



**BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

June 14, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

*City of Flagstaff – Microsoft Teams Remote Meeting*

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City Staff: Eliza Kretzmann – Staff Liaison, Jana Weldon – Project Administrator, Creag Znetko – Recording Secretary, VISTA AmeriCorps Member Erin Kaczmarowski

- A. **The Public is Invited to Attend this Remote Meeting:** Please join us via Microsoft Teams by clicking on the following link, which brings you to the live meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Anthony Garcia, Chair, *present*  
Sandra Lubarsky, Vice-Chair, *present*  
J Michael Cruz, *present*

Carla McCord, *present*  
Jeremy Slater, *present, joined late*  
Kraig Weber, *present*

**C. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> courthouse installation ribbon cutting, Flagstaff community market on Wednesdays at Heritage Square, Viola awards occurring this Friday, symphony concert July 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Pepsi Amphitheater.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or acting on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners 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. Public comment should be sent to [eliza.kretzmann@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:eliza.kretzmann@flagstaffaz.gov), prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting with PUBLIC COMMENT in the email subject or during the designated public participation section.*

NONE

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. May BPAC Meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cruz moved to approve the May minutes as presented; Chair Garcia seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

## F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. None at this time.

Chair Garcia announced a moment of silence for the tragic accident that took place last month, May 28, 2021.

## B. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Approval of Chair for Additional 2 Year Term:** Chair Garcia has agreed to serve for one more term as Chair. Vote for approval.

Staff announced that it's time to reappoint the current chair or elect a new chair.

Chair Garcia is willing to continue as chair of the commission.

Vice Chair Lubarsky thanked current Chair Garcia for his time on the commission and the leadership he has shown.

MOTION: Commissioner McCord moved to reappoint Chair Garcia to a second term; Vice Chair Lubarsky seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Airport Parking Project – Approval of Preliminary Art/Beautification Concept:** Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator

After receiving input from community members and stakeholders in focus groups, the artist team of Pete Goldlust and Melanie Germond have incorporated the feedback into a concept for the FUTS fence railing that runs along the sidewalk connecting the new parking lot to the terminal. Jana Weldon will present a preliminary concept of the art/beautification features that encompasses this direction.

Suggested Action: Hear the presentation by Jana Weldon and approve the preliminary art concept that beautifies the pathway.

Staff presented to the commission the feedback for this project and is seeking approval of the preliminary art concepts.

Chair Garcia: Feedback to staff will start with Commissioner Cruz.

Commissioner Cruz: What is the difference between the footnotes and footprints?

Staff: Footnotes are the manhole covers that give a description of the art on the fence. Footprints are impressed into the walkway that are of different animals and an astronaut.

Chair Garcia: This is a decision we need to make, sacrifice a few footprints for more footnotes?

Staff: Yes, please. Need approval for the entire project, looking for recommendations for the footnotes and footprints.

Commissioner McCord: Likes the concept, would have liked to see larger pieces from the original design. There are other small creatures that could represent Northern Arizona. Commended the artist on the interpretation.

Chair Garcia: Put a lot of emphasis on the lunar stuff. Would like to see more authentic historical items portrayed.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Appreciates the artist. Likes the footnotes. History is more complex than paying homage to Route 66 and it's okay to represent with more historical accuracy.

Chair Garcia: There are certain parts of our history that we shouldn't bury.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Could a footnote give more history?

Chair Garcia: Yes, it might and there is more than Native American history in Flagstaff.

Commissioner McCord: There needs to be a way to identify more of what the struggle was for creating Flagstaff that captures all cultures involved.

Commissioner Weber: The artist had a lot of information given to him and likes the concept that came to fruition. Would like more footnotes than footprints.

Commissioner Cruz: Likes the playful aspect of the designs, whimsical. Footnotes would be more meaningful than footprints.

Chair Garcia: Would like to see some footprints stay for inclusion of children.

Commissioner Slater: Recognizes the effort put in for the project. Explanations on footnotes would be great.

Chair Garcia: Is the fence ADA compliant?

Staff: Yes

Chair Garcia: Likes the footprints, likes the process of the focus group, suggests a Pueblo ladder.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Would like to keep some footprints too.

Staff: Would like to address some comments; kept a quail instead of a ringtail, the artist initially thought of creating 20 feet instead of 280 feet, the bigger pieces were removed due to steel prices, hears the voice of the commission about keeping the footprints. What are the footnotes adding? Can we sacrifice some? We will look closely at the budget.

Commissioner Slater: Are the footprints ADA?

Staff: yes, they are not very deep.

MOTION: Commissioner McCord moved to accept the proposal as presented. Commissioner Cruz seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

## A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Library Entry Plaza Preliminary Public Art & Beautification Update— Review and Next Steps:** Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator

A sloping sidewalk design has been chosen and the plaza is currently undergoing IDS review. The design team is currently refining the pre-liminary art concept for safety, and the artist reviewed a direction on the cut patterns with a focus group. In a presentation, Jana Weldon will share new renderings, the safety design direction, and the responses on the initial ideas for cut patterns.

**Suggested Action:** Discussion of the developing art features.

Staff presented to the commission the options that have been directed by City Council. It was the same option the commission chose with a few exceptions.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Is each book going to have a different design?

Staff: The artist would like to have individual designs for each book, depending on cost. Probably each set at a minimum would receive a different design.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Would like to see a piece with water, likes the organic pieces better than the architectural pieces. Overall, the project looks great.

Commissioner Slater: Likes all the aspects and appreciates the rendering.

Commissioner McCord: Thank you to staff. Can we see these projects objectively such as a passerby would see? The ash borer infestation can damage the ash tree, can we ask an arborist about this?

Staff: We did, and that tree is the one that they would like to preserve if they can. We have strong direction to keep that tree but will keep the discussion going. (Staff note – we learned that though this tree's common name is ash, it is not the same type of ash that the emerald ash borer attacks but rather an entirely different species).

Commissioner Weber: Likes the direction this is taking.

Commissioner Cruz: Had concerns about the sharp edges but appreciates the work put into ensuring that was addressed.

Chair Garcia: Happy with the project. Would still like to see the chess board incorporated into the plaza. Appreciates all the effort that went into the project so far.

- b. **Continued Discussion on Mission/Vision/Guidelines or Strategic Focus Areas** – Chair Garcia, Eliza Kretzmann - Beautification, Arts & Sciences Manager

Chair Garcia: Would the commission prefer to keep this discussion going or let this rest for a year or so?

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Would like to keep this going. Suggested having an assignment given for the discussions to be better prepared.

Commissioner Cruz: Would like to continue.

Commissioner Slater: Would like to continue.

Staff: Wanted to mention that the Sustainability Commission is going through a similar process. The original idea was to create guiding principles, mission, vision, focus areas, etc.

Chair Garcia: Will reach out to the chair of the Sustainability Commission to get familiar with the process. Our next meeting should be the start of this process.

## **B. TO/FROM ITEMS**

- A. City Staff To/From and Updates: Erin Kaczmarowski, Eliza Kretzmann, Jana Weldon  
- Update on Phone Booth Tiny Library – Eliza

Staff reminded the commission this was approved prior to the pandemic. Was not approved by the recession finance committee during the pandemic but is now approved to move forward. From the responses, 87% of community surveyors thought it would be of interest to the community. The Visitor Center was the chosen location by the community.

- Update on Flower Project – Eliza  
The pilot program was successful and we are doing this again. Will have larger planters for traffic barriers when needed.
- Update on Traffic Signal Cabinets – Jana  
The call is open, one of the sites is where the bicycle tragedy took place on Beaver and Butler. Have targeted outreach for this location.
- Update on Courthouse Artwork – Jana  
The artwork was installed. There is an amendment for the lighting and a digital poetry component that will come later.
- Update on Downtown Connection Center – Jana  
There is a stakeholder meeting on Thursday.
- Update on Bus Art Project – Erin  
The call closed on June 3rd. Selection panel is happening this week.

B. Chair To/From and Updates: Anthony Garcia

Citizens petition for biking safety in roadways, reallocation of funding in proposition 419.

C. City Council Liaison Updates

Thanks for the meeting and ideas, will represent BPAC with Council.

D. Additional To/From Items from the Commission?

Commissioner Cruz attended the Commission on Diversity and Inclusion. Are we still going to report out?

Chair Garcia: This section would be the appropriate time to share that and it's up to the individual commissioner to keep attending other commission meetings.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: If there are important items from other commissions that may affect the BPAC, please bring those items back to this commission.

E. Requests for future agenda items?

Chair Garcia: Capital projects that consider biking/pedestrian safety.

Vice Chair Lubarsky: Time to consider being involved with safety projects. Consider a memorial where the accident occurred. Staff mentioned they are in communication with a member of the public about a potential memorial.

**C. TIME/DATE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- BPAC Meeting: Monday, July 12, 4 p.m., Microsoft Teams Meeting

**D. ADJOURNMENT** Commissioner Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.