

From: [P. Davis Willson](#)
To: [City of Albuquerque Planning Department](#)
Subject: EPC Jan. 18th meeting; 48 hour material
Date: Monday, January 15, 2024 10:56:18 AM
Attachments: [LTR 48hrVPO-2.pdf](#)

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Attn: EPC Chair Shaffer,

Please accept this 48 hour material regarding Agenda Item #2, the IDO amendment regarding Tribal Engagement, Small Area - NW VPO-2.

Thank you,

Patricia Willson

Victory Hills NA: President
District 6 Coalition: Treasurer
Inter-Coalition Council Representative

January 14, 2024

Via email: abcto@cabq.gov
Attn: Environmental Planning Commission Chair Shaffer

Re: PR-2018-001843 / RZ-2023-00050 – Text Amendment to IDO-Small Area-VPO-2

EPC Chairman Shaffer,

Please accept this comment as 48 hour material in support of text amendment regarding Tribal Engagement, which affects a Small Area; the NW Mesa Escarpment View Protection Overlay Zone – VPO-2. In reading the Staff Report, I was particularly struck by this comment in the Background/Meeting Summary of the November 8, 2023, Facilitated Meeting Report:

“At present, Indian Nations, Tribes and Pueblos do not have explicit standing and are not entitled to notice or inclusion in certain Land Use Decisions, within VPO 2 or the 660’ buffer zone. The IDO update would define Indian Nations, Tribes and Pueblos; and, provide them with explicit standing and entitlement to notice at all appropriate stages of applicable Land Use Decisions.”

City and County meetings, events, and reports begin with a Land Acknowledgement; a formal statement that acknowledges the original Indigenous Peoples of the land. Formalizing standing, notice and inclusion regarding development and land use proposals is woefully overdue.

I strongly support APPROVAL of this amendment. Though I serve as the Victory Hills neighborhood association president (VHNA), am a District 6 Coalition officer and an Inter-Coalition Council (ICC) representative, these are my personal comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Willson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Willson

From: [Elizabeth Haley](#)
To: [Salas, Alfredo E.](#); [Jones, Megan D.](#); [City of Albuquerque Planning Department](#)
Subject: EPC Hearing on Agenda Item # 2. Project # PR-2018-001843 RZ-2023-00050
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:10:17 AM
Attachments: [WSCONA Resolution supporting Tribal Consultation Small Area Amendment.pdf](#)

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Alfredo Salas & Megan Jones, Misa Bloom
c/o Environmental Planning Commission Council Members
City of Albuquerque Planning Department
Plaza del Sol Building
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE:
Agenda Item # 2. Project # PR-2018-001843 RZ-2023-00050 – Text Amendment to Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) – Small Area – The Northwest Mesa Escarpment View Protection Overlay Zone – VPO-2

Summary

The City of Albuquerque Council Services Department, requests to amend the text of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) regarding Tribal Engagement, which affects a small area, the Northwest Mesa Escarpment View Protection Overlay Zone – VPO-2. Staff Planner: Mikaela Renz-Whitmore
To EPC Members and EPC Chair Shaffer

EPC Members and Chairman Shaffer

Please find the WSCONA Resolution supported by nineteen member associations, representing a majority of our members. The resolution was voted on at the January 10, 2024 meeting

Best regards;
Elizabeth Kay Haley WSCONA president
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WSCONA
West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

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RE:

Agenda Item # 2. Project # PR-2018-001843 RZ-2023-00050 – Text Amendment to Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) – Small Area – The Northwest Mesa Escarpment View Protection Overlay Zone – VPO-2

EPC Chairman Shaffer and EPC Members

Please find the attached WSCONA resolution appended below. A majority of our members approved the resolution after months of review and comment in our meetings. Although staff will note this as one comment, in actuality it represents 19 neighborhood associations and members present voting. The resolution was fully supported by a majority of neighborhood associations surrounding the National Monument.

The Amendment requiring referral to Tribal Nations for development next to the Petroglyph National Monument and the Albuquerque Indian School Area will be reviewed on January 18 . (Fiebelkorn is the sponsor) . (Please see appended Resolution for Details)

WSCONA RESOLUTION (Passed by WSCONA membership on 1-10-2024, WSCONA Supports the Public Comments of the Inter-Coalition Council and the Additional Comments Submitted by WSCONA Members.

This Resolution by the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA) is to approve public comments made to the EPC by the **Inter-Coalition Council** of Neighborhood Associations (ICC) and additional public comments submitted by WSCONA members concerning proposed IDO Amendments and Small Area

Amendments to the City of Albuquerque Zoning Ordinance and facilitating the purposes of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations.

The West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA) represents 29 Bernalillo County neighborhood and homeowners' associations. The Coalition boundaries are west of the Rio Grande River to the Rio Puerco and north of Central Avenue to the Sandoval County line. WSCONA has been a formal organization with bylaws since 1996, and both the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County currently recognize WSCONA.

The Coalition aims to provide a venue for neighborhood and homeowners associations within its boundaries to achieve and maintain communications on civic and neighborhood matters. It endeavors to provide a means to preserve, protect, and enhance the residents' quality of life within its boundaries and to provide a unified voice on important issues.

Whereas governmental agencies are shifting the responsibility to notify local communities of pending development from developers, agents, and other parties in interest to our community volunteers or remove all meaningful notification, which is a taking of property rights enshrined in state statute and legal precedents;

Whereas planning departments increasingly schedule public comment periods concerning changes in public policy during the winter holidays and Monday through Friday during regular office hours;

Whereas, increasingly, it is challenging to schedule community volunteers to provide public comments on policy and regulation changes, attend monthly coalition meetings, or participate in periodic facilitated community planning meetings;

Whereas, the WSCONA Executives Committee distributed these comments to members before the meeting, and the proposed amendments have been a routine agenda item in monthly meetings since being published by the City of Albuquerque; Whereas WSCONA is a member of the Inter- Coalition Council and has provided an additional four members to the ICC Working group to research and review the policy consequences of the proposed amendments;

Therefore, the WSCONA membership at the January 10, 2024, public meeting will be resolved by a majority vote to support these comments in Public Comments during the scheduled EPC hearing as these comments represent the considered policy position of a majority of our Westside Neighborhood Associations.

In a vote of Representatives on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the membership voted [to support this Resolution]. (WSCONA website: <https://www.wskonanm.org/>)

Resolution Passed: Vote total: 19 Yes, 1 No Answer

From: [Hendricks, Nancy E](#)
To: [Bloom, Misa K.](#); [City of Albuquerque Planning Department](#)
Cc: [Walter, Chanteil G](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area: Implementation of tribal engagement requirements
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:29:30 AM
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January 16, 2024

City of Albuquerque
Environmental Planning Committee

Re: IDO Small Area Amendment to integrate potentially impacted Tribal nations and their members within the development review and approval process.

Dear EPC Chair Mr. Shaffer and fellow Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the National Park Service (NPS) Petroglyph National Monument (Monument), supporting the amendment submitted by Councilor Tammy Fiebelkorn to integrate potentially impacted Tribal nations and their members within the development review and approval process for certain development activities in Albuquerque, and the sharing of information from the City Archaeologist including the Archaeological Certificate, and as needed, a treatment plan.

Our comments to the EPC and other City planning groups includes recognition of the indigenous cultural landscape that is significant to Petroglyph National Monument (Monument) as well as the City of Albuquerque and beyond.

On June 27, 1990, Congress passed the Petroglyph National Monument Establishment Act of 1990 creating the Monument as a unit of the NPS "in light of the national significance of the West Mesa Escarpment and the petroglyphs and the urgent need to protect the cultural and natural resources of the area from urbanization and vandalism" Pub. Law 101-313, § 101 (1990). The area contains significant and numerous cultural resources, including a large concentration of petroglyphs and numerous archaeological sites. Petroglyph National Monument is a cultural landscape, and in particular, the escarpment area, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as the Las Imagines Archeological District. The entire Monument area is considered sacred to all 19 Pueblos and 10 additional tribes across the Southwest. The cultural landscape, including the views to and from the Monument, from the Escarpment to the Volcanoes and beyond, is critical to the significance of this area.

The stated purpose of Section 14-16-5-2 of the IDO is to "minimize the impacts of development on natural and cultural resources." Petroglyph National Monument is a cultural landscape. The escarpment acts as a visual reference point for the city, and contains significant and numerous

cultural resources, including a large concentration of petroglyphs and numerous archaeological sites. Engaging with the Tribal Governments is important to understand their specific concerns related to development near the Monument, to reduce any potentially adverse effects to the cultural and historic sites in the area, and to determine the best ways to protect these world-renowned resources. We consistently engage with area Tribes and Pueblos on proposed and ongoing projects within the Monument and find their input extremely valuable.

Our specific comments are as follows:

1. We support the Tribal Liaison within the City's Office of Native American Affairs maintaining the list of the names and contact information for the chief executives of the Indian Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos. We recommend including the cultural resources staff and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers on the notification list. We would be happy to supply their contact information to the City's Tribal Liaison for inclusion on the mailing list.
2. Section 6-4(J) Referrals to Commenting Agencies. We recommend extending the period for submitting comments to at least 30 days to allow for site visits and adequate time to assess potential impacts.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this proposal. The protection of the sacred landscapes around Albuquerque including Petroglyph National Monument is extremely important. Formally engaging with the people who created and are still connected to these cultural landscapes will help improve the development review processes.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hendricks
Superintendent

From: Bloom, Misa K.. <mbloom@cabq.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 4:33 PM

To: Hendricks, Nancy E <Nancy_Hendricks@nps.gov>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area: Implementation of tribal engagement requirements

December 18, 2023

Superintendent Hendricks:

Good evening. I was just contacting you to inform you of last week's EPC hearing. We did ask and receive a continuance of all three (3) items last weeks items to January 11, 2024. If you have any additional written comments, please submit them by no later than January 09, 2023 by 9:00 a.m. The sooner the better.

If you would like to take part in public comments during the meeting on January 11th, please let me know so we can include you when we take public comment on that date.

If you have any questions, please let me know as you can reach me via email. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Respectfully submitted,



MISA K. BLOOM

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associate planner

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From: Hendricks, Nancy E <Nancy_Hendricks@nps.gov>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 9:11 AM

To: Bloom, Misa K.. <mbloom@cabq.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area: Implementation of tribal engagement requirements

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Hi Misa,

I've been out of town and just got your message, however I'm unable to get through to the number you provided for unknown reasons.

Do you still need to talk?

Thank you,

Nancy

Nancy Hendricks

Superintendent

Petroglyph National Monument

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From: City of Albuquerque Planning Department <abcto@cabq.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 10:32 AM

To: Hendricks, Nancy E <Nancy_Hendricks@nps.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area: Implementation of tribal engagement requirements

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December 13, 2023

Dear Superintendent Hendricks:

Good morning. Thank you for submitting your comments, unfortunately the cutoff time was at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, 12 December 2023 to have your comments included with the EPC packets for this Thursday's meeting. Though your comments will not be included with this week's EPC packet, it will be added to the January 11th Special EPC packet.

You are welcome and encouraged to speak at this week's EPC hearing when the floor is open to public comments for each agenda item. Below is the information for this week's EPC meeting:

Meeting for December 14, 2023

- [Agenda December 14, 2023](#)
 - To join online with video: [Zoom Link](#)
 - To call in: (301) 715-8592
 - Meeting ID: 226 959 2859
 - [PR-2018-001843_RZ-2023-00044_IDO Small Area VHUC Update_DEF](#)
 - [PR-2018-001843_RZ-2023-00043_Rail Trail Small Area Amend](#)
 - [PR-2018-001843_RZ-2023-00040_Citywide Amendments](#)

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From: Schultz, Shanna M. <smschultz@cabq.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 8:58 AM

To: City of Albuquerque Planning Department <abcto@cabq.gov>

Subject: FW: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area:
Implementation of tribal engagement requirements

The below public comment is for the VPO-2 amendment case to be heard in January, please place in the record.



Shanna Schultz, AICP | Council Planning Manager

Albuquerque City Council Services

Office: (505) 768-3185

From: Hendricks, Nancy E <Nancy_Hendricks@nps.gov>

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 at 10:24 AM

To: Schultz, Shanna M. <smschultz@cabq.gov>

Cc: Walter, Chanteil G <Chanteil_Walter@nps.gov>

Subject: National Park Service Comments - Text Amendment to IDO -Small Mapped Area:
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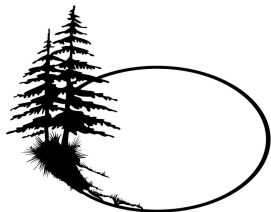
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Santa Fe Village Neighborhood Association

5601 Bogart St. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120
SFVNA2014@gmail.com

Date: January 15, 2024

To: David Shaffer
Chair, EPC

From: Jane Baechle
Representative, SFVNA Board

Re: NW Mesa Escarpment VPO-2
Proposed Amendment

I am writing to affirm the *support* of the Santa Fe Village Neighborhood Association board for the proposed changes to the NW Mesa Escarpment VPO-2 which would add Tribal nations and representatives as commenting agencies for development proposals within the NW Mesa VPO-2. Santa Fe Village (SFV) lies wholly within the VPO-2. We agree with the Planning Staff recommendation of approval and ask you to send this proposal to City Council with that recommendation.

I requested a post-submittal meeting after receiving the second letter from Council services advising of this proposal. To be clear, no SFV resident has expressed opposition to this proposal. A number, however, expressed confusion about it, shared on our social media page, in emails to the SFVNA board and in individual comments. It was clear that even with more background in the second letter, many did not understand the language and impact of this proposal. (I expect Commissioners are unsurprised that few even know about the IDO much less have some understanding of it). The meeting was announced on our social media site and in individual announcements emailed or texted to every one of our affirmed members.

I recognize that our facilitator will provide a report for either the EPC or the City Council. Once again, the SFVNA board supports this proposed change as have individual SFV residents. No SFV resident has indicated opposition.

Our support for this proposal is grounded in our respect for our neighbors in Tribal nations and in respect for this natural and cultural landscape. As has been acknowledged, we live and meet on the historic lands of the Pueblo people. The fact that we are now property owners and live within this historically sacred cultural landscape for Native people connects us to our Tribal neighbors, even where they live outside the immediate VPO-2 boundaries. They share a profound connection to this landscape and we, who are its immediate beneficiaries, are enriched by the inclusion of their voices in both its protection and development.

The public record of multiple meetings of the ZHE, EPC, LUPZ and City Council document our support as a neighborhood association and as individual SFV residents for protections of this landscape and opposition to measures which would materially undermine them. Our support for protection of this natural and cultural landscape remains with our support of the VPO-2.

The ABC Comp Plan goals and policies are clear:

- Goal 11.3 Cultural Landscapes: Protect, reuse, and/or enhance significant cultural landscapes as important *contributors to our heritage and rich and complex identities*.
- POLICY 11.3.4 Petroglyph National Monument: Regulate adjacent development to protect and preserve the Petroglyph National Monument – its volcanoes, petroglyphs, and Northwest Mesa Escarpment – as a priceless cultural landscape and *community resource that provides physical, cultural, and economic benefits*.
- POLICY 11.3.6 Volcano Mesa: Preserve *open space, natural and cultural landscapes*, and other features of the natural environment within Volcano Mesa.

The emphasis is mine. The language of these and other goals and policies of ABC Comp Plan reflects the value placed on this area by the many authors of the Plan and the Council that passed it.

The entirety of the NW Mesa Escarpment, including the Petroglyph Monument and escarpment, the volcanoes and surrounding area, represents a priceless heritage for *all* of the people of Albuquerque. It represents a fundamental and sacred element of the identity of Native people. It is incumbent upon all of us to respect the views and voices of Tribal people and ensure they are fully informed of development proposals and have a genuine seat at the table so that those views are included in development and land use decisions.

On behalf the SFVNA Board, I again respectfully request your support of the proposed amendment to the NW Mesa Escarpment VPO-2.

Sincerely,

Jane Baechle
IDO Representative, SFVNA

January 15, 2024

Re: Small Area Amendment for Tribal Engagement:
Project # PR-2018-001843, Agenda Item #2

Dear Mr. Shaffer and fellow EPC members,

I write this letter on behalf of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA), which represents 29 neighborhood and homeowners' associations on Albuquerque's West Side. In this note, WSCONA accentuates our support for the small area amendment for Tribal Engagement. WSCONA has voted to support Tribal Engagement in letters for both the December 14, 2023 and Jan. 11, 2024 EPC hearings for citywide IDO amendments, which included Tribal Engagement (#58 Amendment). Our members have been very involved and encouraging of Petroglyph National Monument protections and have submitted several letters in support of Tribal Engagement.

We also support Petroglyph National Monument's superintendent, Nancy Hendricks, whose letter expressed continued involvement with our tribal communities (23 NM Federally Recognized tribes) who consider this space sacred. The Park Service has found that the feedback provided by our New Mexican tribes has been invaluable in defending this unique resource.

Albuquerque is fortunate to have such a unique natural and cultural landscape, due to the volcanic geology, along with the nation's largest concentrations of petroglyphs near a major city. Because the pueblo people have ancestral ties to the original inhabitants who created the petroglyphs, and continue to have religious ties to this area, we feel it is very appropriate for them to be engaged and provide input in the development review process. Therefore, we urge your support for Tribal Engagement.

Thank you,
Rene' Horvath
Land Use Director for WSCONA