

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____.** (Mayor Webber, Councilor Garcia, Councilor Villarreal, Councilor Cassutt-Sanchez, Councilor Vigil Coppler, Councilor Romero-Wirth, and Councilor Lindell)

A Resolution Hosting Community Conversations and Establishing a Special City Committee On Santa Fe’s Cultures, Histories, Art, Reconciliation, and Truth. (Kristine Mihelcic, Constituent and Council Services Director, kmmihelcic@santafenm.gov, 955-6846)

Name: Bob Alei

Comment - 12/15/2020 03:14 PM: (For)

A few thoughts:

- a) the committee needs to be made up of people who fully represent the diversity of Santa Fe – including youth, Indigenous, Spanish, Mexican, Anglo, LGBTQ, straight, longtime residents, new residents, etc.
- b) the committee needs a professional facilitator well versed in bringing diverse views together.
- c) one of it’s main tasks should be to hold a series of ongoing, facilitated conversations among community members, publicized widely and designed explicitly to explore the full history of this place, it’s people, and it’s ecology – from before the time that Onate arrived through the present.

Name: Stefanie Beninato

Comment - 12/16/2020 09:03 AM: (No Vote)

16 Dec 2020

F I think it is dangerous and probably impossible for the Commission to “recommend an inclusive historical narrative” As a public historian, I am much more interested in having individual groups’ narratives preserved and perhaps a discussion on common ground, intersections where divergence in histories occur, why and then maybe an attempt at reconciling them—not sure if that is condescending or even possible. I think it is better to gather and acknowledge the different perspectives.

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Stewarding the story telling of city residents—isn’t that a task already assigned to the city Historian? I know when I applied this past round, it was a project I has suggested for this office and I thought the person selected also mentioned it as a priority task—not sure about the latter.

I like the change to require Commission members to be from city or county—northern NM seems a little vast.

I would like a reference to the Open Meetings Act—no closed doors as with the discussion about the Entrada.

Is a committee to select Commission members politically insulated given mayor selects members? Will five people really be representative of ethnic and gender diversity including surrounding pueblo?

Also I could not open any of the attachments that were part of the file.

Stefanie Benianto, Ph.D.

Name: Ronald S. Trujillo

Comment - 12/16/2020 11:18 AM: (No Vote)

Mayor and Councilors

I write to you as General Presidente of Los Caballeros DeVargas and want to comment on the proposed substitute resolution creating the CHART Commission.

We the Caballeros DeVargas have been effected by the Mayors and Councilor Villareals decisions to meet with 3 Sisters and the Red Nations regarding monuments here in Santa Fe. As we all know our DeVargas Statue which we donated to the City of Santa Fe was removed in the secrecy of the night without any input from our organization or the general public. It was said that this decision was based on protecting the Statue of Don Diego DeVargas from Vandalism, but the decision to remove the statue, Obelisk and the Kit Carson Monument were made by the mayor after he met with 3 Sisters.

My concern with the substitute resolution is that yes you are now giving more people the chance to speak on this issue but my concern is that now that everyone will be able to speak on this issue will 3 Sisters and Red Nation organize their supporters and insure that they show up at these meetings to speak thus if 300 people show up to speak and 200 of them are from RN and 3S and are not from Santa Fe those of us who actually **HAVE SKIN IN THE GAME** will be heard but again outnumbered by those who were shipped in to speak from other Cities and States.

Therefore I am asking the Council to TABLE this RESOLUTION and send it back to the appropriate committees to be vetted as I and other citizens just received a copy of this resolution last night or woke up and saw it advertised in the Santa Fe New Mexican. I have been reading through it so that I can understand what's the new intent of the substitute resolution. City Government should not work in a way that a resolution is placed up for a vote without giving everyone a chance to speak and comment on it at committees.

Its like removing statues in the middle of the night without speaking to those who donated it to the city

ITS JUST NOT THE PROPER WAY TO DO BUSINESS

I actually like that you are giving more people the opportunity to speak instead of stacking this group with people who I believe would vote to abolish most of monuments in our city based on what they believe instead of actually knowing history and learning from it.

Thank you for your time and I hope that this resolution is tabled and sent back to committees.

YOU ALL KNOW ITS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

Ronald S. Trujillo

General Presidente Caballeros DeVargas