

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION
WORK SESSION HELD ON MARCH 26, 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
Kirsten Carpenter, Commissioner
Andrea Bereznak, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arturo Morales, Vice Chairman

GUESTS: Pedro Velázquez, APV Curbing

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chairman Greg LaVann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 27th, 2024; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Unanimously, the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Call to the Public:

Three members of the public were present during this meeting. They introduced themselves as Norma Avila, Ana Garcia, and Evelyn Aello, representatives from Arizona@Work Youth Services. They informed the commission that they would like to partner with the city and involve their summer youth participants to assist in any upcoming events.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee:

Martin Agundez gave a presentation to show the commission on which trees and shrubs were selected to be planted along the East Main Canal multi-use path between 16th and 24th St. A total of 45 trees and 90 shrubs will be planted on April 27th. The trees will all be 15 gallons, and the shrubs will be 5 gallons. Amongst the tree selection, there are Texas Ebony's, Southern Live Oak's, and Desert Navajo Willow's.

Chairman LaVann updated the commission on a recent meeting held with YRMC, NexGen and APS. APS and Public Works will be organizing the event and YRMC will provide resident staff to help with planting. For safety purposes and the vicinity of the canal, the event will not be open to the public.

YRMC will be donating funds to install exercise equipment along the canal soon.

All commissioners were encouraged to attend the event.

Promotion and Marketing Subcommittee:

No updates currently.

Beautification Award Subcommittee:

The commission voted to award Michelle's Auto Sales a Beautification award for their property located at 2090 E 32nd St. Commissioner MacDonald made a motion, and Commissioner Carpenter seconded it; the motion was unanimously passed.

STAFF UPDATES:

Laura Zavala informed the commission about the next Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off event that will take place on Saturday, April 13th, 2024. Commissioner Carpenter and Brazeel volunteered their time to help at the event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

During the next meeting, the commission will be discussing the dirt areas along Pacific Ave between 24th St. and 32nd St. Vice Chairman, Morales has brought this agenda item to commission in hopes to beautify this location in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NONE

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Bereznak moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 pm. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Chairman, Greg LaVann

Date