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CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Historic Preservation Conference Room
City Hall, 2nd floor
200 Lincoln Avenue
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

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 - a. Council approval of Commission's Recommendations for FY 2011-2012
 - b. Retreat
5. New Business:
 - a. Zona del Sol
 - b. Annual Needs Assessment Planning for Fall 2011
6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners
7. Report from Staff
8. Matters from the Floor
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1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Present:

Suzanne Gebhart, M.D., Chair
Sue Anne Hermann
Rev. Jon Anderson
Ernestine Gallegos de Hagman
Michael Multari
Joanne LeFrak

Excused:

Dolores Fidel

Staff Present:

Dr. Lynn Hathaway

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Gebhart inquires as to changes to the agenda. There being none, she requests a motion to approve.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman moves to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Multari, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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a. Council approval of Commission's Recommendations for FY 2011-2012

b. Retreat.

There was significant discussion about the need to have a retreat. Chair Gebhart suggested that the retreat be scheduled after a new director is hired. Discussion about relooking at how the commission continues to operate and possibility of making changes to the application process. What do we gain by having a retreat at this point in time?

Commissioner Multari: Commented that this will be the last time we have Lynn available to "pick her brain" in terms of things we might need to know away from this environment. It is our opportunity to get ideas. This is my thought on why I would want to do one now. It would also be helpful in what we have to share with the new person. Things we should think about as we move forward.

Commissioner Hermann: I think we will need all the direction we can get.

Dr. Hathaway: We can do that at the August meeting.

Chair Gebhart: Explains that the plan is to post the job in July and try to have someone on board by the first of September. This will provide Lynn a transition of 2 weeks at the end of September. We could plan to have a fall retreat and get both of them together. I am not anti retreat. We have talked to the Mayor who was supportive of our posting the position.

Dr. Hathaway: Discussion regarding the hiring freeze and the desire to change the position from a Senior Planner to Commission Director, which would give more flexibility on what we can pay. Believes this will have to be approved by Council.

Discussion by Commissioners continues regarding the upgrading of the position, the approval by Council, the support of the Mayor, etc.

Chair Gebhart: I spoke with Ike Pino and the Mayor and both were pretty supportive. Neither was really negative. It is an issue of money and the salary comes out of the commission budget anyway I think it may stand a chance. Having said that, nothing has happened since then.

Dr. Hathaway: If it does not get upgraded and stays at the current level we will be able to find someone to do the job. They would have to come in at the beginning of the range. The people I have talked to will not take the job. Maybe you can hire somebody and get the position upgraded later. We have this year's savings on project specialist - \$56,000. We will have both the project specialist and my salary budgeted for next year. If I overlap with somebody we are looking at \$13,000. We have a cash balance over

\$300,000. That person would be able to hire his/her own assistant in January and start the year with a full staff.

Chair Gebhart: We are going to work very hard to make this happen soon.

Commissioner Anderson: I say yes to all of that. The overlap and upgrade of the position.

Commissioner Multari: Let's go back to initial question about the retreat.

Commissioner Anderson: Some combination of having both of them would be good. We could do it that way or spend the August meeting picking Lynn's brain and leverage off that for a retreat. Before we do the next round of stuff.

Dr. Hathaway: We also need to get all the document awards ready, RFP language in August.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: I would like to do retreat later after we have the new person on board and have both people in the room. There are questions we won't think of asking because we are not experts. The individual might be able to pin point and get information from you and we would not know to ask about it.

Dr. Hathaway: We could use the September meeting because with any luck we would both be around. How is a retreat different from a meeting? More informal?

Commissioner Hermann: Do we have an Open Meetings Act concern?

Dr. Hathaway: We still have to take minutes and advertise.

Commissioner Multari: That's fine.

Commissioner Anderson: In terms of a structure if we had an idea ahead of time of the key things we want to focus on at the retreat we can do homework or assign each of us something to look into more deeply.

Chair Gebhart: The real issue here is that Lynn has been with the commission since its inception. This is a true changing of the guard. We have financial challenges and we need to reassess our priorities and the direction we want to go in. If, in fact, we have to cut our budget what are the most important jobs of this commission What are the major fallback for children and what do we want to do.

Commissioner Hermann: It is also a difficult time for nonprofits.

Chair Gebhart: It will be useful to have someone in place to see what their thoughts are.

Dr. Hathaway: It's not just that we pass the baton. We need to know what the baton is.

Chair Gebhart: Our next scheduled meeting will be in August. We will plan on a late fall retreat depending on how soon we can get that in place. The important thing will be the wording for the new proposal. If you need extra help let me know.

Commissioner Anderson: Thinking of what we've heard recently in the news about kids not knowing their history. There were some really great visionary things in the depression that saved the place. This is one of those times in a smaller way. This could help the City recommit what this commission is all about and why we did it in the first place. If we have to sell/lobby the Commission to the counsel. If no one is thinking another 20 years down the road it gets cut.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: It is important to keep the kids as a priority.

Dr. Hathaway: No one is talking about the kids as a priority. Not a priority nationally, either.

Chair Gebhart: Let's table the retreat – and not take off agenda. We will revisit it at the August meeting.

5. New Business:

a. Zona del Sol

Chair Gebhart: I am concerned with Girls Inc. pulling out of Zona del Sol. It was purely a financial thing. Each year they are losing more money than they can afford. It costs \$6 per hour per student and they were taking in \$1.50. They were going into their reserves to fund the project at Zona del Sol. Their board said they could not continue and they would have to pull out. There is no negligence or villain in the story but the program that we considered very important is not going to be there. We need to look at the funding we gave them and consider if we should amend that. Part of their budget for 2010, which would end in July, included summer program which they did not do. They indicated they will not submit an invoice so they technically are giving back that money – about \$5,000.

Dr. Hathaway: The reimbursement requests are for services rendered. Most of those services were from July 1 of last year. In May they ended the after school program. They have submitted an invoice and shown that they have done the work. The question is about the grant renewal. In the current budget I thought they had \$5,800 for Zona del Sol. I was wrong, it is \$11,600. The budget did not pull out the facilitators.

Chair Gebhart: They requested \$35,000 and we gave them \$29,000.

Dr. Hathaway: For Zona del Sol it is for summer camp and after school. Given their current state, it is open for discussion.

Commissioner Anderson: We provided funding for the program manager and facilitators (summer camp leaders)?

Chair Gebhart: Was this Hillside also?

Dr. Hathaway: No, \$11,600 was for Zona del Sol. I called Kim Brown and Alexis and they said it was true. The grant amount has gone down over the years. At its height – before Zona – it was \$27,000. With Zona it went up to \$40,000. They lost the money the next year and it has gone down.

Chair Gebhart: The Hillside group has many children who are paying the full tuition. The girls who need the assistance are on the Southside.

Dr. Hathaway: They broke that out by zip code. This shows 38% on the Southside.

Commissioner Anderson: Didn't I read that they are trying to bring some of those girls to Hillside?

Dr. Hathaway: They are bringing 26 – the parents have to transport them.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: It was only 40?

Dr. Hathaway: The newspaper reported 40 but it was more like 70. They told people they were not going to have a program. It was very short notice. Everyone is still in shock. They have operating expenses for three months. They can get through the summer.

Chair Gebhart: They have a big fundraiser coming up.

Dr. Hathaway: It would be \$100,000. The Hillside property is free – no rent – this is in perpetuity as long as they keep the program up.

Chair Gebhart: They were paying \$18,000 per year + \$12,000 in utilities at Zona.

Commissioner Hermann: They have a mortgage on the building?

Chair Gebhart: No, they are trying to build the fund for upkeep.

Commissioner Anderson: This is a loss for them as well?

Chair Gebhart: The idea floated by the Y is that they might be interested in taking over the building. The front part would become a community gym – that would help finance the program. A portion would be kitchen and meeting rooms for non-profits that want to use the space. Nothing has been settled with that but it is a possibility. It is a building that was designed for Girls, Inc. and it is a big loss to have them gone.

Commissioner Anderson: The positions we were helping to fund at Zona are going away?

Dr. Hathaway: They will be doing what they were doing at Hillside with fewer girls.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: and fewer workers.

Commissioner Hermann: Do we need a new proposal from them?

Dr. Hathaway: Councilor Dominguez said if there are significant changes he would want it to go back to counsel.

Commissioner Anderson: This is a significant change.

Dr. Hathaway: I was hoping it was only \$5,800 but if you were to say that \$5,800 would be removed from their grant because they are leaving Zona and the Y is having summer camp at Pinon and I thought we could attach that money to the Y's contract.

Chair Gebhart: They are understaffed to accommodate all the girls.

Dr. Hathaway: They have 40 kids but capacity for 100. That is an easy shift to take \$5,800 from Zona and give to the Y.

Commissioner Anderson: Could we make that work this summer?

Dr. Hathaway: Contracts have not been done yet. The city manager can approve amounts up to \$50,000. We would not have to go back to City Council. It would be a way to even things out. The contract won't be in place but if they know it is coming they will have 2 weeks at the end of the summer at Zona. We would attach it to their Pinon afterschool care for the summer.

Commissioner Anderson: It seems to me we need to step back a bit. Girls, Inc. has made their move. We should react to that in some fashion. If someone else, the Y or someone else, wants to come back for funding that is separate.

Dr. Hathaway: Just remove that amount from their contract?

Chair Gebhart: The money is ours. We don't have to turn it back to the City. I told Jim Lynn he should consider a proposal for children he should look at next year. I'm not sure there is anything we can do now.

Commissioner Anderson: It doesn't serve anyone well if you let someone else's crisis become your crisis. As much as we want to get sucked into it I say "not".

Dr. Hathaway: Absolutely right.

Commissioner Hermann: I would like to see something from Girls, Inc. explaining – like a new RFP or a new proposal of how much money we want and how we will spend it.

Chair Gebhart: We will have to wait until next year.

Commissioner Hermann: We have a material change now.

Dr. Hathaway: We just remove the money from Zona?

Commissioner Anderson: What we are really concerned about are the kids. We should give 1/3 since 1/3 of the girls will be served at Hillside.

Dr. Hathaway: That's a good way to look at it.

Commissioner Anderson: We want to be supportive but this is a material change and we need to come up with a plan - whether it is Girls, Inc. or the Y.

Chair Gebhart: The \$11,800 also includes the school program.

Dr. Hathaway: We asked them and they have no idea what that will be for next year. So it would be \$17,400 plus \$4,000 for \$21,400 as a total to be awarded rather than the \$29,000.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Right, because they are not serving those 40 some girls.

Commissioner Anderson: If they can figure a way to serve more we can talk.

Commissioner Hermann: the whole thing has imploded. We have no obligation to them.

Commissioner Anderson: We can redeploy that money in future years.

Chair Gebhart: Is everyone comfortable with that approach? We will reduce their funding by \$7,600. Because of Counselor's Dominguez' request should we send a note saying this is what we propose? If he wants to put up to city council he can. Leave it to him to decide?

Commissioner Anderson: Point out that the money we are not spending will go to future periods.

Commissioner Hermann: Unless someone picks up the slack.

Dr. Hathaway: They accommodated as many as they could at Hillside. School for Arts and Sciences took some. Cesar Chaves is a summer recreation site and

there were openings there. Boys and Girls Club has some openings so they can go there. Some can go to Pinon. Some chose to go to church camps. They have not heard back from all families.

Chair Gebhart: It is a parent's nightmare.

Ms. Halloway: the girls they took were already in the afterschool program. The new ones went to alternative sites.

Chair Gebhart: Our final recommendation for Girls Inc is \$21,400 taking into consideration that they have some girls from Zona del Sol at their Hillside location and reducing the amount budgeted for Zona for the rest of the year. We will let Councilor Dominguez know and he can take to counsel or let us know if we can proceed?

Dr. Hathaway: The invoice for the remainder of the year is that approved?

Chair Gebhart: Are we unanimous in favor of that?

Dr. Hathaway: So we won't pay them \$1,354.

Chair Gebhart: The remainder we will recognize and pay.

b. Annual Needs Assessment Planning for Fall 2011

Chair Gebhart: We talked about trying to finalize the proposal document. We usually talk about community needs and have visitors come. With the change in leadership and need to move ahead I don't think we will do this. Last meeting we talked about faith, transportation and immigration.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Transportation always comes up.

Commissioner Hermann: We are just missing violence.

Chair Gebhart: Do you have any suggestions about visitors we would want to invite on these topics.

Dr. Hathaway: We were concerned about the field trips and they have a new person at the schools. We should invite that person to the meeting.

Commissioner Multari: Laurie.

Chair Gebhart: Can we have Partners in Ed as well?

Dr. Hathaway: Yes. See if there is any way to reduce the overhead in the field trip budget that goes to Partners in Education but also find out how the public schools are doing, costs, and so forth. There was an article in the New Mexican

comparing apples and oranges. Said the city is not providing transportation to summer camp.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: We should talk to the people who run the City buses. They could have better routes that would serve kids better.

Chair Gebhart: Have the City talk to us about kid friendly bus stops.

Dr. Hathaway: We've done that before.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: If it would stop a little closer kids might get on it.

Dr. Hathaway: Audubon and MOIFA asked for money for transportation.

Commissioner Multari: the Children's Museum?

Dr. Hathaway: They never included transportation.

Chair Gebhart: They did ask for money but we reduced it.

Commissioner Multari: They were not using it.

Dr. Hathaway: They could use a bus. Do you want Audubon and MOIFA there? What about immigration?

Commissioner Multari: Somas Su Pueblo, Gail Gerling and Adulate, Agua Fria, Anthony Trujillo from our Lady of Guadalupe and Juvenile Justice.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: What about someone from the police department?

Dr. Hathaway: And ESL?

Chair Gebhart: We don't need the police but I was fascinated that Girls Inc is not licensed and they cannot get subsidies from the state. They said parents did not want to sign up because they would get in trouble with immigration. That was news to me. I would like to understand that better.

Dr. Hathaway: We can't have INS come with Somas. After I retire you can have that meeting.

Commissioner Hermann: ICE and the police?

Dr. Hathaway: Somas will be able to answer those questions.

Commissioner Multari: There is a great immigration lawyer – John Noble. He started an orphanage in Mexico and is a great resource.

Chair Gebhart: We may have to extend the meeting to accommodate them.

Dr. Hathaway: Faith or spirituality?

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Santa Maria has a strong youth group.

Commissioner Anderson: I would be afraid to have someone who may hit us the wrong way with all that stuff.

Dr. Hathaway: We need to determine the talking points. These are tricky subjects and we want something in writing so they know what they are doing here.

Chair Gebhart: Let's talk about spirituality and faith. We are not saying that all children should have some religious faith. What is that we are trying to get at?

Commissioner Hermann: More about the involvement of the churches.

Dr. Hathaway: We can't eliminate or ignore – a culture that lacks spirituality. That is what we have in the public schools and so where do kids get this other than school, family, TV. The importance for normal child development of religion. It came from the New Mexico First town hall I went to 19 years ago and there were groups of 25. There was a Navajo woman who said if children learn about culture and spirituality they are fine. They can grow to adults' fine. If they don't have that they get lost. A Hispanic man said it is really important for children to have a spiritual background. I said all cultures have had religion of some sort. It helps you – part of what humans do. How can we talk about this and get it into the report. Someone said something about the power of hope. Never use the word religion. All the things universal to cultures – sang, danced, music, theatre, imagery, it inspires hope in teenagers to express things inside them.

Chair Gebhart: I struggle with freedom of religion also means freedom from religion. I struggle with the idea that we say you can't have normal development without spirituality. What you are describing can be acquired through other things. You can be a fully developed human being with freedom to express a range of emotions. Maybe that is closer to what you are saying?

Dr. Hathaway: You don't have to participate in group religion to experience things that they teach. When they are lacking there is a lack of compass for kids through teenage years.

Commissioner Multari: In terms of this commission what are we trying to do with this? I would not want to touch this with a ten foot pole. We live in a

progressive town. Also very Catholic and Jewish and I would not want to have any philosophical conversation at this type of meeting. I highly respect the ideas and background and spirituality. An organization that is funded by city dollars – we should not touch this.

Commissioner Anderson: In the context of here why did you bring this up?

Dr. Hathaway: I am Reading the book “What is missing in girl’s lives”. Maybe it is better handled in the faith community.

Commissioner Anderson: On the whole I don’t know that we do it that well.

Commissioner Hermann: Maybe we should be approaching from an involvement aspect - what’s working, what’s not working.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Service learning – caring about others, caring about our environment, opportunities for giving back.

Commissioner Multari: If there is a group we are targeting do we leave out another affiliation.

Dr. Hathaway: We are opening a can of worms. We are off religion.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: When people care outside of themselves that makes a whole different kid.

Commissioner Anderson: That does touch on religion – the historic faith religions in the world all talk about the stories of our people, the struggles of our people. That is the hope that gets instilled in the kids. If you live in small village you learn of the struggles through your religion. Every teenager believes they are the only one who has ever been through this. It could be done in such a way to get that without talking about religion. Benefit to us would be to understand what kids go through and the difficulty they have.

Chair Gebhart: People do share a commonality.

Commissioner Anderson: We are so religiously diverse.

Dr. Hathaway: So maybe what we want to talk about bringing in groups that teach teenagers to be more caring. For instance, Teen Action Program from Prep then we have to include teenagers.

Commissioner Multari: Mayor’s teen board? Loretta Trujillo?

Dr. Hathaway: Suggest things that are positive.

Commissioner Hermann: Where are we going with this? What do we want to accomplish?

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Determine what programs work for them.

Commissioner Anderson: Helps with strategic idea.

Commissioner Multari: Isn't the whole idea of being a teenager different for everyone. Are we going to pigeon hole what we believe teenagers thing. They have a commonality in wanting to be heard and respected. That is the basic formula for what gives them hope. Respect me, hear me and see me. Are we going to bring a kid from all four corners and have them speak on behalf of everyone?

Commissioner Hermann: We should narrow our focus to things we can do something about.

Commissioner Anderson: That's concrete. The transportation issue helps us. Do we need a third?

Commissioner Multari: I think the third is to look at the needs based on the information we have been given in terms of what our programs need and dialogue are we supporting the programs that we should be supporting in the best capacity. I've seen changes and you guys have definitely seen changes and we should refocus our efforts on why we are tossing dollars where we are.

Commissioner Hermann: We are putting band aids.

Commissioner Multari: I don't know if this commission is the forum or tool to solve the city's problems. We need to come together and see what we think. What are our goals? The people will tell us what they see and what the need. I believe this commission is smart and we should take pause and see if we can do better. If we are thinking of a third I'd like to see us pause and reflect on what we are doing.

Chair Gebhart: Does that sound like a good plan.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Immigration and transportation is sufficient. Transportation is key with all the groups we support. If you want to go it should be easy to get there.

Chair Gebhart: In September our topic is transportation and in October it is immigration.

Dr. Hathaway: In November you can talk about your own priorities.

Commissioner Anderson: And the next round of funding and changes to the RFP documents.

Dr. Hathaway: We will try to get stuff ready in August and change funding categories.

Commissioner Lefrak: The most pressing things right now – do evaluation of what specifically are the most important needs in the community might better help us evaluate the proposals because we have an idea. Arts and culture is an important need but within this round we decided that YS and other organization had more of a need. We should prioritize the needs. Tricky to do that but it might be important to determine what our community needs most.

Commissioner Anderson: What are the three most important children and youth organizations out there that we do not provide funding to?

Chair Gebhart: If they are big enough they do not need us. Very little with the Y since they have other sources of funding. Part of our role is nurturing groups that are unique to our city. Groups that are startups – still distressed about chain breakers. Part of what we can do is when people have good ideas give them something to go on. Those in distress – give them a bridge. We don't have the money to keep groups afloat. Whether groups succeed depends on community support and management of their finances – we can only provide a small amount of that. We've reached a conclusion that we will have two community guests coming in. Transportation in September and Immigration in October and we will use November to plan.

6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners

Chair Gebhart: I have no specific comments except as we start a new year I am antsy about losing Lynn. We will work hard to get transition planned and get someone good. I will be happy to have support from the rest of you. Certainly, it would not hurt to talk to councilors and say we would like to make a directorship and drum up some support.

Dr. Hathaway: Do we need to go back to the mayor?

Chair Gebhart: Possibly approval from him to post position. We talked about having a memo to the mayor to sign saying he supports it. Then we will go to Ike. Memo saying this is the finance, the cost, change the position, etc.

Commissioner Hermann: We need to convince them of not going for vacancy savings.

Dr. Hathaway: It is an ordinance. The fund and allocation is by ordinance.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Do they have to hire someone?

Chair Gebhart: The argument I made is that we could not function without a director. We are not able to take on the micromanagement of the commission. We have to have a director. It would be a disaster to have someone to come in February. I hope we made that argument strong enough.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Once the memo is signed off on could we know so we could say to our councilor that it has happened.

Dr. Hathaway: Does it have to go to city council or administratively.

Chair Gebhart: Lynn keeps everyone in the loop.

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: I attended the Mobilizing for Education Excellence report written by United Way, facilitated by New Mexico First on June 13. Not sure when community conversations took place. They came up with some good ideas. I have some questions I want to pose to them. The group I was in went well. People were respectful of each other's ideas. Good information came out of that. They are interested in putting together a community lobbying effort to redo the state funding formula. It should be a community lobbying effort and not just the big guys in business and the big groups. Not sure that was grasped. The other thing is they are definitely pushing for universal preschool. I have my issues with that.

Chair Gebhart: How likely is a community going to change a state legislature?

Commissioner Gallegos de Hagman: Grassroots effort, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Rio Rancho, Farmington. Rural districts are not getting hurt. The funding formula worked very well in the 70s but we are looking at vastly different populations in the larger cities. Different needs. It is interesting and worthwhile to look through it.

Commissioner Anderson: Wondering about St. Vincent. Anything developed?

Dr. Hathaway: They backed off.

Commissioner Hermann: I was promised a copy of the report but I did not get it yet. (Shephard report to County)

Commissioner Lefrak: I was promoted to director of education at Site.

7. Report from Staff

Dr. Hathaway: I do not have the balances. I did distribute quarterly reports. The final report is due at the end of July. I was shocked by the Girl's Inc. board's decision to leave Zona del Sol. Not much warning. What I am thinking in these dire economic times is we need to address the things that have fallen by the wayside. I did a site visit to Girls Inc. and everything looked fine. After what happened with Boys and Girls Club, site visits may not be what is needed. Maybe we need to be talking with boards, not executive

director or program people. That is something I would recommend for future program monitoring. Maybe have board member at the site visit or go to board meetings.

Commissioner Multari: Maybe a conversation with the Board chair is sufficient. It might be good to have a relationship with the chair and let them know we are funding the program. As the staff person it may be helpful to have contact with the 34 groups.

Dr. Hathaway: There will be 29. Part of the site visit should be a conversation with the board chair and staff.

Commissioner Multari: A conversation will be adequate to get a feel of the place. You can cherry pick which ones – which organizations you have questions about.

Chair Gebhart: The public schools would require a site visit.

Dr. Hathaway: With Girls Inc. when I sent the explanation to Ike Pino he said this makes it really clear what dire straits they are in. I wonder what other non profits are in the same situation. Maybe we need to identify the ones we know are having difficulty.

The Commission reviewed the list of organizations as follows. The organizations which the Commission felt are in need of special monitoring are marked with an asterisk:

Boys & Girls Club (new director – Roman Abeyta)*
Challenge New Mexico*
Citizen Schools – hoped to move to Ortiz middle school
Cooking with Kids
Fine Art for Children/Teens
Gerard' House*
Girls Inc.*
Girls on the Run
Museum International Folk Art
Las Cumbres Community Ser*
National Dance Institute
NM CulturalNet*
NM Suicide Prevention
New Vistas
Partners in Education Fund*
PMS Teen Health Center
Randall Davey Audubon*
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YMCA of Central NM
Youth Shelter Family Services*
YouthWorks*


8. Matters from the Floor
None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the Chair called for adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Signature Page:

Suzanne Gebhart, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer