



Agenda

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of Tuesday, February 18, 2014 minutes
4. Old business:
 - A. NONE
5. New business:
 - A. Santa Fe Fire Department's 2013 Annual Report (Assistant Fire Chief Jan Snyder)
 - 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. (Issac Pino, Mayor Gonzales)
6. Matters from Municipal Court
7. Matters from Police Department
8. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg
9. Matters from Committee Members
10. Communications from the Floor
11. Adjournment

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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councilor Bill Dimas at 4:00 pm. Roll call constitutes a quorum.

Roll Call

Present

Councilor Bill Dimas, Chair
Mr. Herbert Harris, Vice-Chair
Dr. Mike Mier
Mr. Peter Mizrahi
Dr. Nancy Owen Lewis
Mike Bowen
Eric Johnson
David Trujillo

Others Present

John W. Schaerfl, Deputy Chief of Police, SFPD
Fire Chief Eric Litzenberg
Assistant Fire Chief Jan Snyder
Isaac Pino
Sebastian Gurule, Parking
John Romero, Traffic Engineer
Mr. Ken Martinez, Director of the Santa Fe Regional Emergency Center
Sgt. Michelle Williams, SFPD
Rick Martinez, Citizen

Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes from staff or from the committee.

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of February 18, 2014 minutes

Mr. Mizrahi moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 as presented, second by Dr. Mier, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Old Business

None

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.

8. Matters from Fire Chief Erik Litzenberg

- The first 14 cadets have graduated and have entered their 6 months of on the job training.
- The Chief reported that they have 3 paramedic students returning from the Albuquerque Fire Department firefighter training. It seems that the Santa Fe Community College is ready to restart their program, thank you to Chief Rivera.
- Next week the home assessment program will begin. This will start with the 10 new conservation corp. positions.
- 2 individuals will start with the youth works program. Last year this was a great success.
- April 26 – Airline Disaster Exercise – 9:30 am – Santa Fe Municipal Airport
If anyone would like to observe contact Justin, Airport Intern at (955-2506).

Mr. Harris asked if the neighborhoods are aware that the home assessments are being done beforehand. The Fire Chief said yes, announcements are made through the media and radio spots.

9. Matters from Committee Members

The Chair welcomed any agenda items from the Public Safety Committee and reports from the Fire Association and the Police Association. The Chair would also like to add the RECC to have an opportunity to report on the calls that they are receiving.

10. Communications from the Floor

Rick Martinez: 725 Mesilla Road, Santa Fe, NM – The sign say 35 mph. A traffic study was done with all of the surrounding streets and I am asking again if we could bring it down to 30 mph. Mr. Martinez would like for this to be re-visited.

The Chair asked the Police Chief to observe this area and to share this information with John Romero.

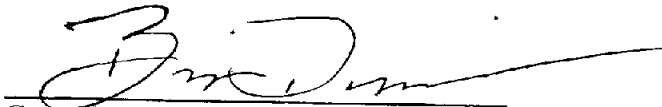
Mr. Martinez said that Mr. Romero has told them that he did not want to talk with the neighbors in this area. Agua Fria is a very busy street and we need help. Thank you.

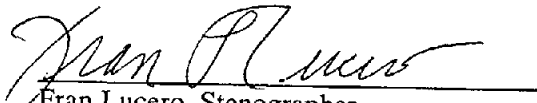
11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 20, 2014 – 4:00 pm

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:10 pm.

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Councillor Bill Dimas, Chair

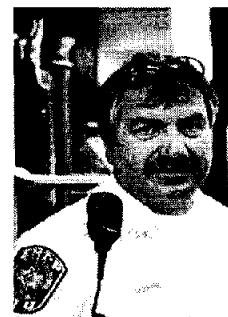
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2013 Annual Report



City of Santa Fe Fire Department

The mission of the Santa Fe Fire Department is to preserve life and property through public education and prompt efficient emergency response.



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: Seth Williams

Social Media Links

Web-Site: www.santafenm.gov/fire_department
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SantaFeFireDepartment>
Twitter: @SFFDNews
@SFFDnewsWUI
Instagram: Santafefire



Exhibit A

Fire Chief's Message



This past year started an era of change in the Santa Fe Fire Department (SFFD). In literal terms, the City of Santa Fe changed as the annexation was formally accepted. The greater response changes will occur in the next five years, as we assume primary response for an estimated 15,000 new city residents. While changes at the state level inspired some of ours into a hasty retirement, we did hire and train fourteen new cadets. Further, we once again hired seasonal wildland firefighters, and our wildland urban interface crews began doing risk reduction projects on privately owned lands in and around Santa Fe – the first project of its kind in New Mexico. As our

workforce continues to form, change, and develop, what we as a department are asked to do continues to evolve. We look to become more involved in injury prevention and preventative care as the year progresses.

As we do move into the future, it is important to reaffirm our commitment to each other and the public we serve. Our mission will continue to evolve, like our community and workforce. To set the stage for our continued evolution, I would like to confirm the following priorities:

- Service excellence – We will do our best to continue to serve our internal and external customers with smart, well trained, and well equipped staff, and will continue to participate actively in the communities in which we serve.
- Integrity and honesty– We value the public trust and hold ourselves accountable to this value.
- Teamwork, honor, respect, and diversity - We work as a team to maintain a safe and effective work environment. We count on our fire department family, as our lives depend upon each other. We respect those who came before us, and will strive to make our organization better for those who follow. We are dedicated to diversity, and value what diversity brings to our organization.
- Innovation – We are committed to progressive thinking as we seek to meet the needs of our organization's members and the public we serve.
- Communication – We are committed to continued effective communications throughout our organization and community.

As we enter 2014, we know that the government of Santa Fe will have a different face – we now have a new Mayor, and part of our City Council has changed. Despite change, the SFFD remains steady in our commitment to our core mission and to the public that we serve.

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Erik J. Litzenberg

Promotions

Engineers

Chris Griego
Nathan Hill
Justin Allred
Training Captain
Brian Bird

Rescue Techs

William Squibb
David Broshious
Assistant Chief
Paul Babcock

Lieutenants

Daniel Larranaga
Fire Chief
Erik Litzenberg

Captains

Carlos Nava
Freddy Martinez
Fire Prevention
Brian Watkins
Jaome Blav

Paramedics

Ross Haney
Charles Mares
Nathan Rodriquez
Dustin Archuleta
Michael Wagner



New Members

The 29th City of Santa Fe Fire Department Cadet Class

Firefighter Keith Carleton
Firefighter Isaiah Gonzales
Firefighter Juan Gonzalez
Firefighter Aaron Kersey
Firefighter Jeffery Maestas
Firefighter Jeremy Martinez
Firefighter Brendan Schafer

Firefighter Casey Flores
Firefighter Jonathan Gonzales
Firefighter Erik Hickey
Firefighter Sigrid Mabel
Firefighter Danny Maldonado
Firefighter Edward Oliphant
Firefighter Robert Velasquez

Certifications

Deputy Fire Marshall Joame Blay – ICC
Fire Inspector 2 and Plans Review

Special Teams Accomplishments

HazMat Team

Chris Griego – HazMat Technician

Heavy Rescue Team

Carl Crook - FEMA SCT
Eric Gonzales – FEMA SCT
Justin Allred – FEMA SCT
Scott Kasper – FEMA SCT
Daniel Gutierrez – FEMA SCT
Steve Lien – FEMA SCT
William Squibb – FEMA SCT
Geronimo Griego – FEMA SCT

Atalaya Hand Crew

Mike Saiz (Lead)

Calum Murray (Lead)

Travis Aguilar	Brandon Aguilar
JJ Blattenberger	Kevin Humble
Zach Klose	Estevan Montoya
Alexander Twibel	Robert Velasquez

Retirements



Fire Chief Barbara Salas
Training Captain Chris Schaum
Rescue Technician Mike Lury
Captain Fred Hawkins
Firefighter Seth Williams
Paramedic John Foley

2013 Statistics

City Information

Land Area	40.4 sq. miles
Additional 2.99 sq. miles due to annexation	
Population	74,222
Additional 5580 people due to annexation	

Department Information

Total Personnel	172
Sworn Personnel	164
Civilian Personnel	8
Operating Budget	\$16,568,898
Fire Stations	6
Apparatus	
Engines	5
Ambulances (ALS)	7
Technical Rescue	1
ARFF	1
ISO Rating	4

Total Emergency Calls 13,376

Decrease from 2012	5%
5 year Trend	+12.5%
Average Response Time	6:40

Fire	185
EMS	10332 (77%)
Hazardous Materials	341
Good Intent	1524
Rupture/Explosion	60
Weather	5
Public Assist	313
False Alarm	606
Other	11

Fire Prevention & Education

Investigations	20
Inspections	3173
Public Education Presentations	219
Permits Issued	309
Plan Reviews	279
Car Seats Clinics	19

Accomplishments

- Fourteen (14) additional firefighters were hired and will graduate from the cadet academy in February of 2014.
- A 7th ALS Ambulance was placed into service on the south side of town. M6 will operate out of Station #7 located off Richards Ave behind the Rodeo grounds.
- The remodeling of Fire Station 4 started in the winter of 2012 and was completed in May of 2013.
- The department hosted its second annual advanced Auto Extrication Training (SF Auto-X) which had over 90 students in attendance from over 30 agencies and 4 states.
- Over 740 wildland urban interface home assessments were conducted within the City with 20 plus acres treated in the interface area.
- The department created an official Facebook and Twitter page to help meet one of our strategic goals for this year... to improve community involvement with the department and modernize our public information practices.

<https://www.facebook.com/SantaFeFireDepartment>
 Twitter: @SFFDNews
- We were pleased to host the Captain and crew members from the USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) at our fire stations during their visit to the City over Memorial Day.
- Successful contract (CBA) negotiations with the Santa Fe Firefighter's Association started in the Fall of 2013 and finish in early 2014.
- The department paid off a 10 year loan with the NM Finance Authority for two of its fire trucks. This will help increase our annual State Fire Fund check.

2 Grants were secured by the Santa Fe Fire Department:

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant - AFG for \$69,240.00 – Health and Wellness program and VO2Max testing for all Fire Department personnel
- Youth Conservation Corp - YCC Grant to support 10 seasonal wildland crew members for the 2014 fire season.

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

April 15, 2014

TO: Public Safety and BQL Committee members

FROM: 
Isaac J. Pino, Director

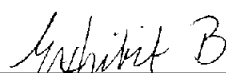
Subject: People to the Plaza Resolution

In an effort to bring people to the Plaza and provide a safer environment and increased economic development, the proposed People to the Plaza Resolution would authorize the closure of certain streets to unauthorized vehicular traffic in the Plaza area, provide for creative and evolving usage of the Plaza and increase public safety in the Plaza and Plaza periphery. Further, the resolution would require that additional opportunities for greater access to downtown parking be explored. A review of the economic effect of creating a pedestrian friendly Plaza is also directed as is a review of the effectiveness of public safety enhancements. The matters will be presented to governing body within six months of the implementation of the resolution.

The first such Plaza closures were instituted in the early 1990's. Since that time, Plaza use has evolved. During the period since those closures, there has been the introduction of many vendors and food purveyors; an increase in the number of official and specially permitted activities and events in the Plaza and the addition of a permanent bandstand (Gazebo). Within the vicinity, parking garages have been added to the SFCCC and the Railyard. There has been the development of a proposal to improve connectivity between the downtown Plaza with the Railyard Plaza by encouraging and enhancing pedestrian access between both areas.

Currently, improvements in the Plaza area are underway. The City Manager and Police Department have increased public safety personnel presence in the Plaza, downtown and Rail Yard areas. Communications are open between Buskers and the City to better understand the requirements and enforcement issues.

In preparation for the introduction of the resolution, a street closure plan and resulting circulation plan have been developed. Additionally, details of proposed changes in ADA parking have been considered. Park maintenance personnel have been consulted on the most effective and aesthetic methods to change the access to the Plaza. The attachments provided with this memo illustrate current and proposed traffic and parking modifications. For the benefit of the committees, personnel from all of the departments involved in the proposal are present for discussion and questions.





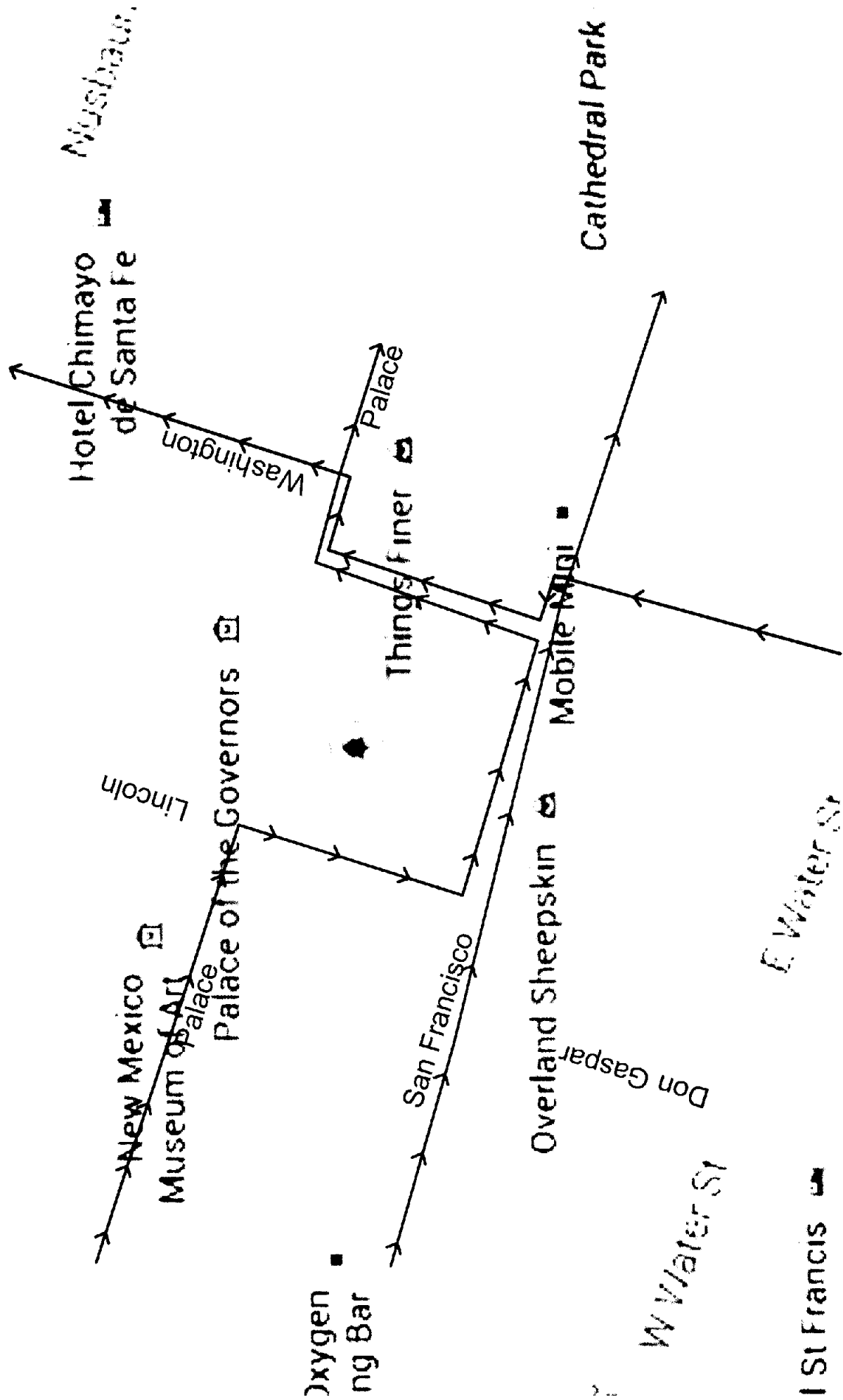
GALLERY, INC

Blue Rain Gallery ■

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Current Travel Routes



A. Christopher
Purvis Architects

Andrew Smith
Gallery, Inc.

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Blue Rain Gallery

Post Closure Travel Routes

Luxx Plaza Hotel
& Casita Suites -
Luxury Hotels

Santa Fe Public Library

Hotel Chimayo
de Santa Fe

New Mexico
Museum of Art

performing
Arts Center

Santa Fe Oxygen
and Healing Bar

Things Finer Palace

Overland Sheepskin

er St

Mobile Mgt.

Don Gaspar

Ballister St

W Water St

Hotel St Francis

Cathedral Park

Mc Conn

Cathy

E Water St

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Otero St

E Palace Ave

Mushbaum St

Lincoln

Palace of the Governors

New Mexico

Museum of Art

Palace

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City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Resolution No. 2014-____

People to the Plaza

SPONSOR(S): Mayor Gonzales

SUMMARY: The proposed resolution

- Declares 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 increased public safety presence on the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.
- Authorizes the following street closures to unauthorized vehicular traffic, around the Plaza Park:
 - Continuation of the closure of Palace Avenue; and
 - Closure of the Lincoln Avenue, San Francisco Street and Old Santa Fe Trail.

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

- Authorizes an increased public safety presence in the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the Plaza periphery.
- Directs the City Manager to designate a staff team to:
 - Analyze the effects of the street closures; and
 - Within six months of adoption of this resolution, bring forward additional recommendations to the Governing Body

The authority granted by the adoption of this resolution would be effective on May 24, 2014.

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

FISCAL IMPACT: No

DATE: April 9, 2014

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Plaza map of proposed street closures

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DECLARING THE GOVERNING BODY'S INTENTION TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE**
12 **SANTA FE PLAZA BY PROVIDING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASED**
13 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Plaza has been the commercial, social and political center of Santa
16 Fe since 1610; and

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

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

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

25 **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 curblin*
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 eliminate vehicular traffic in the Plaza and increase public safety presence
17 in the Plaza and the Plaza periphery area.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
19 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby declares its desire to bring people to the
20 Santa Fe Plaza and provide a safer environment and increased economic development opportunities;
21 provide for creative and evolving usage of the Santa Fe Plaza; and increase public safety presence on
22 the Plaza, the Plaza Park and throughout the Plaza periphery area.

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

24 1. The following street closures to unauthorized vehicular traffic, around the Plaza Park:

25 (a) Continuation of the closure of Palace Avenue; and

1 (b) Closure of the Lincoln Avenue, San Francisco Street and Old Santa Fe Trail.
2 Staff is directed to make accommodations for the provision of accessible parking spaces and loading
3 zones for deliveries to the merchants on the Plaza.

4 2. An increased public safety presence in the Plaza, the Plaza Park and the Plaza
5 periphery.

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

8 1. Analyze the effects of the street closures, which shall include at a minimum:

9 (a) The economic impact of the street closures; and

10 (b) Modifications to fee structures to make downtown parking more
11 practical for the greatest number of residents and visitors and increase the use of
12 underutilized parking facilities.

13 2. Within six months of adoption of this resolution, bring forward additional
14 recommendations to the Governing Body that would:

15 (a) Enhance the experience of the Plaza for residents and visitors;

16 (b) Increase economic development and public safety in the Plaza area;

17 (c) Provide additional parking opportunities in the Plaza area, if necessary; and

18 (d) Ultimately bring people to the Plaza.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the authority granted by the adoption of this resolution
20 shall be effective on May 24, 2014.

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

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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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Proposed Closure



Ashington Ave

San Francisco St

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