



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Thursday, July 31, 2014
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Joe C. Montoya Community and Senior Center, Arts and Crafts Room
245 North Thorpe Road, 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:

Rick Miller
Bryan Burton
Bruce Fox
Jessica Gist
Stephen Hirst
Paul Moore

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
Marty Jacobson
Martin Ince
David McIntire

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

John Grahame

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:18 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.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commission member Fox moved to approve the June 26, 2014 minutes. Commission member Burton seconded the motion.

4. Discussion Items

A. Ordinance Memorializing Open Space Designation of North San Francisco Parcel and Schultz Parcel

David McIntire, Real Estate Manager, updated the commission on the ordinance, stating that it is on track to be presented to Council on August 25th. Mr. McIntire also noted that the ordinance contains a statement that will give City staff permission to rezone the parcels.

B. Update on Picture Canyon Trail Dedication

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager, stated that the Council approved the trail dedications that City Staff proposed in July. Staff are currently working through some issues with Arizona State Parks and the State Historic Preservation Office but are hoping to erect signage in the coming months.

C. Mapping Exercise for Prioritizing Areas for Open Space Conservation

The Commissioners participated in a mapping exercise to aid in prioritizing potential open space acquisitions. The Commission will revisit this item at the August meeting.

D. Open Space Master Plan Final Edits

The Commissioners discussed the Open Space Master Plan edits during item C.

E. Picture Canyon Management Plan

Ms. Woodman moved this item to the September Commission Meeting. Staff are currently working through some issues with Arizona State Parks before the plan goes before Council.

5. Information Items To and From Commissioners and Staff

Ms. Woodman stated that the Walnut Canyon Study went before Council last month. The Council wants to see some variables addressed with option 2 of the study which would give Walnut Canyon the highest protection possible. The Study will go before council again in October. Commission member Fox stated that the US Forest Service is holding an informational meeting at Trinity Heights Church to discuss the forest thinning project.

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – August 28, 2014, 4 pm

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.