The following are summary minutes for the meeting of the City of Las Cruces – Transportation-Sustainability-Infrastructure Policy Review Committee on May 4, 2021. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
  Gill Sorg, Chairman
  Johana Bencomo, City Council
  Philip Simpson, Southern New Mexico Trails Alliance
  John Moscato, Las Cruces Homebuilders Association
  Mark Gaiser, EMNRD

STAFF PRESENT:
  Andy Hume, Airport Administrator
  Adrienne Widmer, Interim Assistant Utility Director
  Delilah Walsh, Interim Utilities Director
  Lisa Larocque, Sustainability Officer
  Ikani Taumoepeau, Assistant City Manager
  Erin Taylor, Energy Planning and Program Chief
  Eric Martin, Facilities Management Administrator
  Patrick Peck, Director of South Central Solid Waste Authority
  David Weir, Deputy Director Community Planning
  Tony Trevino, Deputy Director Public Works.

OTHERS PRESENT:
  Gregory Shervanick, Public

I. Call to Order: Chairman Sorg called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30.

II. Conflict of Interest: There was none. Andy Hume commented that they have disabled the chat feature as it is a public meeting; if someone wishes to make a comment they can raise their hand.

III. Acceptance of the Agenda: Committee Member Bencomo motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Chair Sorg. Motion passed unanimously; agenda was accepted.

IV. Minutes for Approval - TSI PRC Meeting of April 6, 2021: Committee Member Bencomo motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Chair Sorg. Motion passed unanimously; minutes were accepted

V. Discussion:
a. El Paseo Corridor District Development Ad Hoc Committee:  David Weir gave the presentation. The ad hoc committee has met five times and covered a variety of topics in regards to redevelopment and transportation enhancement; both El Paseo and South Solano corridors. The ad hoc committee has also looked at the impacts adjacent neighborhoods and areas would have with the study areas. The initial topics have been concluded.

Staff currently is working on preparing a set of recommendations based on the committee points. At the meeting in May, the ad hoc committee will review that information and decide on additions, modifications, or make recommendations to bring it forward to this Committee. If additional recommendations are requested the committee will meet in June to discuss them. Some topics discussed included existing conditions of the property; services the City provides in regards to zoning, permitting, public works, transit, and etcetera; financial incentives the City is able to provide; and neighborhood organizations. Each topic was reviewed through the lens of adopted policies the City has.

Committee Member Bencomo added that the last meeting included Deputy Chief Danes discuss the community partnership policing program in the area; data will be sent concerning crime statistics. The committee also discussed safety infrastructure such as lighting and moving away from enforcement but rather partnerships with people who work and live in the area. David Chavez from Mesquite Historic District also joined the committee and discussed education and preservation of the history. There was discussion on whether the recommendations should be a full discussion item when brought to this Board; it may not be ready by June. Mr. Weir suggested Committee Member Vasquez, Committee Member Bencomo, or another ad hoc committee member give that presentation. Andy Hume stated that July will be the land use and zoning code revisions discussion which may be quite an in depth discussion. Mr. Hume will work with Chair Sorg and Mr. Weir to schedule the discussions.

b. TSI PRC membership:  Andy Hume gave the presentation. He gave a presentation to City Council in March for a resolution to update the membership of the PRC. There were no changes to representatives of the Councilors but opened the opportunity for flexibility of where other representatives could come from; specifically the seats designated to an organization. If the organization chose to not provide a representative on the Board then the seat would remain unfilled. The resolution removed that specificity.

There are currently three seats filled; Committee Member Moscato from Home Builders Association, Committee Member Simpson from the non-profit Environmental Corporation, and Committee Member Gaiser from the EMNRD. The Board can up to four more representatives from the group. Mr. Peck mentioned the South Central Solid Waste Authority is interested
in being a Board Member on this Committee. Mr. Hume stated that there should only be one Member from each of the groups. He asked for suggestions of people for staff to reach out to. There was discussion of what groups could be a representative; NMDOT, NM Environment Department, SCRTD, LC Green Chamber, or a business member. There was also a suggestion of the Regional Transit District. Chair Sorg suggested that people send an e-mail to Mr. Hume if they can think of anyone who may be interested in joining the Board.

VI. Future Discussion/Task Listing:

a. Neighborhood and Traffic Calming Program: Chair Sorg believes this is a very important discussion to have; he receives many complaints due to careless driving and speeding. This will be a presentation next month by Public Works. Committee Member Simpson asked that the presenter address the prospect of interim measures during the presentation. Usually traffic calming requires reconstruction of the street in conjunction with traffic calming. In some cases the pavement needs to be redone so it would be easy and inexpensive to do a traffic calming program at the same time. He specified the area on Alameda between Las Cruces Street and Picacho. Mr. Trevino will coordinate with Traffic for the presentation.

b. Land Use and Zoning Code Revisions: This presentation will be the results of last month’s surveys, review of the current codes, and other documents that are currently being done.

Chair Sorg would like to add redoing the Park Impact Fees to the discussion rotation. He would like to discuss how the fees are used, specifically in new developments and building of parks. Chair Sorg would like a resolution that essentially says revenue from park impact fees in new developments are used to build parks first for that area; leftover money can be used for community parks. He will have staff draft a resolution to view next month for input. Committee Member Bencomo would like to have staff from Parks and Rec brought in for feedback on the resolution and park impact fees as a whole.

Committee Member Bencomo mentioned the next meeting is before the work session on American Rescue Plan funds on June 14th. She would like to discuss whether there are projects to recommend; such as where the new transit facility on Motel is with funding. Ikani Taumoepeau asked if the parks resolution will come from this PRC to Council; yes it will. There was discussion on what will be on next month’s discussion items. There was discussion on whether the entire transit fleet was going to move to the new Motel facility. Tony Trevino stated currently it’s just the maintenance and operations for transit but future plans would include the fleet. Chair Sorg would like to add a future discussion item on storm water ponding maintenance and building. Mr. Trevino will coordinate with Mr. Hume to get it on a future agenda.
Mr. Hume stated that he has provided some updates with ongoing projects which was shown. He will continue to work with lead departments for continual updates. Lisa LaRocque suggested reaching out to the ARP presenter to make sure they will be able to present at the next Board meeting. Committee Member Bencomo clarified that they don’t need a presentation on the funds but rather discuss projects related to transit, sustainability, or infrastructure that the PRC would like to advocate for within the ARP plan. Ms. LaRocque suggested identifying criteria incorporated within the projects to make sure they’re meeting the considerations for equity. Mr. Taumoepaeau added that when the discussion comes in June it will be a first presentation and things will change; nothing needs to be rushed.

VII. **Next Meeting** - June 1, 2021.

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:16 a.m.

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Gill M Sorg

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