

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-24

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A CULTURAL PLAN DEVELOPED FOR THE SILVER CITY ARTS AND CULTURE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature passed the Arts and Culture District Act, and the Arts and Cultural District Act has been signed into law by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, this Act provides that MainStreet nonprofit organizations can submit an application to the New Mexico MainStreet Program of the Economic Development Department and New Mexico Arts, a Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, for the purpose of creating a state-authorized Arts and Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for Downtown Development, Inc. dba Silver City MainStreet Project did submit an application to create a state authorized Arts and Cultural District in Silver City, in a collaborating partnership with the Mimbres Regional Arts Council, the Silver City – Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Western New Mexico University, the Town of Silver City, and other arts and cultural agencies, institutions, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Silver City endorsed this application by Resolution No. 2007-42; and

WHEREAS, this application was accepted as one of two pilot Arts and Cultural Districts by the New Mexico Art Commission at its meeting in Santa Fe, NM on January 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Cultural Plan is a requirement of the Arts and Cultural District Designation; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Cultural Plan is to provide a flexible framework for guiding the efforts of the Silver City Arts and Cultural District as it seeks to efficiently address the community’s arts and cultural needs, which include the individual interests of local artists and cultural entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the collaborating partnership of organizations that applied for the Arts and Cultural District designation did establish a committee to develop a Cultural Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Plan committee met from January through June to develop a Cultural Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Plan committee drew upon the work of the “Arts and Cultural Resource Assessment” conducted in March 2008 by New Mexico MainStreet, on the “Community Visioning Workshop for Branding and Marketing the Silver City Arts and Cultural District” conducted in November 2008 by New Mexico MainStreet, on the “Business Retention and Expansion Survey Results for the Silver City Arts and Cultural

District” conducted in the Spring of 2009 by the Small Business Development Center at Western New Mexico University, on a “Social Network Analysis” conducted in the Spring of 2009 by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico, as well as on the mission statements of numerous arts and cultural agencies, institutions, and organizations in Grant County that the committee collected in the Spring of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Plan committee solicited comments to a draft version of the Cultural Plan that was presented at a public meeting on May 11, 2009 and that was also posted on the Town’s website; and

WHEREAS, all comments received regarding the draft Cultural Plan were addressed and integrated whenever possible into the final draft;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, that the Town:

Endorses the Cultural Plan for the Silver City Arts and Cultural District as submitted.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August 2009.

(Seal)

/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk