

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION
WORK SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2023
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

Chairman Greg LaVann called the work session to order at (2:30) p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg LaVann, Chairman
Arturo Morales, Vice Chairman
JoAnne Mowczko, Commissioner
Kyla Smith, Commissioner
Robert Vigil, Commissioner
Lonna Brazeel, Commissioner
Dierdre MacDonald, Commissioner

**STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Joel Olea, Director of Public Works
Laura Zavala, Administrative Support Supervisor
Martin Agundez, Public Works Manager
Michael Flowers, Public Works Manager

GUESTS: Carol Perez, YCAT Transit Operations Manager
Bill Mowczko, Member of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Greg LaVann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Morales and seconded by Commissioner Mowczko to approve the previous meeting minutes (unanimously); the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Call to the Public:

During the meeting, the commission moved up Item 4C on the agenda to give Carol Perez, the Transit Operations Manager of YCAT, the opportunity to update them about the bus stop at the northeast corner of the intersection of Avenue A and 32nd St. The commission had previously asked about adding a bus shelter to the stop to serve better community members who frequently use it. Carol explained that the stop has the ninth highest ridership for YCAT, with most of the riders being students attending Vista High School who get off for school, in contrast to other stops with a higher rank in ridership because they are being utilized throughout the day. Carol also clarified that YCAT is not

against putting a shelter in that area, but they are waiting to see if it would be feasible due to some construction work.

See Click Fix Presentation:

Public Works Manager Martin Agundez shared some statistics and updates on the process for handling public requests at Public Works that come through See Click Fix. The focus of the updates was on Code Compliance issues. Since integrating the See Click Fix Application into the Public Works workflow, the department has been able to identify and address public concerns, such as staying informed about the investigation of a code issue. Martin explained that sometimes investigations can be lengthy, so to keep residents informed, Public Works has included an "In Progress" status. This status includes a work order number and contact information for residents to inquire about additional information. The department may not always be able to provide detailed information regarding the issue, but informing the resident that the request is "In progress" lets them know it is still being worked on.

Identifying New Location for City Lot Beautification:

Director Joel Olea informed the commission about preliminary talks to beautify the area around Melody Mobile Court on E. 24th St. The Director, along with Manager Agundez, will be conducting a site visit soon.

Chairman LaVann proposed beautifying one of the lots on the corner of West 16th St. and South Ave A. The Chairman requested for the Director to update the commission in the next meeting if it would be feasible to do something to beautify one of those corner lots.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee:

Chairman LaVann provided an update to Machele Headington, a representative from YRMC, on the progress of the East Main Canal Beautification project. He also requested that YRMC add April 27, 2023, to their calendar as a tentative date for the community planting event. The East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee will collaborate with YRMC to ensure a seamless execution of the event.

Promotion and Marketing Subcommittees:

No Updates

Beautification Award Subcommittee:

Commissioner Brazeel presented a draft greeting letter to the commission. The letter's purpose is to be given to residents when the homeowner of a resident whom they would like to nominate for a Beautification Award cannot be contacted. The letter will be translated into Spanish for non-English speakers, and both paper and digital copies will be available to the commissioners. During the meeting, Chairman LaVann entertained a

motion to adopt the letter, which Commissioner Mowczko made. Commissioner MacDonald seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The letter will now be implemented in the Beautification Award process.

Adopt-a-Street Subcommittee:

The Clean and Beautiful Commission conducted a cleanup along their segment on 16th St. from Redondo Center Dr. to the I-8 off-ramp near Circle K. Approximately eight bags of trash were collected.

STAFF UPDATES

HHW Event in January:

Administrative Support Supervisor, Laura Zavala informed the commission that HHW events will be moving to quarterly instead of monthly starting January 2024. The commission was presented with the idea to volunteer during the event in January. As the date gets closer, more information will be shared with the commission to prepare better.

November & December Meetings:

The commission decided to hold the November 28th meeting and reschedule December's meeting from the 26th to the 19th.

Update on bus stop shade installation at Kofa HS:

This item was moved to item 3A on the agenda and YCAT representative Carol Perez spoke at Call to the Public.

Future Agenda Items:

None

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No Discussion arose.

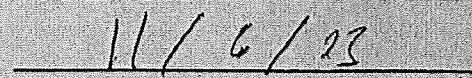
Adjourn:

Chairman LaVann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vigil made a motion, Vice-Chairman Morales seconded the motion, (unanimously) the motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.



Greg LaVann

Chairman



Date