



Unifying Communities through
Civil and Collaborative Dialogue

City of Las Cruces: District 2
Notes Summary

5:30pm
Thursday, March 30, 2017

Frank O'Brien Papen Center
304 Bell Avenue
Mesilla Park, NM

Opening

The Great Conversation Introduction: Randy Harris

The Great Conversation rules were shared to provide participants an understanding of the structure before conversation began. Introductions provided by all present.

Conversation Participants

Randy Harris (TGC), Dave Greenberg (TGC), Greg Smith (CLC), Jamey Rickman (CLC), Fredrieka Ankele, Gabe Aovaya, Richard Bearre, Susan Beck, Elyn Clarke, Rebecca Courtney, Inigo Garcia, Joni Granard, Sylvia Hall, Dennis Krogman, Josie (Stevens) Krogman, Jack LaSage, Neil Mathis, Natalia McElyea, Ulysses McElyea, Dan Owen, Mary Kay Papan, Maria Ramirez, Uraldo Ramirez, Tom Reynolds, Luis Rios, Chris Sanders, Rhonda Skaggs.

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The following are key topics voiced within the dialogue by District 2 residents in their exploration of envisioning 21st Century Las Cruces:

- Arts
- Economic Expansion
- Education
- Elders
- Entertainment
- Health and Wellness
- Historical and Cultural Awareness
- Infrastructure
- Outdoor Recreation
- Safety
- Transportation
- Youth / Elder Inter-generational

Conversation Notes

The following notes contain additional information about each topic that was addressed:

Arts

- Expand promotion and visitor counts to museums
- Children's museum
- Traveling exhibits
- Harrelson Art District

Economic Expansion

- Address poverty / diversified economy
- Create more good paying jobs
- Film industry
- Convention Center expansion
- Keep our graduates local and employed
- Designated Historical Districts
 - Expand recognition
 - Encourage investment
 - Expand property improvement tax-credit education
 - Beautification programs
 - Winery and Brewery trails and tours
 - Encourage / support "Maker Spaces"

Education

- Satellite libraries
- Bookmobiles
- Reading programs
- Involvement in Community Schools
- Topics: Reproductive health, vocation

Elders

- Meals on Wheels programs
- Art and writing programs
- Support sense of purpose

Entertainment

- Larger performance venues
- Venues other than NMSU

Health and Wellness

- Better walk-ability
- Rent-a-bike programs
- Bicycle paths
- Explore EBID ditch covers

Historical and Cultural Awareness

- Promote Southern NM cultural diversity
- Promote historical and culturally diverse education
- Maintain / Enhance linkage with Mexico
- Improve and simplify travel to and from Mexico
- Restore old train station

Infrastructure

- Sidewalks – Walker and Wheelchair friendly
- More and better maintained bike paths
- Extend Triviz walk-run-bike path to encircle city
- Solar gardens – Shade – Electricity – Picnic sites
- More connectivity between districts and Mesilla
- Monitor growth
- More parks

Outdoor Recreation

- OMDP promotion
- Visitor Centers

Safety

- Expanded police presence and services

Transportation

- Better public transportation

Youth / Elder Inter-generational

- Reading and mentoring programs
- Community gardens
- Build community