



Approved Minutes
City of Flagstaff
Beautification & Public Art Commission
4:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

4:04 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Anthony Garcia, Chair **Present**
Jill Christensen, Vice Chair **Present**
George Averbek **Present**
Andres Adauto **Present**
Joel Fritzler **Present**
David Fueger **Present**
Sandra Lubarsky **Absent**

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

I. PRELIMINARY GENERAL BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. A member of the public, Michael Harding, would like the commission to consider a graffiti wall like the one in Venice Beach, CA.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. NAIPTA Presentation – Move the New Business before Old Business.

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

1. Meeting of August 13, 2018

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes of August 13, 2018 as submitted.

MOTION: *Commissioner Fritzler made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Fueger seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.*

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. NAIPTA Presentation

Address:	N/A
Presenter:	NAIPTA Staff
City Staff:	Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION:	Hear presentation and ask questions. This presentation is for information only.

The Flagstaff City Council placed four propositions on the November 2018 ballot for Flagstaff voters to consider. To educate the public about these propositions, NAIPTA staff will make a brief presentation to the BPAC. The presentation, with time for questions, should take 30 minutes and will cover:

Proposition 419: Continuance of Sales Tax for Roadway, Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Safety Improvements.

Proposition 420: Sales Tax for a Lone Tree Railroad Overpass from Butler Avenue to Route 66

Proposition 421: Sales Tax for Increased Transit Service

Proposition 422: Improving Housing Affordability

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation and ask questions. This presentation is for information only.

Barbara Goodrich introduced Jeff Meilbeck, CEO of NAIPTA. The commissioners listened to the presentation by Jeff Meilbeck regarding Propositions 419, 420, and 421. Sarah Darr presented Proposition 422. The commissioners listened to both presentations and asked a few questions. No action was taken on these items.

III. OLD BUSINESS

(Continued, postponed, and tabled items.)

1. Downtown Tree-well Benches

Address: Various downtown locations
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION: Hear presentation and discuss

This beautification project would replace selected downtown tree grates with benches. The benches are tree-friendly, mitigate heaved paving, replace aging benches in need of repair, and provide beautification opportunities to install flowering annuals and perennials.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation and discuss

The commissioners viewed a prototype tree well bench. The bench was a custom build. If the commission decided to go with these benches, they would only be located in certain places in the downtown area based on the width of the sidewalk and other criteria, approximately 40-50 locations. Overall, the commissioners liked the design and the flowers put in beneath the bench. The cost of future benches would be less than the prototype. There was some concern regarding the possibility of people sleeping on the benches. However, the circular design would discourage that behavior. Overall, the commissioners were in favor of the benches.

2. Route 66 Walk the Talk

Address: Various locations along Route 66's original Downtown Alignment
City Staff: Mark Di Lucido, CD&R Project Administrator
REQUESTED ACTION: Hear presentation and discuss

'Walk the Talk' is the pedestrian component of the larger Route 66 project. It's an audio tour that features oral histories of properties and events along the original downtown alignment of Route 66. Sign blades mounted on poles at selected historic properties (approximately eight locations) announce the oral history locations. After dialing the phone number on the sign and selecting the location's number, a pre-recorded oral history of the location may be heard.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Hear presentation and discuss

The commission listened to the presentation on 'Walk the Talk'. Some of the commissioners felt dialing a phone number was a little outdated but accepted the notion that it would provide access to all age groups. There was some talk about 'celebrities' making the recordings as well as local people. Overall, the commission was in favor of this project.

IV. CONCLUDING GENERAL BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Confirm October Retreat date – The commissioners provided dates they are available to Mark. Mark will consolidate and let the commissioners know when the Retreat meeting will be held
- b. The next BPAC meeting will not be held on the 8th. Once Mark has looked at everyone's availability, he will notify the commissioners when it will be.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Garcia would like a discussion regarding the graffiti wall at the Retreat.
- b. Commissioner Fueger would like some beautification discussion at the retreat.
- c. Andres will be hosting the third bicycle party on Tuesday, the 14th beginning at 5:30 pm at Wheeler Park.
- d. At 7:30 PM on the 15th, is the monthly Flagstaff Foundry, a local variety show, which is usually at the Coconino Center for the Arts but will be at the Museum of Contemporary Art Flagstaff (MOCAF) location this month.
- e. Commissioner Fritzler – The pictures of Schultz Pass Road showing the yellow flowers in bloom were sent out by Mark.
- f. Mark DiLucido and Commissioner Garcia will be presenting the BPAC Annual Report to Council.
- g. The Unity Mural is complete.

ADJOURNMENT 5:48 PM