



## MINUTES

### City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Thursday, September 25, 2014  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Staff Conference Room, City Hall  
211 W Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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  
Carrie Eberly  
Jessica Gist  
Stephen Hirst  
Paul Moore

#### CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman  
Martin Ince  
David McIntire

#### COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Scott Anderson  
Chris Sallanbanks

### **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

#### **2. Public Participation**

Scott Anderson introduced himself as the new Coconino County Natural Resources Manager. City of Flagstaff City Manager, Kevin Burke, presented to the Commission on Proposition 406. Coconino County Public Works Director, Andy Burtlestein, presented on Proposition 403.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Commission member Hirst moved to approve the August 8, 2014 minutes. Commission member Gist seconded the motion.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

##### **A. Rio de Flag Flood Control Update**

David McIntire, Real Estate Manager, presented a brief update on the Rio de Flag Flood Control Project easement acquisitions. Rio de Flag Flood Control Project Manager, James Duval, and Capital Improvement staff, Christine Cameron provided an in depth update on the project. James Duval informed the Commissioners that the City is at 90% of the planning phase. The City needs to secure \$34 million for the project, which does

not presently include additional costs associated with Army Corps of Engineers defined “betterments” or “recreational uses”. 100% of plans are due to the Corps in May 2015. If funding is available the City is likely to move forward with construction beginning in May 2016. Chair Miller stated that the Commission is most interested in connectivity and the upper reach of this project.

**B. Open Spaces Symposium Update**

Chair Miller will introduce the the Open Space Master Plan draft to the symposium participants.

**C. Picture Canyon Management Plan Review**

No additional comments were submitted to staff. Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager, informed the Commission that Arizona State Parks and the State Historic Presevation Office agreed to review the draft prior to formal submission.

**5. Information Items To and From Commissioners and Staff**

None

**6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – October 23, 2014,**

The Commission requested an update on the forest health thinning work on Observatory Mesa. Staff requested an update from Regional Planning staff to discuss the relationship between the Open Spaces Master Plan and the Regional Plan. A recap on the Open Spaces Symposium will also be addressed.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.