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 May 26, 2021 via Zoom https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-8uLgyOEQYG_mvB5sc1Cng.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
1. Councilor Tessa Abeyta-Stuve – District 2 – Chair
2. Councilor Gabriel Vasquez – District 3
3. Dr. Marlena Fraune, Ex-Officio Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:
4. Mayor Ken Miyagishima
5. Diego Medina, Ex-Officio Member

OTHERS PRESENT:
6. K. Lynn Gallagher, Quality of Life Director
7. Rebecca Slaughter, Quality of Life Deputy Director and PRC Staff Coordinator
8. Jill Aguirre, Quality of Life Senior Office Manager and PRC Recording Secretary
9. Garland Courts, Acting Museum System Administrator
10. Sarah Thomson, Museum Manager (Collections)
11. Shawn Evans, AOS Architects
12. Miriam Diddy, AOS Architects

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established with Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve and Councilor Vasquez 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 members 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. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve seconded. Roll was called and agenda was accepted by the committee members present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve requested a motion for approval of the meeting minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting. Councilor Vasquez made the motion. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve seconded. Roll was called and minutes were approved by the committee members present.
V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. MUSEUM SYSTEM MASTER PLANNING PROCESS: Garland Courts, Acting Museum Administrator, began the presentation on the second portion of the Museum System Master Planning process. Mr. Courts introduced Sarah Thomson, Museum Collections Manager, Shawn Evans and Miriam Diddy from AOS Architect. Mr. Courts shared a PowerPoint presentation with the committee and gave a brief overview of the master plan goals. Mr. Courts provided a description of the Short Range Plan and the Museum Master Plan. He then turned the presentation over to Shawn Evans of AOS Architects to go over the study for the committee. Mr. Evans provided a brief recap from the last presentation. Mr. Evans detailed the Museum Master Plan and the Facility Assessment of the Municipal Court building for its potential use as a future museum that were a result of the study. This presentation described the existing floor plans, current and potential functionality for the existing buildings, and renovations to the existing Municipal Court facility. Mr. Evans went over the implementation schedule organized by priority level. Councilor Vasquez asked how this plan would facilitate short term opportunities to display exhibits that would display things that are currently happening in our society. Mr. Evans stated this would be a two-prong solution that would require museum administration to be nimble in their programming and scheduling and the building would need to be nimble as well. In this plan, museum spaces have been rearranged to provide that variety for exhibits to contract if they need to. Mr. Courts responded to the staffing part of this solution. He stated that when the museums do exhibit planning, in addition to staff input, they listen to the community, they look at what other museums are doing, and they look at what is going on in the world. Mr. Courts added that after that review, staff look at how the exhibit can fit into the museums. Lynn Gallagher added that this plan is insightful for how the department will shape the strategic plan which will allow the museums to be nimbler. Rebecca Slaughter stated that the short range plan described relationships in the community that can be built on resulting in the ability to have exhibits in different locations outside of the museums. Irene Oliver Lewis spoke about the importance of relationship between the Arts and Cultural District and the Museum System. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve asked if this plan is able to address the spacing and environmental obstacles that the museums currently experience. Mr. Courts responded that the short range plans allows the museums to make smaller accommodations now to address issues until the bigger issues can be addressed in the future. Ms. Slaughter spoke about the plan’s designation of space and how that will aid in the issues moving forward.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. MUSEUM SYSTEM SHORT RANGE PLAN: Councilor Vasquez made the motion to approve the Museum System Short Range Plan. Chairwoman
Abeyta-Stuve seconded the motion. Roll was called and the Museum Short Range Plan was approved by all members present.

b. **MUSEUM SYSTEM MASTER PLAN STUDY:** Councilor Vasquez made the motion to approve the Museum System Master Plan Study. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve seconded the motion. Roll was called and the Museum Master Plan Study was approved by all members present.

**VII. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS AND TASK LISTING:** Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve read the future discussion and task list item. Ms. Slaughter provided an update on the status of the Public Art Funding Ordinance. Chairwoman Abeyta-Stuve advised that the committee will transition to in-person meetings in the near future and that additional communication will go out to determine the best time and location for these meetings.

Public Art Funding Ordinance

Master Calendar for Programs

Utility Structure/Public Art Assets by District

Indigenous Culture and Representation

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE** – June 23, 2021

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

Chairperson

**Aug 31, 2021**

Approved