VISION SONORA COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
December 14, 2017

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 9:01 a.m. with the following Committee Members present: Connie Williams, Mark Plummer, Tim Miller, Darin Grossi and Sherri Brennan. Absent were Committee Members John Gray and Rachelle Kellogg

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None

I. MINUTES:

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017, Vision Sonora Committee Meeting, as mailed.

MOTION: Miller SECOND: Grossi

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

II. PRESENTATION:
A. Washington Streetscape and Pedestrian Environment Improvements. Historic Downtown Corridor.

Mr. Grossi stated that they were soliciting public comment on options for a design concept for Washington Street and reviewed the plan alternatives and turned the presentation over to the consultant.

Mark Kirkland, spoke about the various options.

1. Bulb outs
2. Mid Block Bulb outs/Parklets
3. Crosswalks
4. Lighting

Mr. Grossi also stated that Vision Sonora already had a good signage plan in place and that they were looking to the public for their input on what will be best for downtown.

Mr. Grossi said there would be additional opportunity for public comment if the application is approved once the engineers are hired through more public outreach.

Mr. Segarini stated that crosswalks at one time where on all four corners of intersections and now only two.

Sarah asked if design concepts would reduce car and pedestrian conflicts which are a problem for downtown.

John said some of the pedestrians are tourists who just stop in the middle of the street so anything to slow the traffic down would help.

Carol asked about the bulb outs and maintenance.

Bill said the bulb outs would affect street sweeping and drainage and trees will require additional maintenance and roots will cause damage. He wanted the committee to think about their decision thoroughly before making a decision.

A lady said they travel all over the United States and had been in 250 small towns and Sonora was the best. She noted that cars here actually stop for pedestrians and that whatever the decision is it needs to make it pleasant for both the pedestrians and drivers.

There was a comment that they had not previously considered street sweeping or maintenance issues.

There was a comment that parking was not a problem downtown but you need to be willing to walk a short distance and that if 12 parking spaces are eliminated that is 1 per block,

John said he thought the bulb outs might work, but colored stamped concrete would not do anything to slow the traffic down.

Sharon said being placed on the National Historic Registry was an honor and Sonora was given the name Queen of the Southern Mines for a reason, and the project needs to keep with the historic character and not be modified if possible. Sonora is unique and should not lose sight of this fact.

Mr. Miller discussed the street light conversion program. Examples of the types of lights being installed are located behind City Hall and include a 4000 Kelvin light at Dodge and Green Street and a 3000 Kelvin at the 3rd floor of the parking garage. The higher the Kelvin the brighter the light. The City is soliciting comments on the types of light,

Sharon asked if the harsh white lights would be used. Since they have changed many cities. Would it be possible to use a 3000 kelvin in our lighting fixtures? It would be an improvement over what we have now.

It was proposed to create a temporary bulb out and see if this effects traffic and pedestrians.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration to select a new chairperson for the Finance, Transportation and Mobility Committee.

Mr. Segarini has stepped down as Chair, and the City Council has recommended Mark Plummer to chair this Sub-Committee.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Mr. Plummer as the new chairperson for the Finance, Transportation and Mobility Committee.

MOTION: Miller SECOND: Brennan

VOTE: (4)	**AYES:**	Miller, Brennan, Grossi, and Williams
	NOES:	(0) None
	ABSTAIN:	(1) Plummer
	ABSENT:	(2) Kellogg and Gray

B. Consideration to approve the award of excellence recipients for building maintenance and renovation.

Ms. Williams stated that the Community Design and Marketing Committee had selected

1. Bob & Sharon Osbirn ~ 488 S. Stewart St.
2. Barron Peterson ~ 37 S. Stewart St.
3. Erik & Robin Witt ~ 440 S. Washington St.
4. Alan & Susan Collie ~ 257 S. Stewart St.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the list of recipients as stated above.

MOTION: Miller SECOND: Grossi

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

IV. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

A. Community Design and Marketing Committee chaired by Connie Williams

Chair, Connie Williams stated they are working on three projects:

1. Grisby Park by the Police Department.
2. A design concept for E. Linoberg Street as a permanent or convertible street closure.
3. Fountain Lot planting completed with plant materials from Lowes and Blue Mountain Minerals will install a large rock near the entrance to the lot.

B. Finance, Transportation and Mobility Committee, chaired by Mark Plummer

Chair, Mark Plummer stated they had not had a meeting and will set a date and time.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting is April 12th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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