**Planning Commission Endorses Midtown Master Plan**

***Governing Body to Consider Midtown* *Redevelopment Plans in November***

SANTA FE – The Santa Fe Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Governing Body approve the Midtown Master Plan that was presented at its hearing on October 22.

"Midtown is moving forward!" says Rich Brown, the Director of Community and Engagement who supervises the planning, applications and redevelopment process. "We are grateful to the Land Use Department and the Planning Commission for their thoughtful consideration of these plans. We gained valuable feedback during the public comments, and we will take all this input into serious consideration. I'm confident that the Governing Body, which set our development and community plan actions into motion, will endorse them as well. We are excited to use this momentum to get on with the redevelopment of a new city center for Santa Fe."

The Governing Body is scheduled to consider the Midtown Redevelopment Plans in November.

**BACKGROUND:**The **Midtown Redevelopment Plans are comprised of the Master Plan and the Community Development Plan.**Theyare the culmination of a four-year planning (from 2018 to 2022) effort led by City staff and an interdisciplinary consultant team

and involving community members and stakeholders to develop a vision for the Midtown Site. The plan is focused on the elements of sustainable development, which includes social equity, economic prosperity, culture and history, and the environment and natural resources. The plans respond to direction given by the Governing Body in Resolution 2022-12, “Midtown Moving Forward.”

The **Master Plan** lays out land uses and an infrastructure framework to enable development and future investment. It will guide the type of development the community wants, and includes guidelines for infrastructure, connectivity/transportation, density and open space, and building design.

The companion **Community Development Plan**identifies community benefit expectations that will be delivered as development occurs. It is a policy-driven document to address housing choice and affordability, jobs and training options, access to employment, community arts and cultural heritage.

The Midtown Redevelopment Plans, which are posted at [**MidtownDistrictSantaFe.org**](http://midtowndistrictsantafe.org/), are designed to achieve:

* over 1,000 units of market-rate and affordable housing.
* new enterprises and career opportunities.
* expanded film, TV and digital production facilities.
* spaces for performances, visual arts and other cultural events.
* an education hub with a state-of-the art central library and community center.
* multi-modal transportation.
* recreation facilities and green spaces.