



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Open Spaces Commission

Monday, February 27th, 2017
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Council Chambers, 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:

Bryan Burton, Chair
Carrie Eberly, Vice-Chair
Rick Miller
Jim Burton (Absent)
Stephen Hirst
Libby Kalinowski (Absent)
David Zimmerman, Planning and Zoning Commission

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryan Burton called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

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.

No public participation.

3. Approval of December 5th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hirst motioned to approve the December 5th, 2016 minutes.
Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Discussion Items

A. Next Steps for Proposition 413: Campaign for a Greater Buffalo Park, Sara Dechter

Ms. Dechter, Comprehensive Planning Manager, gave a brief updated on the result of the voter approved Proposition 413: Campaign for a Greater Buffalo Park. Ms. Dechter informed the Commission that the proposition restricted the available land uses of the parcels, effectively limited their use to open space. There is not a legal requirement that these parcels be rezoned to Public Open Space or the Regional Plan amended to depict these parcels as "Parks/Open Space". Ms. Dechter shared with the Commission that the Comprehensive Planning Program is currently working on urgent issues, but will give Proposition 413 proper attention when the opportunity arrives.

B. Regional Transportation Plan Update and Public Comment Period, David Wessel

David Wessel, Manager for the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization, shared with the Commission an update on the status and goals that are an outcome of the Regional Transportation Planning process. Mr. Wessel's presentation consisted of the congestion and arterial network development, multi-modal system, and safety for bikes and pedestrians. Mr. Wessel shared the tentative plan for the roads such as widening I-40, Milton Road, and East Route 66. Likewise, JW Powell Boulevard and Woody Mountain Road could be extended to provide alternative routes to relieve in-town congestion. Mr. Wessel stated that the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization is accepting public comment until March 20th, 2017. Mr. Wessel said that adoption of their plan could be accepted by the executive board by April 2017.

C. Follow Up Items from Joint Meeting with Coconino County Parks and Recreation Commission, Betsy Emery

Ms. Emery, Open Space Specialist, asked the Commission to share their thoughts and takeaways from the joint Commission meeting with the Coconino County Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Emery shared the idea of having a volunteer liaison to attend the Coconino County Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and bring back important topics to share at the Open Spaces Commission. Commissioner Hirst volunteered to be the liaison. Commissioner Rick Miller stated that he enjoyed the joint meeting since both commissions have common interests. Chair Burton suggested that another joint meeting should take place in six months. The Commission expressed interest in sharing agendas back and forth to see what topics are being covered at both meetings. In addition, Commission stated that they would like to view the County owned parcels in City limits that are vacant in a future Commission meeting.

D. Matrix Remaining City-Owned Parcels, Betsy Emery

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| ➤ 101-01-003F | ➤ 116-61-006 |
| ➤ 101-01-020B | ➤ 112-61-111 |
| ➤ 112-12-046B | ➤ 112-51-220 |
| ➤ 112-17-034B | ➤ 112-51-219 |
| ➤ 112-19-011A | ➤ 112-48-066 |
| ➤ 112-20-012B | ➤ 105-06-105B |

Chair Burton motioned to table this agenda item to the March 27th, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Rick Miller seconded. All voted in favor.

E. Open Space Management Update, Betsy Emery

Ms. Emery gave a brief update on managing the open spaces. Erin O’Keefe, Open Space Aide with the AmeriCorps VISTA project, has been organizing a service academy for indigenous youth at Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve. The pilot will launch this summer. Indigenous youth will have an opportunity to tour Picture Canyon, attend lunch-time panels with individuals in the STEM field, and participate in a service project such as ecological restoration or archeological documentation.

5. Information Items To and From Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner David Zimmerman introduced himself to the Commission. Mr. Zimmerman shared his education and school background along with the other Commissions he has been involved with over the past few years.

6. Upcoming Agenda Items

- A. Continued Venus Parcel Discussion, Martin Ince
- B. Acquisition Priorities for Open Space and FUTS, Betsy Emery/Martin Ince
- C. Review of Vacant County-Owned Parcels within City Limits, Betsy Emery
- D. Open Space Symposium Planning, Betsy Emery
- E. McMillan Mesa Management, Steve Zimmerman

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:07pm. Commissioner Hirst seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Elizabeth Emery, Open Space Specialist