

# Corrales Performing Arts Center Committee Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2022

**I. Call to order: 10:06 a.m.**

**Appointed Committee Members present:** Jim Wright, Tony Messec, John Schumann, Linda Parker, and Ken Duckert.

**Advisors Present:** Jim Kruger, Angela Gutierrez

**Others Present:** None

**Village Staff and Leadership Present:** Mayor Jim Fahey and Village Administrator, Ron Curry

**II. Approval of Minutes from July 25 Meeting:** Following the identification of two typographical errors and the suggestions of several additions/changes to the July 25 meeting minutes, on a motion by Linda Parker, seconded by Jon Young, the minutes of the July 25 meeting were unanimously approved. The corrected typographical errors and additions/changes to the July 25 meeting minutes were highlighted in bold font and were distributed to committee members and advisors as revised and restated minutes. The body of the July 25, 2022 minutes pertaining to the specifics of the center will be extracted from the minutes and, going forward, will be used by the committee as a guide in its further deliberations.

**III. Comments by Mayor Fahey and Village Manager Ron Curry:** Mayor Fahey was very complimentary about the work the committee has completed to date. He reiterated that the Village really has no money available to commence the center project. He reminded the committee that the MainStreet has been designated a fiscal agent and could receive donations for the project. There was some discussion concerning the best approach for fund raising, either through a fiscal agent or through a not-for-profit specifically incorporated to build, operate and manage the center. Two incorporated 501 (C) (3) organizations already reside in Corrales, **MainStreet** and Corrales Arts Council who could do the job. It was agreed that center development

and operations were beyond this committee's charter. The mayor recalled from first meeting of our committee it was stated that The Performing Arts Center was too limiting a name for the center. He suggested the committee develop a name more appropriate for the varied uses now envisioned. Mayor Fahey shared that his number one priority for the project was the demolition of the buildings and environmental abatement of the Jones property.

Village Manager Ron Curry asked that the communications between him and the committee be clear and succinct to avoid as many pitfalls as possible. Chairman Wright told Ron that he was always welcome to join our meetings and that Melanie Romero received all our minutes, agendas, and homework assignments. Ron and Angela Gutierrez then jointly updated the committee on the status of the environmental cleanup on the Jones property. Apparently, all are now waiting for the EPA to do a **site** assessment and then proceed with the abatement. Through NMMS, Angela has applied for a grant from the EPA's Brownfields Program that would pay the \$192,000 necessary for the site cleanup. She has received a "verbal" agreement from the EPA that the project is a "go" and is now awaiting a final word.

**V. Develop A Vision statement:** From a list of vision statements submitted by committee members and those sourced from arts centers, Chairman Wright asked which came closest to what each member saw as the most effective. Following consideration and some minor alterations, the following vision statement was adopted as a template for further modification.

Create and operate a center that exists for the enrichment and support of the arts (performing, visual, literary, music, dance, storytelling, and ?); community events and meeting spaces;

lectures and classes; and ?, while preserving and enhancing the historical and cultural uniqueness of the Village of Corrales.

Linda Parker suggested, for a multitude of reasons, the vision and mission statements be less Corrales focused and include the concepts of diversity, fairness, and inclusivity.

**V. Develop a Mission Statement:** As he did with the vision statement, Chairman Wright asked which mission statement submitted by committee or sourced elsewhere came the closest to what each committee member felt was most effective. After discussion and minor modifications, the following mission statement was adopted by the committee as a template for further modification.

Create a multi-use facility to be utilized for the enrichment and support of the arts, community events, classes, meeting space, and any other activities or events authorized by the Village, while maintaining the historical uniqueness of the village.

Modifications to the mission statement should include the concepts of diversity, fairness, and inclusivity

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jon Young, seconded by Tony Messec, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is 10:00 a.m., August 8. The meeting will be held in the Community Center. The objectives of the meeting will be to finalize vision and mission statements. Discussion will begin on naming the center.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Schumann, Recording Secretary