

**VISION SONORA COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Vision Sonora Committee was scheduled on this date at 9:00 a.m. in the Sonora City Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: The Vision Sonora Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following Committee Members present: Darin Grossi, Rachelle Kellogg, Tim Miller, Connie Williams and Sherri Brennan. Absent were Committee Members John Gray and Bill Canning.

Chairperson, Connie Williams, welcomed the public.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: None

I. MINUTES:

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Vision Sonora Committee Meeting, as mailed.

MOTION: Brennan **SECOND:** Grossi

VOTE: **AYES:** Brennan, Grossi, Kellogg, Miller, Williams (5)
 NOES: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: None (0)
 ABSENT: Gray, Canning (2)

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Vision Sonora City Council actions

Committee Member Tim Miller reported to the Committee the actions of the City Council regarding the Stockton Street-West Gateway Corridor project. He stated that they received public comment and the project would be brought back for consideration when funding is identified. He informed the Committee that the Council authorized staff to solicit proposals for architectural services for the design and plan preparation for the public restroom to be located on Stewart Street. The Council also authorized staff to evaluate the possible closure of Linoberg Street between Stewart and Green Streets.

Members of the public expressed concerns about how these closures would affect traffic flow in the downtown. They also expressed concerns over closing Theall Street.

Committee Member Tim Miller said the study will evaluate traffic distribution and see how it impacts traffic flow. He stated that closing Theall Street is associated with the Stewart Street Plaza and will not be evaluated for closure at this time.

Committee Member Darin Grossi stated that during the study the City may want to conduct a short term closure of the west side of Linoberg and see how it affects traffic flow.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

A. Community Design Committee chaired by Connie Williams

- The Committee took a trip to various cities and took pictures of what they liked and did not like to share with the selected consultant.
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on March 10th at 1:00 p.m.

B. Tourism, Marketing and Public Outreach chaired by Sherri Brennan

- Lisa Mayo updated everyone on the cost of the postcards and window displays.
- Sherri Brennan mentioned getting the word out by participating in the Home and Garden show.
- The Committee has decided to meet as needed.

C. Finance Committee chaired by Bill Canning

- No report.

D. Transportation and Mobility Committee chaired by Darrin Grossi

- Has not met yet as they are waiting to meet with individual project consultants. They will also be looking at wayfinding. The Subcommittee will work with the Design Committee regarding all design issues.

V. INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

Concerns were raised over the design of the Red Church project.

Committee Member Tim Miller stated the plans at this time were conceptual and the appropriate Subcommittees will look at it and bring items back to this Committee for approval. The proposal at this time is to make a safer pedestrian and vehicle crossing at this location.

Concerns were raised over the number of parking spaces proposed for removal under the Vision Sonora Plan.

Committee Member Tim Miller stated that until projects move forward and plans are finalized it is unclear how many spaces would be affected. The Plan also includes developing new parking spaces and the City has already started to do this by increasing public parking in the parking structure next to City Hall.

Chairperson Connie Williams said the City Council is very aware of the importance of parking downtown.

Committee Member Tim Miller stated that included within the Vision Sonora Plan is the recommendation for a parking management plan. This includes evaluating parking time limits and enforcement.

Chairperson, Connie Williams stated that parking enforcement is important.

Committee Member Rachelle Kellogg provided Vision Sonora Committee members with correspondence received from Kerry Rice regarding suggested projects to be looked at under the Vision Sonora umbrella.

Chairperson, Connie Williams, adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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