

Silver City Arts and Cultural District

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To: All interested parties

From: Silver City Cultural Plan Committee:

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Subject: **Cultural Plan for Silver City Arts and Cultural District**

The responsibility of developing a cultural plan came with Silver City's designation last year as an Arts and Cultural District. The Planning Team developed goals based upon input from community workshops, the mission statements of area arts and cultural organizations, and a facilitated planning process. Input from community members was solicited in early May and much of the feedback has been incorporated into this final draft.

The goals in the draft Cultural Plan cover the next three years, and are intended to be broad and inclusive, supporting the **ACD Coordinating Council's mission statement**:

The Silver City Arts and Cultural District is a distinctive area in Silver City where historic architecture, an excellent eclectic mix of design, niche businesses, and a concentration of artistic and cultural activities foster civic pride, provide opportunities for local creative enterprise, and contribute to a unique and authentic experience for residents and visitors.

Please review the final draft copy and provide comments and suggestions. The Committee will review your feedback for incorporation into the Cultural Plan. All comments will be included in the record of this process.

Deadline for feedback on the final draft is needed no later than Tuesday, June 30.

To provide input, please do one of the following:

- e-mail: Peter Russell at tscomdevdir@qwestoffice.net
- drop off written comments at the Mimbres Region Arts Council located in the Wells-Fargo Bank building
- mail comments to: Silver City Arts and Cultural District
PO Box 2383
Silver City, NM 88062
- Telephone one of the following:
Arlene Schadel, WNMU - 538-6336
Peter Russell, Town of Silver City – 534-6392
Faye McCalmont, Mimbres Region Arts Council – 590-7414.

In addition, we invite you to post photos of the places, activities, and objects that represent arts and culture in Grant County on The Big Picture website: www.bigpicturesilvercity.com. This site will be a continuing project of the Silver City Arts & Cultural District, and will form the basis of a future public exhibit.

Thank you very much for your input, and for your part in the vibrant arts and cultural life of our community!