



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Thursday, April 14, 2016  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Walking tour meeting at O'Leary Community Garden  
900 S. O'Leary St., 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 (late)  
Stephen Hirst

#### CITY STAFF:

Elizabeth Emery, Open Space Specialist

### **I. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

#### **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 March 28th, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The Commission did not approve the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes due to a lack of quorum.

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

**A.** Walking Tour to Review City-owned Parcels in Southside Flagstaff area, beginning at the O'Leary Community Garden

- 104-09-002D (O’Leary Garden)
  - The Commission discussed the ecological value the drainages on the plot provide. Additionally, a social trail exists on the southern portion of the plot.
- 104-08-011A
  - The Commission discussed the unique size of the parcel, which includes a large portion of low-income housing. Subsequently, the Commission determined that it would be ideal to split the parcel and incorporate the natural area into the open space system given it’s ecological, recreational, and aesthetic value.
- 103-18-003A
  - The Commission discussed the value of this parcel as a buffer between NAU and nearby housing. Additionally, a portion of the Rio de Flag flows through the property and there is a very important FUTS trail alignment that allows students to commute to NAU. A logging grade from the early 1900s is located adjacent to the property.
- 104-02-088
  - The Commission noted that this parcel has interesting value in that it is entirely located within the Rio de Flag floodplain and is located in a densely developed residential area.
- 104-02-037C
  - Parcel largely encompasses a dirt roadway adjacent to the Rio de Flag channel.
- 104-02-001A
  - Parcel includes Rio de Flag channel and is a small pocket of riparian area within the densely inhabited residential area.
- 104-02-018
  - Parcel includes Rio de Flag channel and is a small pocket of riparian area within the densely inhabited residential area.
- 103-17-009
  - The Commission discussed the value of this parcel given it’s size and the fact that the Rio de Flag channel is within it. There are opportunities for a community garden or a pocket park.

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

**6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – April 25th, 2016**

- A.** Campaign for Greater Buffalo Park, Stacey Hamburg
- B.** Matrix Downtown Parcels, Betsy Emery
- C.** Determine Usable Portion of Venus and Cheshire Parcels, Betsy Emery
- D.** Open Space Management Update, Betsy Emery
- E.** Forest Service Travel Management Plan Comments, Betsy Emery

**7. Adjournment**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.