

**CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 22, 2016
PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

Chairperson David Psolka called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Chairperson David Psolka
JoAnne Mowczko
Linda Collins
Vice Chair Kim Hamersley
Donald Strickland**

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Alyssa Becker
Sharon Craig**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: **Theresa Francesco
Naomi Leeman, Senior Planner, Community Development**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Donald Strickland to approve the February 23, 2016 Minutes, motion was seconded by Linda Collins.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Call to the Public: None

Mini Beautification Project: **Martin Agundez** reported that the three metal sculptures for the project at 32nd Street and Pacific Avenue will be ready the week of April 18, 2016. This area has been marked by BlueStake. They plan to use electricity from traffic signals. **Martin Agundez** suggested they put up a sign at the location and presented pictures of a Gabion Baskets design. **Joel Olea** asked for approval from the Commissioners to proceed with this design and the sign since the event would be taking place on May 16th, during Public Works Week. Once the design is decided on they still need to go through the City Planning Department.

JoAnne Mowczko made a motion to accept the design concept and it was seconded by **Donald Strickland**. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson David Psolka stated that the sign needs to recognize the students at San Luis High School welding class for making the sculptures. **Joel Olea** stated they may also consider a separate plaque for them. There was a discussion concerning whether to have a special meeting regarding the finalized design of the project, but it was decided it was not needed.

Beautification Award Nominations: **Donald Strickland** stated that he has still not been able to contact the owner of a property on Madison Avenue which was nominated at a previous meeting. **Chairperson David Psolka** stated that he has not made contact with the property owner on 5th Avenue and will try in the evening. He also stated there are two properties on 13th Avenue deserving Beautification Awards, but has not made contact yet. **JoAnne Mowczko** nominated one property to receive a letter of recognition.

OLD BUSINESS

Five-Year Plan: None

Reports: None

Adopt-a-Street Updates: **Martin Agundez** said that, so far, in March there has been one street cleanup reported and it was on 2 ½ E between 24th Street and 32nd Street.

Status of Current Events

Staff Updates: **Joel Olea** said that **Sharon Craig** turned in her resignation letter which was forwarded to the City Clerk's Office.

The following item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Joel Olea and Naomi Leeman, Senior Planner with Community Development gave a presentation concerning the aesthetics of retention basins (grass versus xeriscape). After the presentation, there was a discussion.

2016 Calendar of Events: **Chairperson David Psolka** reminded everyone that HHW is on April 9th, 2016.

Chairperson David Psolka said that the **Clean and Beautiful Commission** will be cleaning 8th Street in April. They decided to do it on Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 AM. They will meet at the Food City parking lot on 8th Street.

Chairperson David Psolka said that former Commissioner **Mary Ann Easterday** kept a scrapbook for the Commission. **Vice Chair Kim Hamersley** said she would take care of it now.

Commissioner Reports: **Donald Strickland** said **Theresa Francesco** was present and had submitted an application to join the Commission.

Chairperson David Psolka asked the Commissioners to accept **Alyssa Becker's** resignation from the Commission, per the **Clean and Beautiful Commission** by-laws. **JoAnne Mowczko** made a motion to accept the resignation and it was seconded by **Donald Strickland**. Motion carried unanimously. **Chairperson Psolka** asked that staff draft an email or letter to the City Clerk's Office recommending that her membership end.

The Commissioners discussed inviting anyone interested in joining the **Clean and Beautiful Commission** to attend a meeting as a guest before deciding to apply. They discussed their procedure for electing officers and suggested having the present Chairperson mentor anyone interested in having the position in the future.

Vice Chair Kim Hamersley brought up bicycle lanes within the City and there was a brief discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Banners: **Joel Olea** said that he has scheduled the City Attorney to be present at the April 26, 2016 **Clean and Beautiful Commission** meeting to discuss banners.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Donald Strickland, and motion was seconded by JoAnne Mowczko, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



David Psolka, Chairperson

5-24-2016

Date