

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION  
WORK SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2024  
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM  
155 WEST 14TH STREET  
YUMA, AZ 85364**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg LaVann, Chairman  
Kyla Smith, Commissioner  
Lonna Brazeel, Commissioner  
Deirdre MacDonald, Commissioner  
Andrea Bereznak, Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Arturo Morales, Vice Chairman  
Kirsten Carpenter, Commissioner

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Joel Olea, Director of Public Works  
Martin Agundez, Public Works Manager  
Laura Zavala, Admin Support Supervisor

**GUEST:** Kathryn Roman, Administrative Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Chairman LaVann.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2023; Commissioner Brazil seconded the motion. Unanimously, the motion was passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Call to the Public:**

No members of the public were present during this meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

### **East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee:**

Chairman LaVann provided the new Commissioner with some background information on the East Main Canal Beautification Project. Director Joel Olea followed, informing the commission that Public Works has been working with local landscaping companies to draft the irrigation plans. The contractor has committed to installing the irrigation and getting the trees. Once the irrigation is installed, inspected, and completed, a tentative date to begin planting trees is set for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Promotion and Marketing Subcommittee:**

No updates.

### **Beautification Award Subcommittee:**

Commissioner Brazeel informed the commission that she has had a difficult time communicating with the homeowner of 1330 W. Ridgeview Dr. to schedule a date for the commission to present the award. Commissioner Brazeel made a motion to rescind the nomination; Commissioner MacDonald seconded the motion. Unanimously, the motion was passed.

Commissioner Smith nominated the business "Mellon Farms" located at 2180 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. to receive a Beautification Award. She informed the commission that the property had been awarded a Beautification Award in 2014. However, they have maintained the business looking clean and beautiful all these years, so it was agreed that they deserved a 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination. Chairman LaVann entertained a motion to award "Mellon Farms" with an award. The motion was made by Commissioner Berezna and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Unanimously, the motion was passed.

### **STAFF UPDATES:**

Director Joel Olea provided the commission with some stats on items received during the Household Hazardous Waste event conducted on January 13, 2024.

Martin Agundez provided the commission with a presentation that obtained some background information on previous mini-beautification projects where the Public Works Department and the Clean and Beautiful Commission have worked with different schools to build sculptures to place in some major intersections of the city with designs that represent Yuma. Martin informed the commission that he has been working with AWC on a new mini-beautification award for the upcoming Spring. The new sculpture will be located on the northwest corner of Ave 8E & 32<sup>nd</sup> St., and it will be in the shape of a train engine.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

No future agenda items to add.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Smith updated informed the commission that the City of Yuma Parks & Recreation department has agreed to plant palms along Main Street if Gowan donates them. The efforts will continue soon to begin the project.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner MacDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Brazeel seconded the motion. Unanimously, the motion was passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.

  
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Chairman, Greg LaVann

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