



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Thursday, March 3, 2016
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

City of Flagstaff City Hall Steps
211 W. Aspen Ave., 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, Chair
Bryan Burton
Carrie Eberly
Jim Burton
Jessica Gist
Steve Dorsett

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Stephen Hirst

CITY STAFF:

Betsy Emery, Open Space Specialist

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

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 February 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Gist motioned to approve the February 22, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bryan Burton seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

4. Discussion Items

- A. Walking Tour to Review City-owned Parcels in Downtown Flagstaff area, beginning at City Hall.
- **100-45-002A**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **100-06-005**
The southern portion of the joint parcel provides drainage for the Rio de Flag.
 - **100-05-015A**
The Commission noted that this parcel provides drainage for the Rio de Flag, recreation value given the FUTS, and an area of “wildness” within the downtown area.
 - **100-05-016B**
The Commission noted that this is the first parcel that has distinctively riparian vegetation, including willows along the streambank. The Rio channel is holding water.
 - **100-09-021**
The Commission noted that this parcel provides drainage for the Rio de Flag, recreation value given the FUTS, and an area of “wildness” within the downtown area.
 - **100-09-015**
The Commission noted that this parcel would be a good location for a community garden or a pocket park for the area. It is fenced along the FUTS boundary.
 - **100-09-022A**
The Commission noted that this parcel provides drainage for the Rio de Flag, recreation value given the FUTS, and an area of “wildness” within the downtown area.
 - **100-11-024**
The Commission noted that this parcel provides drainage for the Rio de Flag, recreation value given the FUTS, and an area of “wildness” within the downtown area.
 - **100-43-001C**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **100-44-006A**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **100-44-005A**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **101-27-001B**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **101-27-003B**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **104-01-096B**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **104-04-013C**
The Commission did not visit this parcel.
 - **103-06-017A**
The Commission did not visit this parcel given that it was recently sold to Natural Grocers.
 - **103-06-003B**
The Commission did not visit this parcel given that it was recently sold to Natural Grocers.

- The Commission also visited the portion of parcel 100-01-001H with the Public Works Yard. The Commission discussed the parcel in terms of the Open Space Criterion and noted that it doesn't meet many of the criteria. Instead, the Commission proposed that this parcel would be more appropriate for Parks designation.

5. Information Items To and From Commissioners and Staff

6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – March 28th, 2016

- A.** Forest Service Travel Management Rule Update, Mike Dechter
- B.** McMillan Mesa Zoning Update, Tiffany Antol
- C.** Open Space Parcels Annex and Rezone Update, Betsy Emery
- D.** Matrix City-owned Parcels in Downtown Flagstaff area
- E.** Schultz Y Property Acquisition Update, Martin Ince
- F.** Open Space Management Update, Betsy Emery
- G.** Set Tour Date for Tour of City-owned Parcels in Southside Area

7. Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm.