# CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 15**

# INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Dominguez

### A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO DEVELOP VARIOUS INITIATIVES FOR THE AIRPORT ROAD AREA IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY, PROGRESSIVE AND SAFE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Santa Fe Community Area Master Plan creates an overall vision of the Airport Road area but does not identify public improvements or public/private partnership opportunities necessary to realize that vision; and

WHEREAS, many grant opportunities look for specific initiatives adopted by the jurisdiction applying for grant funds in order to fund on-the-ground projects; and

WHEREAS, the White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity Report to the President, Solving the Problem of Childhood Obesity Within a Generation, May 2010, recommends that "Communities should be encouraged to consider the impacts of built environment policies and regulations on human health"; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Santa Fe Trends based upon the 2000 Census data, 34% of the population living in the Airport Road area is 17 years of age and under compared to

27% for the entire city; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2000 Census, the median per capita income for the Airport Road area is \$13,687 (average of 2000 Census block groups weighted by population) as compared to \$25,454 for the entire city; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has found that "There is a clear association between poor health and poverty" in the Center's Healthy People 2000 Report; and

WHEREAS, data collected from the 2000 Census, the Center of Disease Control and the Journal of the American Medical Association leads to the conclusion that residents in the Airport Road area may have a higher likelihood of developing diabetes and children in the Airport Road area are more likely to be obese; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Healthy Lifestyles Task Force Report (Resolution 2008-72) concludes "City government can and should promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle among its citizens"; and

WHEREAS, Airport Road represents a major commercial corridor as well as a major gateway into the city; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Road area has large tracks of undeveloped land providing the potential to shape this area of the city; and

WHEREAS, the city received \$75,000 from the 2007 state legislature and \$100,000 from the city's 2008 CIP bond was designated to plan and design safety improvements to Airport Road; and

WHEREAS, the city applied for funding for the Airport Road safety improvements project through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) administered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), and

WHEREAS, the NMDOT awarded the City \$870,500 in HSIP funding for fiscal year 2009/2010 for safety improvements to Airport Road from San Filipe Road/Country Club Road to

Lopez Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2008-112 recognizing the potential for greater economic benefit and community living in the Airport Road area that can be achieved through a mix of uses, enhanced multi-modal options, pedestrian/bicycle friendly corridors, establishing neighborhood gathering places and by enhancing the beautification of the roadways themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes that the Airport Road area has significantly increased in population in the last 15 years and will continue to increase especially with the anticipated city initiated annexation of the area; and

WHEREAS, because of this increase in population and the unique needs of the area, it is appropriate and necessary to expend city resources, primarily city staff time, to undertake various initiatives for the Airport Road area in order to promote a healthy, progressive and safe community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City Manager is directed to assign the appropriate city staff to:

- 1. Begin efforts in the area for neighborhood and community building including: educating neighborhoods regarding city services, educating neighborhoods regarding changes due to annexation, educating neighborhoods about the benefits of forming neighborhood associations and neighborhood plans; educating and affording opportunities for input on upcoming city projects and initiatives in their area.
- 2. Begin working with merchants in the area, the Chamber of Commerce, and city economic development staff to investigate the formation of a merchant's association for the area.
- 3. Prepare an overlay zoning district ordinance for the Airport Road Community
  Area ("Area") (described on the attached Exhibit A) for consideration by the Planning
  Commission, Public Works, Finance Committee and the Governing Body that would create

design standards for residential and nonresidential development including, but not limited to, architecture, signage, parking and landscaping.

- 4. Create a policy regarding healthy food zones within 500 feet of schools first within the Airport Road corridor and later to be expanded city wide and also to consider regulations for mobile food vendors.
- 5. Research and bring forward a moratorium for consideration by the Public Works, Finance Committee and the Governing Body prohibiting the location of new liquor establishments in the Area until such time as the Governing Body can adopt policies regarding such establishments.
- 6. Analyze the needs and propose solutions for a broad range of recreational opportunities for Area residents and employees of all ages including, but not limited to, senior and teen centers, and various recreational type facilities as well as expanded programming for related city activities.
- 7. In conjunction with the park funding priorities process initiated by prior resolution, analyze the needs and propose solutions for park related opportunities for Area residents and employees of all ages including, but not limited to, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, gardens, trails and open space. This shall include consideration of the purchase or lease of any state or federal land in the Area for such opportunities.
- 8. Prepare a plan combining the solutions for recreational and park related opportunities for consideration by the Public Works, Finance Committee and the Governing Body to maximize recreational activities and plans for active parks.
- 9. Research and prepare a report for the Public Works, Finance Committee and the Governing Body on how the city could promote the following for residents and businesses in the Area:
  - (a) Housing at a mix of price points;

| 1  | applicable;  |
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|    | 2. Study data from the public schools on student enrollment including, but not                     |
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| 3  | limited to, free and reduced lunch participants etc.;  |
| 4  | 3. Give hard cost information whenever possible for recommended public                             |
| 5  | improvements/infrastructure or services and possible sources of funding; and                       |
| 6  | 4. Provide timelines and steps for implementation of recommended initiatives.                      |
| 7  | AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the City Manager determines current city                        |
| 8  | staff is unable to perform specific activities in the preparation of the above directives, outside |
| 9  | consultants may be funded by the city's economic development fund.                                 |
| 10 | PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2011.                                      |
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