Santa Fe has a relationship with the Santa Fe Public Schools. The relationship is not as easy to facilitate as we would hope. It would cost the City of Santa Fe some money for those portables. Then you would have to have water, electricity and infrastructure. He does not believe the schools would just give them to us. Also at this site there is a whole set of guidelines that have been implemented there. It would have to be a special portable and we would have to follow the policies and guidelines of Tierra Contenta. He would rather focus on getting everything lined up so we can move forward on a capital campaign.

Commissioner Love said she is confused about the answer to transportation.

Mr. Sanchez said we are actually going to have the kids design what this center is going to look like. They are going to be talking about transportation and they thought it is an interesting challenge. We thought if they are driving this they would come if we have a mechanism. He asked the kids to come in together as a team not a this side, the other side. There is no way we could sell anything right now. We don't have a program now to show value. With the kids coming together to design this we want to make sure it is inclusive of all the kids. This is a city wide issue. He gives the Councilor props when he says what is in the best interest of the kids. We need to know what the best answer is for that. The kids will design this process. They said a lot of them have cars and would be willing to take people. The Boys and Girls Club has several buses. There are ideas out there. It is something the kids are asking for as a whole.

Commissioner Love said that was not her question. You said fifteen kids now when this starts. When will we have the program.

Mr. Sanchez said you have to develop it first.

Commissioner Love said when she first heard of this she thought we were going to start this teen program. Are you saying what is going to happen is the development but not a program now for kids.

Mr. Sanchez said it is for design now.

Commissioner Love said so transportation is not an issue.

Mr. Sanchez said no.

Councilor Dominguez said there are some internal things that have to happen. Teaching staff about how to engage and facilitate with young people has to occur. He wishes that transportation was an issue more than it is. He wishes there were sixty or seventy kids having problems getting to the existing center. But based on the numbers we don't have the people.

Mr. Sanchez said the way it is now it is not designed the way the kids want it. It is a safe place for kids to be but we want to expand that ten fold. We will design it to be a true resource center.

Commissioner Love asked how long is the design stage going to be.

Mr. Sanchez said he wants the kids to own this. He doesn't want to put a specific timeframe on this.

Chair Lefrak asked don't you think a timeframe is helpful for kids.

Mr. Sanchez said he does not want it to be not possible.

Councilor Dominguez said the Resolution has a goal of having something built by 2019. The idea is to get a physical building with a rich program. In terms of the programming, that is the important thing.

Mr. Sanchez said historically it would take about six months.

Commissioner Martínez asked have you explored using the Genoveva Center. He remembers there were a lot of portables at the center that they used for traffic class and other things. Six portables. He is just throwing things out there.

Councilor Dominguez said Lisa is at the Genoveva Chavez Center and she can talk a bit about the Center and how they work with young people and the history of the portables.

Ms. Suzanne said she is the Manager at the Genoveva Center. We don't have a lot of teen programming. Even though it is a big building, there is only the community room and two small classrooms. Part of our budget is renting those out. We looked at if we stopped using the community room we would be popping out our summer program for kids. The City does own the land and it has electricity and water where the portables are. Those belong to the schools now and it is a charter school. There are plans for a skate park there as well.

Councilor Dominguez said the Chavez Center is an enterprise fund. There are some issues about the finances. We have mandated that they generate revenue. If we use those spaces for free we contribute to their deficit. There are a lot of teen things happening over there. Leagues and things like that.

Commissioner Love asked do you have the numbers of teens that go there.

Ms. Suzanne said not off the top of my head. She can send Chris an email and get that to you.

Commissioner Salazar said she is hearing that the goal is to have a place on the southside but we have no program at this time. Due to the Summit and the commitment of the kids to design the center it is a good idea to have a pilot and get them involved.

Councilor Dominguez said ultimately we want to move it to the southside. The demographics lean that way. Before we over promise we need to make sure we have the internal infrastructure in place and meaningful programming. The City of Santa Fe has invested a ton of money for our young people so members of the Governing Body are looking more for enriched strategy not just here is some money. There has to be a whole strategy behind it. He thanks the Commission for having such a huge interest in the southside. We have not had that before. He does not mean to sound divisive. The

reality is that the southside is where our community is growing and will continue to grow and that is where our young people and minorities live. It is prime for this kids activity. Because of our financial situation we have to be methodical.

Chair Lefrak are you going to use the success of the pilot to make a case for the capital program.

Councilor Dominguez said yes we are.

Chair Lefrak said she encourages Chris then to have a timeframe and a specific goal of how many kids you want to have participate. Maybe have two teen programs, one here and one on the southside that mirrors that successful program. Come up with what are the measures of success to prove the case for a capital campaign.

Mr. Sanchez said we will make sure that we have a member of the Mayors Cabinet, this Commission and others to make it successful.

Commissioner Martinez said by going to the Teen Summit and seeing what they need, he wants this to be successful. It is not so much where it is as being able to throw out ideas that make sense and help guide that discussion. There are a ton of kids who go through Genoveva. He is just throwing out ideas to help your vision and hopefully you will be letting us help you get there.

Councilor Dominguez said he is going to need the help of the Commission when it comes time to get this done. Location is a tough thing to deal with. When he was first elected he had just come off the school board. There were large efforts to create a Career Technical Educational Center. He worked on it and a work plan. We went through two years of this large effort with the City, County, State, school districts and private organizations. What got us stumped was location, aside from government and finances. There was a lot of discussion. We never got to what was the best location. Then the economy went bad and everyone scattered. When you look at the median income from the east side of Cerrillos to the west side there is a significant difference. Between the north and southside there is even a bigger difference.

Commissioner Love said she lives by West Alameda Street. The bus is twenty five minutes each way. It is an hour of your day going back and forth.

Councilor Dominguez said transportation is another story. He has always said the type of transportation system we have in Santa Fe is not working in the City of Santa Fe. It has to be subsidized. We have not focused enough on the routes and where the bus stops are located. We have a Pedestrian Master Plan now that is being implemented and the MPO is working on improvements. But you are right, there are not many bus options to get to the southside.

Commissioner Martinez said the County owns some property next to Genoveva.

Is that a consideration that the City and County could work together. Maybe coming together to help kids to get something done would work. Just throwing it out there.

Councilor Dominguez said certainly our young people can use whatever help is out there.

Commissioner Martínez said kids are already going there. It would be easier to be where kids are instead of trucking kids there.

Mr. Sanchez asked how would we staff that. We said no fiscal impact and that is how we got it passed the Governing Body. We have a pretty clear message on this. It may be interesting that there may be something that comes out of this where the private organizations will kick something in to develop it sooner. We don't have a program to market.

Councilor Dominguez said not only is it difficult to establish and maintain relationships but we don't have the people to put things in place. We have buildings. The County does not have a problem giving us land or buildings but what we really need are the resources to do the program. The County is already giving money to the Boys and Girls Club so they are contributing to the programming. That is where the energy is going.

Chair Lefrak said thank you for coming and sharing information. We did have a long discussion about this at our last meeting. She suggests that any Commissioners who are interested in helping with this, join Chris in the efforts to develop the programming.

Councilor Dominguez said thank you madam Chair and members of the Commission. He will work with all of you to get these efforts to the next level. If you want staff to give regular updates on this they can do that.

Chair Lefrak said yes, that would be great.

Councilor Dominguez said if anyone wants to call me to talk about this please do so anytime.

## **B. ACTION ITEM**

### **-DISCUSSION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Lefrak asked for suggestions.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Love, seconded by Commissioner Martínez, to have Chair Lefrak continue as Chair.

Chair Lefrak said she has two years left that she can serve as Chair.

Chair Lefrak asked for volunteers for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Salazar volunteered.

**MOTION AMENDED** Commissioner Love amended her motion, seconded by Commissioner Martínez, for Chair Lefrak to continue as Chair and for Commissioner Salazar to be elected as Vice Chair.

**VOTE** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. REVIEW OF COMMISSION RFP EVALUATION TOOL**

Chair Lefrak said we spent lots of time going through this at our retreat and at subsequent meetings. It has been developed.

Chair Lefrak showed the form on the screen and reviewed it. It can be done electronically or on paper. She and Chris worked on this. She will send out an email to everyone. Please let her know if there are any suggestions.

Mr. Sanchez said this follows the way the RFPs are structured.

Chair Lefrak said this is a step toward what she hopes the Commission will work toward in digitizing our RFP.

Everyone approved.

Chair Lefrak said we might have the Human Services Commission to work collaboratively with us on this.

**D. DISCUSSION REGARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS COMMISSION**

Chair Lefrak said the Mayor has requested that the Arts Commission and this Commission work together more. Their suggestion was that we pool money with them to fund organizations that overlap with their funding. She took exception with that and wants to leave it the way it is so that we can make those decisions without restrictions. We have moved forward to discuss this with you and propose that regarding the organizations we both fund, we would have our data person, Jill, go to those organizations and determine their outcomes and share that with the Arts Commission. This would be a first step to collaborate with them. Another reason she feels hesitant to us restricting funding is we fund organizations for transformation when they fund arts

education. She wanted to get the Commission's feedback. Perhaps sharing data between organizations is a better first step.

There was agreement by the Commission.

Chair Lefrak said right now we are going to have Jill go to Warehouse 21. We discussed that after we determine who is funded in the next cycle, we will see what organizations we are both funding and then set up the order Jill will go to evaluate them. This would happen some time next fiscal year. We have a new cycle coming up so we don't now who we and they will be funding. That is where that is. If you have other ideas about how we can collaborate let her know. It is a request from the Mayor.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. UPDATE ON DATA PROJECT**

Mr. Sanchez said Jill is not present so he would give a review of the information and he did so briefly.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Lefrak said she met with Sally Mitner with the Childrens Museum. She is committed to keeping the organization stable until they have a game plan. They are going to put a survey out to the community to see what they feel are the needs and then they will structure their programming to look like that. In the meantime they have gotten their field trip program back up and running and are anticipating 300 kids will go through that. That is part of their commitment to this Commission.

Chair Lefrak said no one gave me any suggestions for someone with financial expertise to fill the other vacancy on our Commission. Think about it and send me your ideas

## **8. REPORT FROM STAFF**

Mr. Sanchez said \$1.162 million is what we will be funding this year. We will have technical assistance training here in March. This Friday we are hosting interviews. Gus will sit in for the Commission and a few others will as well. We have five interviews we will be hosting. We did our first round a couple of weeks ago and it was not what we were looking for. We have thirty interviews. He will keep the Commission posted.

**9. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lefrak said the next meeting will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

  
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Joanne Lefrak, Chair

  
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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer