The following are minutes for the meeting of the City of Las Cruces Quality of Life Policy Review Committee held at 3:00 p.m. on February 24, 2021 via Zoom https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-_uLgyOEYQG_mvB5sc1Cng.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Ken Miyagishima
Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve – District 2 – Chair
Councilor Gabriel Vasquez – District 3
Diego Medina, Ex-Officio Member
Dr. Marlena Fraune, Ex-Officio Member

OTHERS PRESENT:
K. Lynn Gallagher, Quality of Life Director
Rebecca Slaughter, Quality of Life Deputy Director and PRC Staff Coordinator
Jill Aguirre, Quality of Life Senior Office Manager and PRC Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and all members were present.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve read the conflict-of-interest statement. “Does any member of the City Council or any member of City staff have any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda?” All present indicated there were none.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve requested a motion for acceptance of the agenda. Councilor Vasquez made the motion. Mayor Miyagishima seconded. Roll was called and agenda was accepted unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting. Councilor Vasquez made the motion. Mayor Miyagishima seconded. Roll was called and minutes were approved unanimously.

V. ACTION ITEMS - None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   a. Adonde Vivan Los Indios: Indigenous Past, Present, and Future of Las Cruces, presented by Diego Medina: Diego Medina, Piro-Manso-Tiwa, Artist Educator at the Indian Arts Research Center, gave a brief introduction of himself and his background. He explained the presentation title, Adonde
Vivan Los Indios, translated to English, Where the Indians Live, comes from a document by Dr. Howard Campbell, from the Anthropology Department at University of Texas at El Paso. In historical documents, this title refers to the Mesquite District. Mr. Medina described the ancestral communities of the Southern New Mexico region and how these communities impacted New Mexico history. The Piro-Manso-Tiwa tribe is attached to multiple histories. The Pueblo revolt caused great migration from Northern New Mexico which brought Puebloan people into the Southwest, resulting in the Piro and Tiwa influence in Southern New Mexico. In Paso Del Norte, there were six primary missions established. Mr. Diego described these missions and where they were located. Mr. Medina went into the history of the Pueblo revolt. He detailed the history of the different tribes including the language spoken, where they settled, and what they did. Historical pictures were displayed to the committee and Mr. Medina provided a brief history of each. Councilor Vasquez inquired as to the Organ Mountains being originally named the Sierra de los Mansos. Mr. Medina stated that this was the post-colonial name for the Mountains between the 1600s and 1800s and detailed the history of this name. Councilor Vasquez suggested possible ways to commemorate this history with public art and requested this proposal be a topic for this committee. Councilor Vasquez asked Mr. Medina for ideas or suggestions on the best way to represent the tribal communities. Mr. Medina suggested a land base in Las Cruces where the tribe’s cultural and community could be practiced and preserved. Mr. Medina added that currently State Legislative House Bill 39 is being proposed to give State recognition to the Piro Manso Tiwa Tribe. Mr. Medina described the importance and benefits of this recognition. Rebecca Slaughter concurred with the importance of State tribal recognition and the benefits associated with such recognition. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve noted the suggestion for a project to recognize indigenous heritage, adding that the City Art Board may need to be included in the process. Councilor Vasquez provided additional suggestions on what this project may look like and where it could possibly be located.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS AND TASK LISTING: Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve read the future discussion and task list items. Ms. Slaughter advised that the intention is to bring the Museum Master Plan study to the committee next month. Ms. Slaughter advised that the public participation invite for this study was sent out and will forward it to committee to share as they see fit. Ms. Slaughter stated that this platform is a good way to express to the City what type of art the community wants to see. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve reminded the committee to share ideas for future discussion and task list items with Ms. Slaughter and herself. Councilor Vasquez brought up the topic of neighborhood branding. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve noted the suggested topic.

Museum Master Plan
Public Art Funding Ordinance

Master Calendar for Programs

Utility Structure/Public Art Assets by District

VIII. **NEXT MEETING DATE** – March 24, 2021

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Vasquez made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Miyagishima seconded. Roll was called and adjournment of the meeting was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Chairperson

April 27, 2021

Approved