

**YUMA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE EAST MAIN CANAL BEAUTIFICATION
WORK SESSION HELD ON MAY 28, 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
Lonna Brazeel, Commissioner
Deirdre MacDonald, Commissioner
Andrea Bereznak, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS: Joel Olea, Director of Public Works
Laura Zavala, Administrative Support Supervisor
Darla Kuhn, Customer Account Specialist

GUESTS: Dave Wostenberg, Director of Engineering
Gibran Becerra, CIP Project Manager

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of minutes:

Vice Chairman Morales motioned to approve the meeting minutes on April 23, 2023; Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

32nd St Median Project (Engineering):

Gibran Becerra gave a presentation to the commission where he elaborated on the proposed plans to enhance the medians on 32nd St. from Arizona Ave to Ave 3E and on Ave 3E from 32nd St. to around 43rd St. The proposed enhancements will involve the addition of new rock and vegetation to the medians. Gibran also detailed some of the restrictions imposed by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). For instance, certain areas near the airport and MCAS have limitations on planting trees or palms over 7 feet tall. The City of Yuma Engineering Department is collaborating with AYRES, a

landscape architecture company, to execute this project. While certain aspects of the project are subject to budget availability, the Engineering Department is committed to the project and anticipates commencing work in the Fall of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Call to the Public:

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

East Main Canal Beautification Subcommittee:

Chairman LaVann shared the positive feedback he received after the tree-planting event on April 27, 2024. The commission agreed that the event was well-coordinated and ran smoothly.

The commission plans to continue working with NexGen and YRMC to enhance the bike path further, possibly by adding murals and exercise machines.

Promotion and Marketing Subcommittee:

Vice Chairman Morales and Commissioner Smith discussed adding a "Community Projects" page to the city website under the Clean and Beautiful Commission section. This page would showcase pictures and information about the commission's collaborations or assistance provided to other organizations in community projects.

Beautification Award Subcommittee:

The commission has decided to present Country Roads RV Park, located at 5707 E 32nd St., with a Beautification Award in recognition of its exceptional landscaping maintenance. Commissioner Berezna put forward this nomination, and Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to award the park, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion was unanimously passed.

STAFF UPDATES:

Director Olea updated the commission on the progress of the latest "Welcome to Yuma" sign, which is supposed to be placed at the northwest corner of S. AVE 8E & E 32nd St. However, the installation of the sign will be delayed because AWC is unable to meet the deadline due to some unforeseen circumstances. Public Works will be working with them over the next year to finish this project.

Laura Zavala provided an update on the Adopt-a-Street program, stating that six new organizations joined between January and May, one renewed, and approximately 12 miles were cleaned.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- The commission would like quotes or options on larger Beautification Award signs.
- Chairman LaVann would like to schedule a date for the commission to present their Year-End Presentation to the Yuma City Council.
- Discuss the new fiscal year Beautification Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner MacDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Vice Chairman Morales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Greg LaVann

Chairman, Greg LaVann

Date