

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION
WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 23, 2024
PUBLIC WORKS TRAINING ROOM
155 WEST 14TH STREET
YUMA, AZ 85364**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg LaVann, Chairman
Arturo Morales, Vice Chairman
Kyla Smith, Commissioner
Kirsten Carpenter, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lonna Brazeel, Commissioner
Deirdre MacDonald, Commissioner
Andrea Berezna, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS: Joel Olea, Director of Public Works
Martin Agundez, Public Works Manager
Michael Flowers, Public Works Manager
Laura Zavala, Admin Support Supervisor
Crystal Morales, Administrative Specialist
Reinalda Valle, Customer Account Specialist

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Greg LaVann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Call to the Public:

Nidia Herrera, the Executive Director of Arizona@Work, attended the meeting. She expressed her desire to remain updated on future projects the commission is working on. Her goal is for Arizona@Work to be able to collaborate with the commission on future projects.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee:

At the commission meeting, Martin Agundez gave an informative presentation on the upcoming Tree Planting Event scheduled for April 27, 2024. He shared the details about the steps taken to organize the event, which included allocating necessary funds, holding meetings with contractors, obtaining an irrigation design, and scheduling a planting date for the trees and shrubs.

Director Olea then explained everyone's role on the day of the event. The Public Works department has also arranged for a press release to be issued to the public, and traffic control will be arranged on both entrances to the East Main Canal multi-use path from 16th St. to 24th St. These efforts will help make the event a success and ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Vice Chairman Morales requested that the details and plans of this project be put on a PDF for future reference.

Promotion and Marketing Subcommittee:

Commissioner Smith suggested adding a link on the city website under the Clean and Beautiful Commission that will capture community projects that the commission had been involved in. Commissioner Smith and Vice Chairman Morales will work together to develop a plan of what they would like to see on the website so a meeting can be arranged with the city's communications team.

Beautification Award Subcommittee:

Commissioner Smith reminded the commissioners that we will be presenting a Beautification Award to Michelle's Auto on May 3, 2024.

LANDSCAPING OF 32ND ST. AND PACIFIC AVE

Vice Chairman Morales requested to add this item to the agenda to discuss future plans for landscaping the area of 32nd St. and Pacific Ave. Vice Chairman Morales mentioned that the community has requested the area to be landscaped and maintained with consistency and finished projects. The commission understands that there are some limitations that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) has with what kind of landscaping can be used due to this intersection being in front of the airport.

Director Olea informed the commission that the City of Yuma is working on a landscaping project in the median along 32nd St. between S. Ave 3E & Arizona Ave. He suggested bringing in the engineer or project manager to provide some of the details of the project for reference.

During the meeting, the Chairman asked for an update on the collaboration project between the city and Melody Mobile Court. The project is planned to be developed on the east side of Pacific Ave. starting at 24th St. The Director informed the commission that communication with the park manager has not taken place recently. However, she is aware that the city is waiting for the adoption of the new budget before proceeding with the project.

STAFF UPDATES:

Director Olea informed the commission that Public Works held their 2nd Household Hazardous Waste event of the year on April 13th. During this event, over 300 residents participated by bringing in their hazardous items for appropriate disposal.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

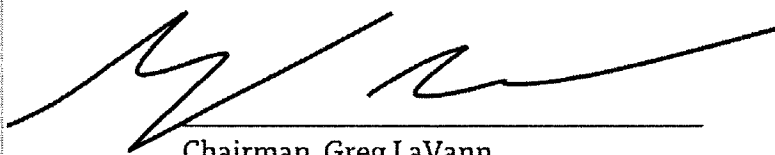
The commission has requested to add two items to May's agenda. The first item is to bring in the project manager for the median project on 32nd St. between S. Ave 3E & S. Arizona Ave. The second item is to discuss the addition of a community projects page on the city website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Smith informed the commission that 13 palms were added to the downtown area. The project went smoothly, and the palms look great.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Morales moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.



Chairman, Greg LaVann

5/2/2024

Date