METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 3, 2025, 9:00 AM
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1600 ST. MICHAEL'S DRIVE, SANTA FE, NM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission was called to order by Commissioner Dion Silva, Chair, at 9:04 AM, on December 3, 2025, at the Fogelson Library, Southwest Annex, 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, NM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT
Commissioner Robert Alexander Gonzalez
Commissioner Jenny Parks, Vice Chair
Commissioner Dion Silva, Chair
(one vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT
Commissioner Richard Czoski

OTHERS PRESENT
Mark Scott, City Manager
Elisa Montoya, Director, Community Development Department
Carly Venditti, Asset Development Manager
Marcos Martinez, Assistant City Attorney
Dr. Glenn Erikson, Blue Mesa Center for the Arts
David Perez, Santa Fe Innovation Hub
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer, virtually

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez seconded by Commissioner Parks, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Gonzalez, yes; Commissioner Parks, yes; Chair Silva, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2025 METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to approve the November minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Gonzalez, yes; Commissioner Parks, yes; Chair Silva, yes.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. BLUE MESA CENTER FOR THE ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Erickson presented a PowerPoint presentation on his proposal including the location at the entrance to Midtown, 43 live-work units with 16% affordable units, retail, community galleries and 35 parking spaces.

Mr. Scott said we have been given direction from the City Council to move forward with the exclusive negotiation phase. We will bring details back to you at the next meeting. We are not going to go into much detail for this phase. This is the main entrance to the site so there should be a certain level of architecture design in this space. What we don’t want is to develop lots of spaces individually without continuity.

Commissioners Gonzalez and Parks expressed concerns about continuity and the special nature of the entrance to the site.

Ms. Venditti said there are architectural guidelines and facades in the master plan. There will be an ENN with the neighborhood for comment as well.

There was discussion regarding development in context with the rest of the campus and the value of the entrance site.

B. NEW MEXICO INNOVATION HUB DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Perez spoke about economic development in the City of Santa Fe and gave his background including that he serves as Chair of the New Mexico Angels and Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Perez said what you are going to see is a three year process of work with stakeholders as to what is needed to support economic development in Santa Fe. Philip, with Aspect Studios, is also a partner in one of our projects as well. Phase One is to activate a Hub here. We have been awarded a grant through the Office of Economic Development to develop the Hub. We want to build a fabrication lab and a super computer. Our start ups will align with the City and the State's industry sectors. New Mexico has enormous potential in these areas. We put a fusion energy business in the Shollenberger facility and would like to put a bio lab at this site. There are already 25 scientists interested in moving into that space. The purpose of the Hub is to be a center of gravity for start ups and give them the space they need and to attract talent.

Commissioner Gonzalez said he wanted to reiterate continuity on the campus. Look at what Aspect Studios did and try to compliment that.

There was discussion around timelines, workforce housing, ecosystems and funding.

Commissioner Parks thanked both speakers and said she is excited to hear about these ideas. You have a great vision for the City.

Chair Silva thanked the speakers for their time and attendance at the meeting today.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS: DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AUTHORITY

Ms. Venditti shared her screen with the discussion document regarding Commission authorities and said in preparation for this today, we asked all of you to look at this document and mark it up with your recommendations as to authorities.

Mr. Scott said we discussed options for the structure of the MRC Authority. The Charter is set up for the Commission ideas and plans to go to the Director, the City Manager, the Mayor and the Governing Body.

Commissioner Parks described how the Railyard Corporation was set up and asked if that has been considered.

Ms. Venditti said it was not the same type of public agency. Powers here are granted by the Governing Body. We still are required to follow the procurement policy with the City as well.

Mr. Scott said this is for discussion regarding Commissioner comments on the authority designations and availability, including the blighted criteria for the MRA, which is a larger footprint than Midtown.

Chair Silva said he thinks the Commission should have a voice in the provision of public services here such as child care.

Ms. Venditti said you, as a Commission, can request any of the authorities on this list.

There was discussion regarding the process of public services provisions on Midtown.

Mr. Martinez said he thinks the Commission should think about projects in various stages in front of you now and what would be helpful to you. He thinks the Governing Body may be hesitant to, for example, grant crime prevention authority to the Commission. What you think this agency could add to the process like the ability to enter into contracts of a certain amount would be something to consider.

Mr. Scott said the first thing he would like to see asked for would be the right to review and recommend the MRA annual budget to be appropriated by the Governing Body. Once a budget is established, it opens up opportunities within that budget.

Chair Silva said he believes we should have certain points of authority - not absolute authority of course. He wants the Commission to be a party to help the MRA to be quick and nimble and to be a voice of reason to respond quickly.

Ms. Venditti asked if the Commission could identify a threshold today. At this time in the City, under $200,000 can be approved by the City Manager. Over that amount has to have approval of the Governing Body.

Commissioner Gonzalez said he wishes the Commission had more authority to review developments. He feels like the two developments today were rushed through.

Chair Silva said we were involved in it overall. These developments werr presented to us previously.

Mr. Scott said he would like to make sure the Council understands what this Commission will be doing. They are committed to the Master Plan. He would like to have that context understood.

Commissioner Parks said she would like to go with the $200,000 limit and budget review. Her comments are on the document that was sent out. She has to leave the meeting now.

Commissioner Parks left the meeting. A quorum was no longer present.

Mr. Scott said he will work with Marcos and Carly to draft something. A quorum has been lost. We will adjourn the meeting.

7. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. GENERAL MIDTOWN UPDATE

A quorum was no longer present. The meeting was adjourned prior to this item.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A quorum was no longer present. The meeting was adjourned prior to this item.

9. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

A quorum was no longer present. The meeting was adjourned prior to this item.

10. NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

11. ADJOURN

There was no longer a quorum when Commissioner Parks left the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

A. Dion Silva
A. Dion Silva (Jan 27, 2026 15:55:25 MST)

Dion Silva, Chair

Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Martin (Jan 27, 2026 16:37:08 MST)

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

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