City of Las Vegas Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan, 2018, Las Vegas, New Mexico



The City of Las Vegas, NM contracted with Architectural Research Consultants, Incorporated (ARC) to develop a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan, building upon and updating the City's 2009 Downtown Action Plan. The plan covered city history, existing conditions, planning context, market analysis, priority projects, and implementation, including funding sources.

Working with a steering committee, the planning team updated priority projects identified in the 2009 plan and began to identify additional projects. The team held a series of public engagement events, including stakeholder meetings and a two-day public design charrette which presented proposed priority projects and received input about potential additional projects.

ARC worked with New Mexico Finance Authority, the State Historic Preservation Office, N.M. Department of Transportation, New Mexico MainStreet, MainStreet de Las Vegas, area institutions including N.M. Highlands University, local school districts and many community groups to develop a comprehensive set of actionable priority projects that the city and MainStreet de Las Vegas could begin implementing immediately. Several projects presented very limited cost barriers with immense catalytic potential for the community. The plan also recommended circulation improvements and presented a wayfinding plan that identified sign type, wording, and location for wayfinding signage in the MRA.

We conducted a building and business survey, producing detailed business, vacancy, condition, and land use mapping. The team also conducted in-depth analyses of city zoning and ordinances to develop





Left: MRA, MainStreet and ACD Boundaries Below: Master Plan Recommendations



specific recommendations for improving vacant building management and business development.

We worked with the City, the community, and key stakeholders to ensure the plan's success after adoption, including researching deeds of ownership to facilitate circulation improvements and arranging meetings with contractors, developers and property owners to facilitate historic restoration.

Client: City of Las Vegas **Completion:** May 2018

