

**CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2014  
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM  
155 WEST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
YUMA, AZ 85364**

**Chairperson David Psolka** called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**   **Chairperson David Psolka**  
                                  **Mary Ann Easterday**  
                                  **Donald Strickland**  
                                  **Sharon Craig**  
                                  **Vice-Chairperson Linda Collins**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Martin Agundez, Public Works Manager**  
                                  **Joel Olea, Public Works Director**  
                                  **Kim Beltran, Administrative Assistant**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**     **Ron Ramirez, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Parks  
and Recreation Department**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**October 28, 2014 Minutes:** **Chairperson David Psolka** asked for the minutes to be amended to state, under New Business, that **Mary Ann Easterday** was contacted by Tom Hornick, Code Enforcement Specialist in Neighborhood Services.

**Motion was made by Mary Ann Easterday and seconded by Donald Strickland** to approve the October 28, 2014 minutes, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Call to the Public:** No others were present.

**Ron Ramirez, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, for the City Parks and Recreation Department** stated he was there to answer questions concerning the Graffiti Hotline. **Vice-Chairperson Linda Collins** asked how long it took to have graffiti painted over and Ron Ramirez said 24 hours (not including weekends and holidays). There was a discussion regarding various areas in the City that have graffiti. **Ron Ramirez** said they would work with any groups that wanted to help with painting. Also, if a resident supplies the paint, the City would paint the resident's whole wall, not

just the section with graffiti. **Mary Ann Easterday** asked what they could do the help. Ron Ramirez said to call the Graffiti Hotline ((928) 329-2828) whenever they see graffiti.

**Vice-Chairperson Linda Collins** asked about streetlight repair and **Joel Olea** stated that the Public Works Department repairs streetlights while pole replacement is contracted out. Streetlight outages should be reported to Public Works at (928) 373-4500).

**Beautification Award Nominations:** **Mary Ann Easterday** had two addresses to nominate for the award. **Don Strickland** motioned to accept the nominations and **Vice-Chairperson Linda Collins** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was decided to do the award presentations starting at 10:00 AM on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Mary Ann Easterday** also mentioned that there are three properties in the Mesa Heights subdivision she would like to see recognized. **Chairperson David Psolka** said he signed the letters of recognition for the addresses on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the last meeting.

**Adopt-a-Street/Eight Street Cleanup:** **Chairperson David Psolka** suggested Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for the street cleanup at 8:00 AM. They decided to meet at the Food City parking lot at that time.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors/National Honor Society Participation:** **Mary Ann Easterday** said that the neighborhood on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Street is looking better since they held the Neighbors Helping Neighbors there. **Chairperson David Psolka** suggested he get some addresses from the area and send letters thanking them for doing a good job.

## OLD BUSINESS

**2014 Calendar of Events:** There were no changes or discussion.

**Tour of El Centro Recycling Center:** This has been postponed until next year.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Staff Updates:** **Martin Agundez** reported on the disposal of sharps/needles. There are no local companies that will accept sharps from residents. An option for residents is to use a mail back disposal service for needles and medical waste. There is a cost for this service, for the shipping and the disposal. **Martin Agundez** said the City does not have the personnel trained to handle medical waste.

**Joel Olea** gave an update on the Vista Student program. The Vista student for recycling was approved and will be working with the schools in Yuma.

**Joel Olea** informed the Commission that he and **Martin Agundez** will be going before the Yuma City Council at the Work Session starting at 6:00 PM on December 16, 2014. They will be presenting a plan that will help the City move away from alley trash

collection and to have front collection only. **Joel Olea** said that this would be a three year process and invited the **Clean and Beautiful Commissioners** to attend the presentation.

**Chairperson David Psolka** said he would send an email to the Commissioners to remind them of the Household Hazardous Day on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 8:00 AM at 265 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items mentioned were the following:

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors/National Honor Society Participation
- Tour of El Centro Recycling
- Vista Student
- Household Hazardous Waste Day, January 10, 2015
- 5 Year Plan

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion by Chairperson Linda Collins and motion seconded by Mary Ann Easterday** to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.



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**David Psolka, Chairperson**

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