



# APPROVED MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff

### Beautification & Public Art Commission

4:00 p.m. – Wednesday, February 4, 2015

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City Hall, **Council Conference Room**, 211 W. Aspen Avenue



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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.*

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Anne Doyle, Chair, *present*  
Jason Hasenbank, Vice Chair, *present*  
George Averbeck, *excused*  
Robert Chambers, *present*  
Vicky Foster, *present*  
Emma Gardner, *present*  
Jeff Knorr, *excused*

CITY STAFF: Karl Eberhard, Staff Liaison, *present*  
Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator, *present*  
Michelle Book, Recording Secretary, *present*

*Others Present: Mike Farley, Rick Schuller, Jessica Lawrence*

#### I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

##### A. PUBLIC COMMENT

*(At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Commission cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the 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.)*

*None*

##### B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Reconsiderations, Changes to the Agenda, and other Preliminary Announcements)*

*Reorder agenda items: New Business: Items 1 through 5; Old Business: Item 1; New Business: Item 6*

**C. APPROVAL of MINUTES.**

1) Regular Meeting of December 3, 2014

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 3, 2014 as submitted.

***Motion:***

*Commissioner Foster motioned to approve the minutes of December 3, 2014. Commissioner Chamber seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

*(Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)*

**1. Kings Inn Mural, Selection of Muralist**

Address:	1560 E. Route 66
Assessor's Parcel Number:	106-01-002
Property Owner:	PCM LLC
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator

REQUESTED ACTION: Select and approve a muralist for the Kings Inn.

This project was initiated by the Commission and involves installing a mural on the blank, 'L' shaped wall of the King's House Hotel. At its October 2014, meeting this Commission elected to reject all semi-final submissions and directed staff to reissue the call to artists.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Select and approve a muralist for the Kings Inn.

***Discussion:***

- Commissioner Gardner considered it differently because of Commissioner Hasenbank's suggestions.*
- Commissioner Foster changed her vote to Mullins after re-reviewing and talking about his narrative description and that was compelling to her.*
- Commissioner Chambers changed his vote on Mullins as a result of the illuminating conversation that happened around it.*

***Motion:***

*Commissioner Chambers motioned that we select Mullins and ask him to give us a specific proposal or a mock up for further consideration by the Commission. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.*

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Crazy Bill's Median**

Address: Intersection of Pine, Lewis, and Park Drives  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator

REQUESTED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

This 2,680 square foot City right-of-way parcel is currently landscaped with a non-irrigated, overgrown hodge-podge of plants and unattractive inert landscape materials. As one of the main entries to Lower Greenlaw Estates, this project's highly visible neighborhood setting is an ideal City beautification and low-impact (LID) design location. This project is one of four beautification efforts that staff has subcontracted out to a local design firm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

Rick Schuller of Woodson Engineering gave a presentation and answered the Commissioners questions.

#### ***Discussion:***

- *Soil restoration and soil rehabilitation element to project with no weed barrier or river rock. Organic material, and broadcast planting with lots of native grasses and wildflowers.*

#### **2. Milton Road Pump House Landscaping**

Address: East side of Milton Road between Phoenix Avenue and the BNSF trestle  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator

REQUESTED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

Taking advantage of this project's close location to downtown Flagstaff and Route 66, the project recommends enhancing existing landscaping with a comprehensive landscape prune/clean-up, installation of native and more visually diverse/colorful plants, extension of an irrigation system, and screening/softening an existing plastic and chain link fence. This project is one of four beautification efforts that staff has subcontracted out to a local design firm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

*Rick Schuller of Woodson Engineering gave a presentation and answered the Commissioners questions.*

***Discussion:***

- *Use rocks from the forest covered with lichen.*
- *Use spring bulbs to enhance it for the spring.*
- *Remove some of the Junipers.*
- *Install a sign at the site indicating Downtown and Southside.*

**3. Butler North Edge Landscaping**

Address:	N/E corner of Butler Road opposite of the Sawmill Development
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

A previously proposed beautification/visual screening effort at this location consisted of dry laid walls and landscaping but was moved to another location that could better accommodate its hardscape design elements. This new version largely limits the effort to plant materials, boulders, irrigation extension, and inert ground covers. This project is one of four beautification efforts that staff has subcontracted out to a local design firm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

*Rick Schuller of Woodson Engineering gave a presentation and answered the Commissioners questions.*

***Discussion:***

- *Restore the soil, spread grass seed, plant wildflowers. Do not want to over landscape to hide it.*
- *Do not install the fencing. The fence is not going to screen that much for the cost.*
- *Receive both concept designs with fence types (chain link vs cedar). It would offer some continuity through the whole project that the Commission could approve or decline.*

#### 4. Lake Mary Road and Beulah Boulevard Gateway

Address:	N/E and S/E corners of the intersection of Lake Mary Road and Beulah Boulevard
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

These two corners were marginally landscaped by ADOT during its construction of the I-40 interchange. As one of two potential northbound gateways into Flagstaff, this site's two corners offer the easier integration of enhanced gateway landscaping. The design will accommodate a proposed (future) vehicle slip lane for the N/E corner and include larger design elements consistent with the scale of the site. This project is one of four beautification efforts that staff has subcontracted out to a local design firm.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

*Rick Schuller of Woodson Engineering gave a presentation and answered the Commissioners questions.*

##### **Discussion:**

- *Chance to highlight Flagstaff landscape*
- *Use Kaibab limestone rocks and/or Malpais rock*
- *Keep the older ponderosa pines*

#### 5. Centennial Mural Touch-up

Address:	On the north side of the Visitor's Center adjacent to Route 66
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

The Centennial mural was painted in 2012. Its location on a retaining wall adjacent to Route 66 subjects it to increased water and de-icing chemicals which results in accelerated paint peeling and damage to the concrete substrate. This discussion should include the cost effectiveness of touch-up work that may have to be repeated at multi-year intervals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

*Mr. Di Lucido gave a presentation and answered the Commissioners questions.*

##### **Discussion:**

- *Get rid of the mural all together or repair the mural with a protectant on top and see how long it lasts.*

- *Keep the mural but touch up the mural and seal it once, wait two years and then seal again it so it looks like an old rustic mural (stabilizing and maintaining).*
- *Repair it, take pictures, frame the mural and hang it in the train station with a bronze plaque next to it.*
- *Let the mural go, use stain or something else more sustainable to decorate the wall.*
- *Have Redwing or another artist chip off the loose material; give it a coat of sealer to keep the existing paint on there a little longer. Stabilization to make it look rustic aged.*

*The overall census is to stabilize and seal the mural, then insert an interpretive plaque explaining the status of the mural. Will give the artist first right of refusal.*

#### **6. Cow Mural Touch-up (Natural Grocers)**

Address:	503 West Clay Avenue
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

The Furniture Barn (now Natural Grocers) mural was painted in 2000. The 35-foot tall Holstein cow was the first commissioned mural by Melanie Thomson-Myers. Recent photographs reveal significant paint-peeling. Among other issues, this discussion should consider whether public funds should be used to restore a work of art located on private property.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation, discuss, and provide comments.

#### ***Discussion:***

*The overall census is to restore the mural.*

### **IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Next regular meeting date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by unanimous consent.*