CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-113

INTRODUCED BY:

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLORE OPTIONS TO PROTECT THE JUANITA STREET NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND THE DOWNTOWN AREA ZONED RM BUT NOT INCLUDED IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS FROM INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the neighborhood around Juanita Street is zoned RM-1 and continues to be impacted by dense three story developments; and

WHEREAS, the Juanita Street neighborhood is not the only neighborhood where neighborhood planning and city attention is sorely needed; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan adopted in 1999 included neighborhood planning initiatives which have yet to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan specifically included a policy to initiate more appropriate zoning designations for neighborhoods located around the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan also included policies to initiate neighborhood conservation districts as well as consideration for the expansion of existing historical districts;
and

WHEREAS, although the governing body adopted Resolution No. 2001-55 directing
staff to bring the rezoning of the Historic Guadalupe and Alarid Street neighborhoods
(overlapping the Juanita Street neighborhood) into conformance with the moderate density
designation of the General Plan, this rezoning never was brought forward to the governing body;
and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Councilor Heldmeyer introduced a bill which would, if approved,
establish criteria and procedures for the creation of neighborhood conservation districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that:

1. The city manager shall immediately make available city staff and city resources
to assist the Juanita Street neighborhood and all neighborhoods around the downtown area zoned
RM but not included in the historic districts in evaluating the best option for protecting the
neighborhoods from inappropriate construction. Such options include but are not limited to:
downzoning; creation of a neighborhood conservation district or special height restriction overlay
district; designation of an historic district; and code changes to early neighborhood notice
procedures. Staff shall report to the Public Works Committee until an option(s) is officially
presented to the governing body. The assistance shall include preparation of the necessary
information and timelines in order to evaluate and bring forward the option(s).

2. The bill establishing criteria and procedures for the creation of neighborhood
conservation districts shall be introduced to the community at large and brought forward through
the necessary process for consideration by the governing body.

3. Staff shall, on a parallel track with implementation of this resolution, prepare the
necessary documents and information for the governing body’s consideration regarding a
building moratorium.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to implement Resolution No. 2001-55 regarding amendments to the zoning designation in the historic Guadalupe and Alarid Street neighborhoods from RM-1 to a zoning category in conformance with the moderate density designation in the City’s General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA V. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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