



Minutes

City of Flagstaff

Open Spaces Commission

Thursday, February 28, 2013
4:00 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Council Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

A quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance of the Open Spaces Commission meeting.



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CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Carrie Eberly
Paul Moore
Jessica Gist
Stephen Hirst
Rick Miller

CITY STAFF:

Jill Trompeter
McKenzie Jones
Erik Olsen

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Jodi Norris
Tom Nicas
Cynthia Nicas
Chris Ives
Kathy Barrett
Geoff Barnard
Jim Tuck
John Grahame
Lois Hirst
David Griffith
Glenn Barrett
Maureen Thomas
Kaisha Klinder
Jim Thomas
Sharon Hester

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

2. Public Participation

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commission members may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

Fifteen members of the public were present and came in support of reclassifying the N. San Francisco property as open space. Concerns raised by the members of the public present included: (1) flood control due to development of the floodplain; (2) loss of recreational space; and (3) increased traffic.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Hirst moved to approve the January minutes. Commissioner Eberly seconded the motion.

4. Presentation Items

A. Update on N. San Francisco Property

Jill Trompeter, Real Estate Manager, gave an update to the Commission and public present on the N. San Francisco Property. Ms. Trompeter informed the Commission that there are two competing uses for the property in question, which include: (1) being developed into affordable housing; and (2) open space. Ms. Trompeter recommended to the Commission that they develop a list of lands they would like to conserve for open space.

Members of the public inquired about the logistics of a deed restriction with regard to the N. San Francisco property and if designating the property as a park would protect it from future development. Ms. Jones stated that parks are City property that, in theory, without a conservation easement, could still be developed.

B. Update on Observatory Mesa Acquisition

Ms. Jones updated the Commission on the Observatory Mesa public comment hearing and acquisition. Ms. Jones informed the Commission that the next steps in the Observatory Mesa acquisition include reclassifying the property for conservation and initiating the appraisal process.

5. Information Items To and From Commissioners to Staff

Ms. Jones announced that the Picture Canyon acquisition celebration has been scheduled for June 29th, 2013 and work is continued to be done on the development of the Picture Canyon Management Plan.

Commissioner Miller informed the Commission of a 2 acre parcel of land for sale at the bottom of Walnut Canyon northeast of the monument and inquired if the Commission would be interested in purchasing it for Open Space.

6. Agenda Items for Next Month

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.