

**CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 26, 2015
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

Chairperson David Psolka called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson David Psolka
Sharon Craig
Mary Ann Easterday
Donald Strickland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Collins

STAFF PRESENT: Joel Olea, Director of Public Works
Martin Agundez, Public Works Manager
Vi Dague, Administrative Specialist
Hannah Thompson, Vista Employee
Maribel Chavez, YPIC

OTHERS PRESENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

April 28, 2015 Minutes: Motion was made by Mary Ann Easterday to approve the April 28, 2015 minutes as modified, motion was seconded by Donald Strickland.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Call to the Public:

Hannah Thompson and Maribel Chavez showed the Commission the pencils that were ordered to promote recycling in the schools and for the Commissioners to pass out at events.

Chairperson David Psolka read a thank you note from the Sustainability Council for attending the 2015 AWC Sustainability Fair.

Beautification Award Nominations: **Mary Ann Easterday** presented four (4) nominations. Three (3) homes and one (1) business. 2000 Del Oro Lane, 18th Street, west of Avenue A, and the other is right on the corner of 18th Street and Avenue A. The business is at 16th Street right across of the bowling alley – The White Paper. There is also a Code Enforcement that **Easterday** would like to see taken care of. It is at 16th Street and Magnolia, El Pueblcito subdivision. **Sharon Craig** would also like to see the property at 16th Street and 6th Avenue – Yuma Mortuary- cleaned up.

Motion made by Donald Strickland to approve the four nominations, motion second by Sharon Craig.

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation to City Council: **Chairperson David Psolka** expressed his concerns needing two (2) commissioners. **Chairperson Psolka** commented that the commissioners helped in the installation of the cactus. After the meeting Chairperson Psolka was approached by Christian Winters and asked if the commission would be interested in doing something at 16th Street and Avenue A, N.E. corner. Area too small to build anything on. They are looking at beautifying it somehow. **Mary Ann Easterday** would like the commissioners to look at the area before deciding. Chairperson Psolka was approached by Dave Nash to do an interview on the Clean and Beautiful Commission and what the commission does. **Chairperson David Psolka** and **Donald Strickland** will do the interview.

OLD BUSINESS

Metal Recycling Cactus installation: **Mary Ann Easterday** - Located at Avenue C & 20th a planter box was built and 10 – 15 plants were planted and the 7-foot metal cactus which was made of recycled metal was installed. It looks really nice.

Adopt-a-Street: The Adopt-a-Street cleanup is due to be done in June. Commissioners agreed on June 13, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. with Mary Ann Easterday arriving at 7:30 a.m., Commissioners will meet at the Food City Parking lot on 8th Street.

Five-Year Plan: No discussion.

Status of Current Events:

Staff Updates: **Martin Agundez** gave an update on Adopt-a-Street. In the month of May no clean ups had been reported. For the month of April Fed-Ex, Marine Corps did a clean-up of the streets they had adopted. For Public Works week there were three (3) presentations done at three (3) different schools. Mayor Nicholls also read the Proclamation for Public Works Week in the atrium of Public Works.

Joel Olea mentioned in regards to recycling education, Hannah Thompson had a phone meeting with the School Superintendent of District One, Darwin Stiffler. **Hannah Thompson** said that Mr. Stiffler is supportive but had some hesitations about working it into the curriculum and the longevity of the program. Mr. Stiffler had serious concerns about bringing the bins to the classroom. They had tried that before and there was a lot of contamination. We will have a face to face meeting with Mr. Stiffler on June 3rd.

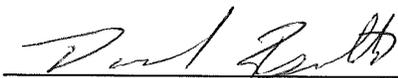
Joel Olea stated that they are going to move forward with beautifying specific areas in the City of Yuma and would ask the Clean and Beautiful Commission to start discussing the next locations. Public Works will take care of the budget/dollar amount and clearing it through Community Development on right of way issues. **Mary Ann Easterday** asked if this was going to be once or twice a year. **Joel Olea** advised that it would probably be twice a year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: List of beautification letters that have been sent out.

ADJOURN

Motion by Donald Strickland, motion seconded by Mary Ann Easterday, to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



David Psolka, Chairperson

6-23-2015

Date