

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION
WORK SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2023
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

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

STAFF MEMBERS: Joel Olea, Director of Public Works
Laura Zavala, Administrative Support Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Morales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

During the meeting, Vice Chairman Morales pointed out an error in the minutes related to the East Main Canal Subcommittee section. The correction to the minutes should read as follows: He also requested that YRMC add April 27, 2024, to their calendar as a tentative date for the community planning event. No other errors were identified in the minutes. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mowczko to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner MacDonald and unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Call to the Public:

No members of the public were present for this meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

East Main Canal Beautification Committee:

Director Joel Olea provided an update to the commission during the meeting. He informed them that the Public Works department has held meetings with contractors to discuss a project related to planting trees and shrubs along the East Main Canal on the East side. As per the discussions, 35 locations where the plantation can be done have been identified between 16th St. and 24th St. Director Olea also informed the commission that once the contractor is selected and awarded the project, they will update the commission with the details of the work to be completed.

Promotion and Marketing Committee:

Vice Chairman Morales has requested a QR code that directs the public to Yuma See Click Fix.

Beautification Award Notification:

The greeting letter has been translated and revised. Administrative Support Supervisor Laura Zavala will send the commissioners a digital copy for their records.

STAFF UPDATES

Beautification Location Updates:

Director Olea updated the commission on Melody Mobile Court, located off Pacific Ave. and 24th St. The property owner requested assistance from the City with landscaping the East side along her property on Pacific Ave. She proposed that if the city landscaped the area, she would take charge of the water and maintenance. The owner of the property will meet with her Board members to discuss an intergovernmental agreement (IGA). Public Works has met with contractors and is in the process of putting a placeholder for this project in the budget.

HHW Event Update, Saturday, January 2024:

Administrative Support Supervisor Laura Zavala provided an update on the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event scheduled for January 13th, 2024. She also confirmed that four commissioners, including the Chairman, will be volunteering at the event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No updates currently.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Main Street palm trees. She shared that she recently spoke to Eric Urfer, the Director of Parks and recreation, who informed her that they will be able to plant ten new palm trees along Main Street.

This was Commissioner Mowczko's final meeting. She expressed gratitude and mentioned the exciting possibilities the commission is making possible.

During the meeting, the commissioners talked about the upcoming vacancy that will arise after the retirement of Commissioner Mowczko. They were informed that two applications for the position were currently being reviewed.

ADJOURN

At 3:44 pm, Chairman LaVann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Morales made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, and passed unanimously.



Greg LaVann Chairman

1/30/24

Date