



Approved Minutes

City of Flagstaff

Beautification & Public Art Commission

4:00 p.m. – Monday, September 14, 2015

City Hall Staff Conference Room – 2nd Floor



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CALL TO ORDER Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Anne Doyle, Chairman, *present*
Jason Hasenbank, Vice Chairman, *telephonically*
George Averbeck, *excused*
Robert Chambers, *excused*
Vicky Foster, *present*
Emma Gardner, *present*
Vacant

CITY STAFF: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison, *present*
Creag Znetko, Recording Secretary, *present*

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)

Mr. Di Lucido announced the importance of the commissioner's participation in the annual budget retreat. This will include ideas and discussions about the 5 year beautification plan.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of August 24, 2015

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes of August 24, 2015 as submitted.

Vice-Chair Hasenbank moved to approve the minutes as submitted.
Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimous consent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

(Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)

1. Fourth Street Improvements

Address:	Various
Assessor's Parcel Number:	Various
City Staff:	Randy Whitaker
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear updated presentation, discuss and provide comments and direction as appropriate.

This item is for improvements to Fourth St., per direction of City Council. This project will include items such as street edge landscape, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, etc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide comments and direction as appropriate.

City Staff, Randy Whitaker, presented on topic to commission. Discussion ensued regarding preliminary plans, pedestrian refuges, signs, lights, trees, bus pullouts, and the reconfiguration of the parking lot from Walgreen's to 7th Avenue. Staff stated plans are about 30% complete and would like input from the commission concerning landscaping and bus stop beautification. There was discussion only.

2. 4th Street Gateway Art Component

Address: 2502 E. Route 66
Assessor's Parcel Number: 10713003A
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION: Discuss art/sculpture options for the newly completed 4th Street Gateway.

This discussion began at the Commission's July 22 meeting with only four commissioners in attendance. In the meantime, other ideas and issues have been raised that deserve consideration by the larger Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Continue discussion of art/sculpture options for the newly completed 4th Street Gateway.

City Staff, Mark Di Lucido, reminded commission that there are funds available for an art sculpture to be installed on the North East corner of Fourth St and Route 66 at the newly completed gateway. Commission discussed possible art pieces, including rotating pieces that would be replaced at certain intervals, what the time frame would be, how long it would take to install/remove the rotating piece, and the cost involved with moving/storing the piece. More discussion revolved around the business owners and residents agreeing on what kind of art would be appropriate and how it would be chosen. Commissioners would like to discuss further at the October 12 BPAC meeting.

3. Kaspar Drive Project

Address: Road median between Kaspar Drive and HWY 89 beginning at S/E corner of Kaspar Drive and Lockett Road and extending N/E to where Route 66 bisects HWY 89.
Assessor's Parcel Number N/A
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION: Hear updated presentation; provide direction and approve an option.

This project would relocate the dry-laid decorative stone wall component that was originally a part of the Butler-North Edge project to the median described above. One city council member has expressed concerns about the appropriateness of the project. Accordingly, staff will provide four options for the Commission to discuss and choose from: a) do nothing; b) continue with

the plan as originally suggested; c) limit project to landscaping only; d) issue a call to artists for design ideas.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear updated presentation; provide direction and approve an option.

Commissioners discussed the options presented. Chair Doyle shared concerns about conversations she had with some members of City Council. Commissioners agreed that the scope of work and the budget could be utilized better elsewhere. Commissioner Foster moved to approve option C (landscaping only) with a wildflower seed mix. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion; the motion passed by unanimous consent.

III. NEW BUSINESS

4. Thorpe Park Sculpture

Address:	S/E corner of Thorpe Park
Assessor's Parcel Number	S/E corner of Thorpe Park
Property Owner:	City of Flagstaff
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison
REQUESTED ACTION:	Discuss sculpture options for Thorpe Park

This project includes a sculpture and possible beautification elements for the S/E corner of Thorpe Park.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss sculpture options for Thorpe Park

City Staff, Mark Di Lucido, explained to the commission that there is a budget for a possible sculpture project at Thorpe Park. Commissioners discussed different themes, including animated trees, a bench with animals that people could sit and take pictures with, something in line with Lowell Observatory, or a combination of the suggestions. The commission really likes this project and asked Mr. Di Lucido to start the next steps in the process. There was discussion only.

5. Art in the Alley

Address:	An alley (to be selected) in the Downtown Historic District
Assessor's Parcel Number:	Various
Property Owner:	City of Flagstaff and possibly private property owners
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison
REQUESTED ACTION:	Discuss feasibility, location(s) and artistic direction

This project was originally submitted by a citizen on Vision Flagstaff but has since become a 'programmed project' (already funded in the five-year plan). The Downtown Business Alliance has expressed early support.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss feasibility, location(s) and artistic direction

City staff, Mark Di Lucido, presented the Art in the Alley public art project. Commissioners discussed locations including the South and East Side neighborhoods, as well as Down Town. Commission's direction is to discuss further after being able to tour alleys throughout the city. There was discussion only.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Budget retreat location, date and time: to be announced
Mr. Di Lucido announced the budget retreat will take place on October 23, 2015, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The location will be decided upon and further information will be sent to the commissioners.
- b. Next regular meeting date: Monday, October 12, 4:00 p.m., in council chambers
Mr. Di Lucido also announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will be streamed live from Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm by unanimous consent.