



# Approved Minutes

## City of Flagstaff

### Beautification & Public Art Commission

4:00 p.m. – Monday, February 13, 2017\_

Milligan House (city's Convention and Visitor's Bureau), 323 W. Aspen

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Anne Doyle, Chairman, **present**  
Erin Joyce, Vice Chair, **present**  
Jill Christensen, **present**  
George Averbeck, **present**  
Anthony Garcia, **present**  
Andres Aduato, **present**  
Vacant

CITY STAFF: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison  
Deborah Cargill, Recording Secretary

a. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

b. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

c. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Administrative Specialist
- Upcoming Viola Awards

d. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017.

**MOTION:** *Vice Chair, Joyce moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

e. IDEA SHARING SESSION

- Jimmy Craven, of the Monte Vista Hotel, would like to help finance a Gateway in the downtown area. Commissioner Averbeck is asking for Jimmy to be introduced at an upcoming meeting so Jimmy can talk about the Gateway and some sharing on the cost and/or co-finance. The Commission could take a closer look at his proposal and discuss at the October retreat.
- Commissioner Garcia – has an idea for utilizing tree trunks without limbs by carving them with chain saws to produce chain saw art that remains in place.
- Commissioner Averbeck – Cut down a tree and use a chainsaw to carve initials ACE, for signage.



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#### **OLD BUSINESS** (Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)

##### **1. Children's Garden Sculpture**

Address: Foxglenn Park  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator

*The Children's Garden Sculpture is a public art project jointly funded by the City and Jack's Little Brother, LLC. The sculpture will be installed in the Children's Garden which is located in Foxglenn Park.*

Jack's Little Brother (JLB) has changed the language regarding the requirements for the Sculpture.

##### 1. Theme and Form language change:

The Sculpture shall:

- a. Be approximately 15 ft. tall.
- b. Integrate color.
- c. Bring to mind Stars and constellations.
- d. Shall promote childlike wonder and playfulness.
- e. Shall emphasize spontaneous play instead of programmed behavior.
- f. Shall not be overly refined, monumental or heavy.
- g. Shall not incorporate religious iconography.

##### 2. Scoring

- a. A minimum average score of 50 or more will be the criteria used to select finalists. This was done in order to address questions on qualifying.

##### 3. Revised Schedule – The schedule has been lengthened. Artists were given approximately one extra month to submit.

- a. Advertisement goes out tomorrow, February 14, 2017.
- b. Initial offering is due, April 3, 2017.
- c. Initial offers evaluated April, 10, 2017.
- d. Decision by June 5, 2017.



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**MOTION:** *Vice Chair, Joyce moved to approve the revised call to artists' including the theme, form language, and schedule. Commissioner Christensen seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

## 2. Public Art Map

Address: N/A  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator

*The city's public art map is the primary method that residents and tourists use to learn about and explore Flagstaff's very successful public art program. A new edition is planned for publication in the summer 2017.*

- a. There is a spreadsheet of all the public art that is located in the city.
- b. Would like to see all art that can possibly be found, on the map.
- c. Putting together the print map now; printing is scheduled for this May.
- d. The smart phone app is limited to 99 locations. More locations would entail a cost increase. Additionally, a story map is included with the app which can be hosted on the city website. However, tourists may not know to go to the city website. For this reason, the app will work better than the city website.
- e. There are missing synopses' for much of the art. An email was sent to the artists to provide their version of "what the art is." A few responses were received. There are a number of locations we need help gathering this information.
- f. Commissioner Garcia would like to see the Dan Namingha piece at MNA on the map with a note to see it at night as it has more impact.

**ACTION TAKEN:** *Heard updated presentation, discussed, and provide comments.*



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#### 3. Route 66 and Milton Road Beautification/Public Art Installation

Address: N/W corner Route 66 & Milton Road  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison

*This project site is within ADOT's right-of-way. Also, Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization and Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Transportation Authority are considering an additional vehicle lane on this site's road frontage thus affecting the usable area.*

- a. Update – The National Park Service rustic style for this project harkens back to the design precedent that was torn down when 89A and Route 66 were realigned. There may be upcoming variations on this theme.
- b. ADOT generally, will only consider a project when it's 90% complete.
- c. We would like to get approval before we expend the funds to get to 90% completion.
- d. Design look – on inside floor and walls, convey the Route 66 story.
- e. The tower is to be a 20 foot tall structure. Large banners (8' tall) on each side can be utilized to advertise Flagstaff events. Additionally, the tower will have a Route 66 shield on the outside.
- f. How will this affect traffic? A slip lane drawing was done to show the worst case scenario.
- g. There will be no bridge, ever.
- h. Much coordination will be needed.
- i. Time frame for completion – start construction this summer.
- j. There was much discussion on the possibilities for this project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** *Heard updated presentation and discussed design direction.*



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#### 4. Beautification Art – Five-Year Plan

Address: N/A  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison

*Staff added five projects to the beautification five-year plan after BPAC's yearly retreat. These are projects that were either suggested by Mayor/Council, or by staff because the plan still had some financial capacity.*

##### Project Additions to Five-Year plan:

- a. Downtown pavers.
- b. Historic District signs – will wait for ADOT to use their grants to replace some of the signs. Signs will be done for the four Districts.
- c. Phoenix Parking Plaza - Old Rendezvous park project Beaver/Phoenix rendezvous sculpture. Still makes sense to look at a park here and some additional parking.
- d. McAllister/Rt. 66 – redo part of I-40, i.e. McAllister Ranch pull off with small parking lot and interpretive signage for the ranch and Route 66.
- e. Holiday Decorations.

MOTION: *Vice Chair, Joyce moved to approve the additions to the five-year plan. Commissioner Aduato seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Beautification in Action (BiA) Grant for Old Town Springs Park

Address: Old Town Park  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison

*The settlement that would eventually become Flagstaff was first known as Antelope Spring, then Flagstaff, then the Old Town area of Flagstaff. The reliable spring that helped make the original settlement and development of Flagstaff possible continues to flow and is an integral part of Old Town Park and what is now known as the La Plaza Vieja neighborhood.*



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- a. Laura Bustamante Myers, representing La Plaza Vieja couldn't be here today. Although this is a Beautification in Action (BiA) project for which BPAC has final authority, HPC will do a courtesy review of this on Wednesday due to the historical nature of the area.
- b. The Park will consist of interpretive exhibits, amenity upgrades to the park and the old spring. This will be done in conjunction with some of our parks people going ahead with pedestrian amenity improvements to enhance the spring and interpretive exhibits.

**ACTION TAKEN:** *Heard updated presentation and discussed design direction. The commissioners would like to see a copy of the grant application/proposal prior to approving the \$2,500 grant.*

- c. Commissioner Averbeck would like to see the item again on the next BPAC agenda

## 2. **Holiday Themed Public Art at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway**

Address: N/W corner 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Route 66  
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, Staff Liaison

*There may be better holiday/art options for the Gateway, including options more artful than an artificial tree.*

- a. Background as well as lighting must be considered when looking at art pieces that incorporate lighting.
- b. Bridge lighting is a possibility but the right-of-way must be checked.
- c. Further Discussion can take place at the October retreat.

**ACTION TAKEN:** *Discussed the purchase and challenges of holiday themed art for the Gateway.*



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#### **CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next regular meeting date: March 13, 2017 in Council Chambers.
- b. Commissioner Garcia will attend the next meeting telephonically.
- c. Chair Doyle - Airport photo missing- wants to follow-up.
- d. Commissioner Joyce would like to see the Navajo language incorporated into the Rt 66 Tower.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Doyle adjourned the meeting at 5:38 pm.