

NOTICE AND AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026

Moonshot Conference Room
2225 N Gemini Rd, Flagstaff, AZ
9:00 A.M.
HYBRID

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Commission Members may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

MICHAEL RULON, CHAIR
AUDRA TRAVELBEE, VICE-CHAIR
AVIGAIL CALLAN

CARLA MCCORD
MATT MCGRATH
MEREDITH CURLEY

City Staff: Staff Liaison Jana Weldon

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public comment can be sent to jana.weldon@flagstaffaz.gov, 24 hours prior to the meeting time with Public Comment in the email subject, and it will be read: Or by indicating with a response during this designated public participation section. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes in length. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or acting on an item which is not listed on the prepared agenda. Commissioners may, however, respond to criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the September Draft Minutes as submitted.

5. UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

- A. Please look at flagstaff365.com for upcoming events in music, culture, art, and sciences.
- B. Introduction of Julie Sokol, new Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator-announcement.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. New Project Approval, Traveling Exhibition: Cristen Crujido, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator

Ms. Crujido presented the opportunity to mount the temporary traveling exhibition: Alebrijes & Nahuales: Fantastic Animals from Mexico, currently on tour in the United States through 2028 at the September BPAC meeting. Discussion was deferred to this October meeting. Sole source approval will be needed from procurement. To be able to reserve the exhibition requires timely approval as a new project. Ms. Crujido will present the fundamentals of location and budget. (Presentation 5-7 minutes)

Suggested Action: Discuss proposal, ask questions, give comments. Consider motion to approve the traveling exhibition Alebrijes & Nahuales: Fantastic Animals from Mexico contingent on receiving sole source approval from procurement and dark skies compliance.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Vice-Mayor Sweet's Monthly Report: Miranda Sweet

Vice-Mayor Sweet will review notable updates from City Council.

Suggested Action: Listen to presentation. Ask questions, give comments and suggestions. Discussion only.

B. BPAC and BAS's Potential for Coconino Community College Campus: Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Program Manager

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C. Community Outreach and Input for Art Proposals: Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts and Sciences Program Manager

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D. Beautification in Action Grants: Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts and Sciences Program Manager

Ms. Weldon will outline some changes in the process for this grant cycle. There were 19

applications, 13 are going forward, which will be split between the November and December BPAC meetings. Repeat programming with temporary events, indoor permanent art in civic buildings, and budget detail are general discussion items that came up in this cycle. (Introductory comments 5 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments. Discussion only.

8. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

TO/FROM ITEMS: A vote from additional two commissioners required for any request by a commissioner to add an item to a future meeting, which will occur within the upcoming year.

9. TIME AND DATE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A.** BPAC Annual Retreat: Friday, October 23, 2026, follows meeting above, approximately 10:15 am.
- B.** BPAC November meeting: Monday, November 9, 2026, 4pm

10. ADJOURNMENT



Beautification and Public Art Commission

4.

From: Miciela Sahner, Administrative Specialist

DATE: 10/23/2026

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the September Draft Minutes as submitted.

Executive Summary:

Attachments

Draft September Minutes

DRAFT MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM
2ND FLOOR - CITY HALL
211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE
4:00 P.M.
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Commission Members may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

MICHAEL RULON, CHAIR Present
AUDRA TRAVELBEE, VICE-
CHAIR Present, arrived at 4:10 pm
AVIGAIL CALLAN Present
MEREDITH CURLEY Present

~~CLAIRE EDDLEMAN-HEATH~~ Commissioner Eddleman-
Heath is no longer on the commission.
CARLA MCCORD Present
MATT MCGRATH Present

City Staff: Staff Liaison Jana Weldon

3. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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Leslie Pichard was present, requested time, and elected to give comment during item 6F.

A. Approval of August Minutes.

Moved by Carla McCord, **seconded by** Matt McGrath to approve August minutes as submitted.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

4. UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

- A. Please look at flagstaff365.com for upcoming events in music, culture, art, and sciences.
- B. Introduction of Jennifer Harris, new Collections, Beautification, and Public Art Project Administrator.

The Commission welcomed Jennifer Harris, hired as the Collections, Beautification, and Public Art Project Administrator. Jennifer introduced herself, noting her background in gallery management, curation, and local creative work. Commissioners briefly introduced themselves.

- C. Reorder Agenda to take Discussion Item 1 first, Action Item 1 second, Discussion Item 3 & 4 next, followed by remaining Action Item, then remaining Discussion Items.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Downtown Mile, Milton Road Underpass Photography:** Cristen Crujido, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator and Laura Mielcarek, Tucson Studio Director J2 Designs

Ms. Mielcarek will present the background and screen design for the project and Ms. Crujido will amplify with the photography/photographers selected. (Presentation 8-10 minutes)

Suggested Action: Listen to presentation, ask questions, give comments. Consider two motions. The First to recommend the purchase of proposed photographs. The second to recommend the project design to Council.

Ms. Mielcarek and Ms. Crujido presented the proposed photography installation, including the selected photographs and wall layout. Presentation focused on how the images support the “Stories in Motion” theme and connect to Flagstaff and the surrounding region.

Moved by Carla McCord, **seconded by** Michael Rulon to purchase the photos recommended by the selection panel.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

Moved by Carla McCord, **seconded by** Michael Rulon to recommend the Downtown Mile project design to City Council.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

- B. **Recommended Art Proposal Approvals for Multicultural County Park Sculpture Exhibition Year 4:** Cristen Crujido, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator

Ms. Crujido will present the selection process and the five proposals, and two alternates, recommended for the exhibition by the selection panel (Presentation 8-10 minutes).

Suggested Action: Listen to the presentation, ask questions, discuss. Consider motion to approve the five proposals and two alternates recommended by the project selection panel.

Ms. Crujido presented five recommended artworks and two alternates. Discussion included feedback from the selection panelists regarding the number of skilled artists and competitive proposals.

Moved by Michael Rulon, **seconded by** Audra Travelbee to approve the five recommended proposals and two alternate proposals.

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Proposition 404 & 405:** Mark Gaillard, Fire Chief; Collin Seay, Deputy Police Chief; Daniel Kelly, Emergency Program Manager; Brian Gall, Airport Director; and Shannon Anderson, Deputy City Manager

An educational presentation on ballot initiatives, Prop 404 & 405, will be given. Prop 404 proposes to increase TPT tax by 0.5% to enhance public safety services. Prop 405 would authorize a \$40M bond to invest in public safety infrastructure and equipment. (Presentation 30 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments. Discussion only.

Commissioners listened to the multi-speaker presentation. The presentation outlined current infrastructure and staffing gaps and how funding from propositions would fund these needs. QR codes and online resources were made available.

- B. Dark Skies BIA Grant Update:** Dr. Danielle Adams, Executive Director of Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition

Dr. Adams will give a brief presentation to update and thank the commission of the outcome of the Beautification in Action Grant administered to fund a summer Full Moon concert Series. (Presentation 5 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments, share experiences from those who attended. Discussion only.

Dr. Adams shared audio recordings of the concert series, including the music played, audience feedback and an attendee's reaction to seeing the moon through a telescope. The commissioners expressed thanks for the presentation, and the opportunity for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Program Manager to speak at the concert series to promote the program, specifically the Beautification in Action Grants.

- C. Vice-Mayor Sweet's Monthly Report: Miranda Sweet**

Vice-Mayor Sweet will review notable updates from City Council.

Suggested Action: Listen to presentation. Ask questions, give comments and suggestions. Discussion only.

Due to time constraints, Vice Mayor Sweet elected to forgo her report.

- D. New Project Potential, Traveling Exhibition:** Cristen Crujido, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Project Administrator

Ms. Crujido will present the opportunity to mount the temporary traveling exhibition: *Alebrijes & Nahuales: Fantastic Animals from Mexico*, currently on tour in the United States through 2028. These monumental artworks are reproductions of colorful Mexican folk-art sculptures, usually taking the form of magical animals. (Presentation 5-8 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments. Discussion only.

Staff presented the potential traveling exhibition and discussed possible locations and programming opportunities. Commissioners expressed interest in continuing the discussion to the October meeting when more time was available.

E. BPAC and BAS's Potential Coconino Community College Campus: Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Program Manager

Ms. Weldon will initiate the discussion. Following the passage of a capital bond, CCC has been actively developing the design and planning. There are ongoing negotiations between the City and the County in regard to the design of the East Branch Library. Designs could come forth in February or March 2027 with construction possibly initiating in late May 2027. In addition, there is a city parcel on the Southeast corner of the roundabout that could be integrated into the roundabout design or the campus boundary. In the BAS's 5-year plan, the sole project is the area is the 4th St. & Lockett roundabout, which should be initiated sometime in FY27. Commissioner McCord requested this discussion item to explore BPAC's role to bring art and beautification to this campus. Staff will advise on potential ideas and possible limitations. (Introductory Comments 5-7 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments. Discussion only.

Because of time limitations, Commissioner McCord made a motion to move this item to the October meeting. Chair Rulon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

F. Community Outreach and Input for Art Proposals: Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts and Sciences Program Manager

Ms. Weldon will initiate a discussion with a few options on how to best get community feedback on art proposals. (Presentation & Introductory Comments 5 minutes)

Suggested Action: Ask questions, give comments. Discussion only.

Public comment was made by Leslie Pichoud. Ms. Pichoud expressed appreciation of the presentations given. Ms. Pichoud asked where funding for the beautification projects comes from, the duplicate art on two utility cabinets. Ms. Pichoud expressed concern about the cost of the proposed art at Spruce Wash Wedge and concern about the public's response, interest in funding to be used for alternative programming.

Ms. Weldon began her presentation with a reminder that public comment could not be responded to directly because it isn't agendaized though some response might naturally in the presentation. Ms. Weldon outlined that issues arose out of the latest art proposal idea that utilized the Connect Flagstaff survey forum. She further outlined the reasons for shifting from in-person, pre-Covid, to this format and the past successes. However, the drawbacks became manifest with the Spruce Wash Wedge proposal, which Ms. Weldon touched on. She stated the intent for the program to shift back to meetings, both an in-person and a virtual meeting, with presentations for art proposals so that background information could be part of the community conversation, including Spruce Wash Wedge. The commission requested that this item be re-agendaized to the October meeting to allow time for ample discussion.

7. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. TIME AND DATE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS: Regular October BPAC Meeting: October 23, 2026, 9:00 am. BPAC Retreat: October 23, 2026, 10:00 am. Both October meetings will be held at the Moonshot Accelerator Conference Room, 2225 N Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ, 86001.

9. ADJOURNMENT



Beautification and Public Art Commission

6. A.

From: Miciela Sahner, Administrative Specialist

DATE: 10/23/2026

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STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Executive Summary:

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New Project Approval, Traveling Exhibition

ALEBRIJES & NAHUALES: FANTASTIC ANIMALS FROM MEXICO

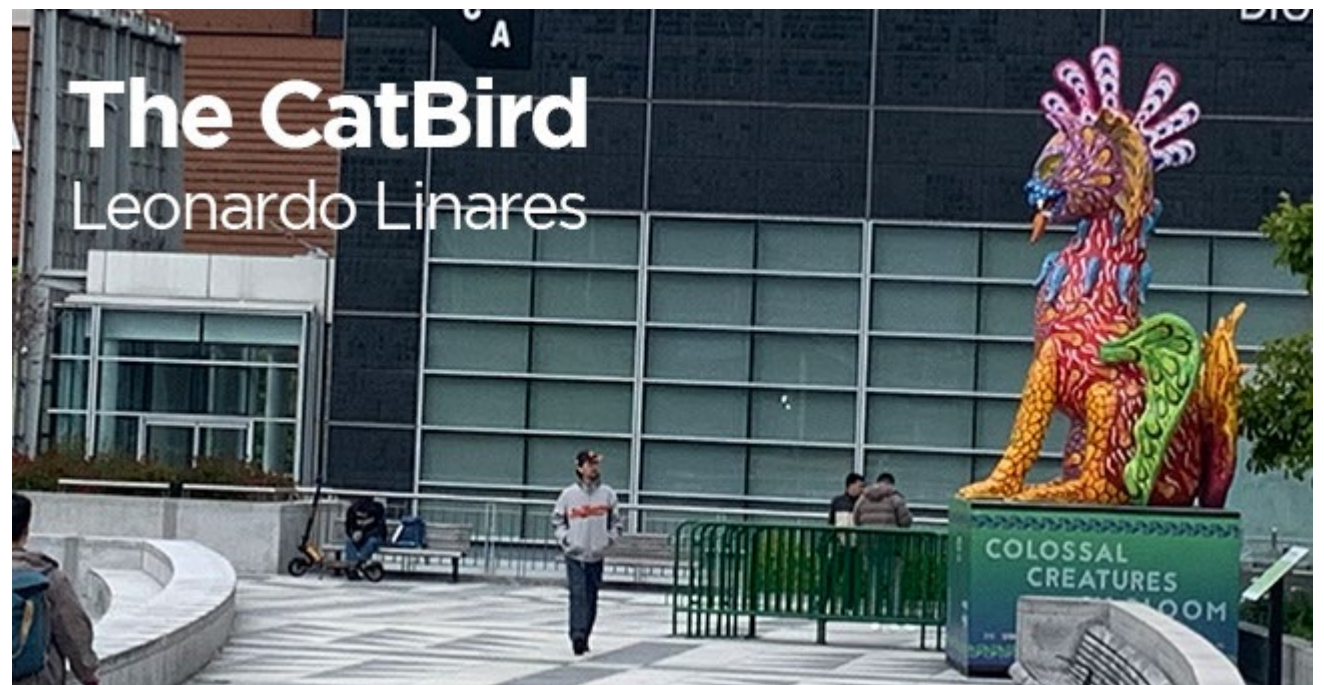
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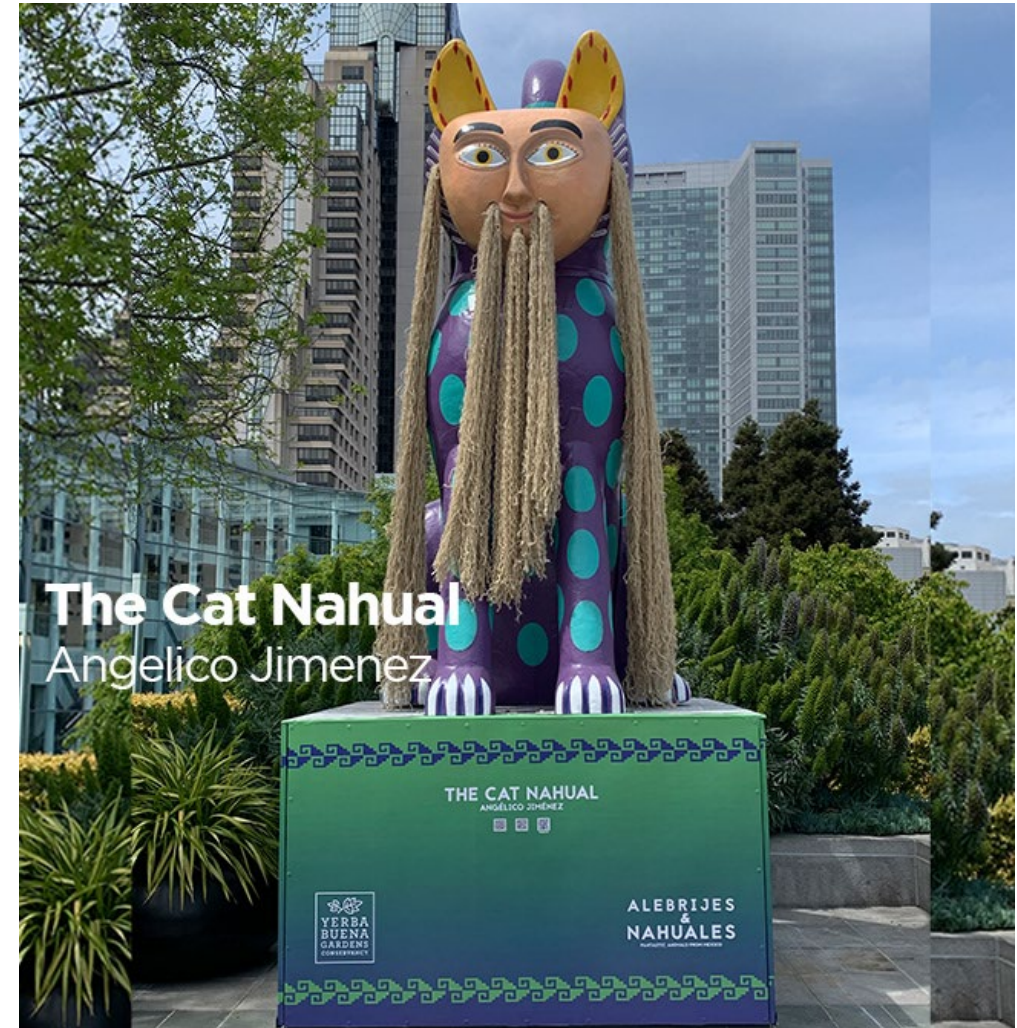
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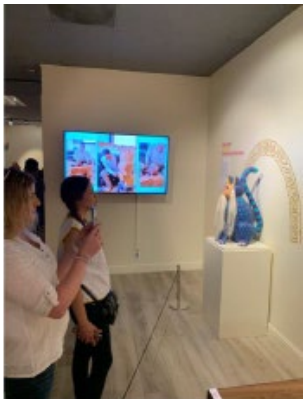


The Artworks



Community Engagement

- Fosters meaningful interactions
 - Accessibility
 - Local Diversity
 - Cultural Exchange
 - Community workshops
 - Parallel Indoor Exhibition featuring 25 artworks
 - Opportunities for additional public and educational programming



Additional information

- \$90,000 fee
 - Rental of eight sculptures for 4-6 week exhibition
 - Branded bases
 - Weekend workshop
 - Indoor exhibition
 - 5 staff (4 techs/1 coordinator)
- Sole source approval needed from Procurement
- Dark sky compliance review
- Potential location: Thorpe Park
- Funding Source: FY27 Thorpe Park Exhibition



Discussion

Consider motion to approve as a new project contingent on sole source approval and dark skies compliance.





Beautification and Public Art Commission

7. B.

From: Miciela Sahner, Administrative Specialist

DATE: 10/23/2026

SUBJECT: **BPAC and BAS's Potential for Coconino Community College Campus:** Jana Weldon, Beautification, Arts & Sciences Program Manager

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BAS BPAC Potential Coconino Community College

BAS/BPAC POTENTIAL FOR COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS

BPAC, October 23, 2026



BACKGROUND



In November 2025, Voter passed \$100 million dollar bond to finance the reconstruction of the Fourth Street Campus and a new Allied Health building on the Lone Tree Campus in Flagstaff, dual enrollment space at Williams High School and RV and boat mechanic programs and student housing in Page.



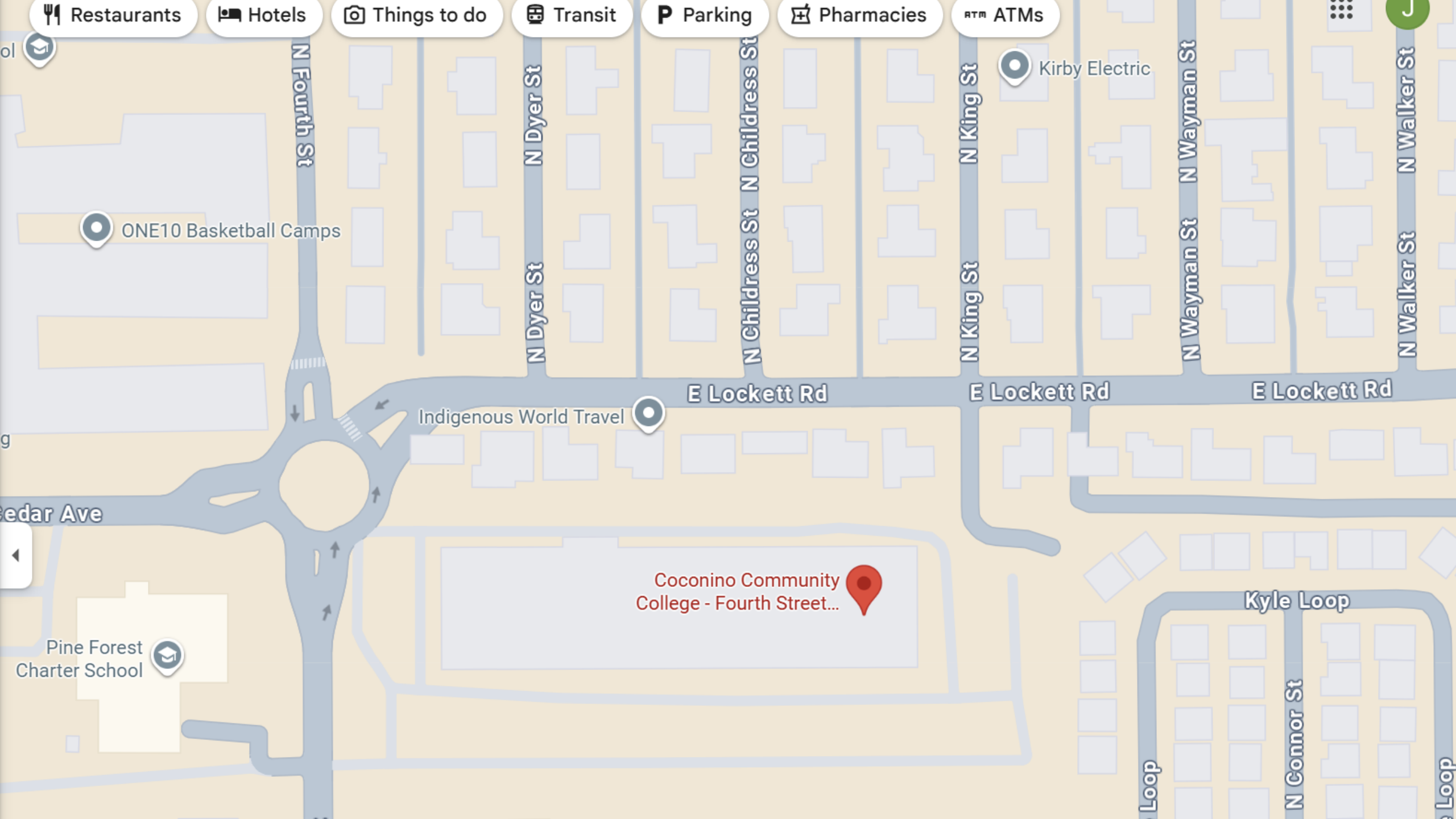
The new Allied Health building is currently the furthest along in the design process. The project has completed schematic design and is now moving into the next phase of development, during which we will continue refining the classrooms, laboratories, technology and specialized learning environments within the building. Construction is expected to begin in late winter or early spring 2027. Eric Heiser, *Flagstaff Business News*, September 4, 2026.



The Fourth Street campus project is following a slightly different timeline, by design. Because the existing facility continues to serve students, demolition cannot begin until the spring 2027 semester has concluded. Between now and the end of May, we will continue advancing the design while preparing programs, services and operations for the transition. Demolition and construction are expected to begin in earnest in June 2027. Eric Heiser, *Flagstaff Business News*, September 4, 2026.



City Manager is in talks with the Community College leadership. That BAS can contribute funds for aesthetics has been communicated to upper management.



Restaurants

Hotels

Things to do

Transit

Parking

Pharmacies

ATMs

ONE10 Basketball Camps

Kirby Electric

Indigenous World Travel

E Lockett Rd

E Lockett Rd

E Lockett Rd

Cedar Ave

Coconino Community College - Fourth Street...

Kyle Loop

Pine Forest Charter School

N Connor St

N Walker St

N Wayman St

N King St

N Childress St

N Dyer St

N Fourth St

 Coconino Community College

Welcome Students

coconino.edu

CAVAT
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

3000



CONCEPT RENDERINGS SUBMITTED FOR BOND ELECTION



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ONE STAFF IDEA: TERRAZZO FLOORS



POSSIBILITIES WITH LR-01 REMAINDER



MORE IDEAS? OPPORTUNITIES?
THOUGHTS?





Beautification and Public Art Commission

7. C.

From: Miciela Sahner, Administrative Specialist

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Community Outreach and Input Art Proposals



Community Outreach and Input for Art Proposals (New Steps)

October 23, 2026

Connect Flagstaff & Social Media: Spruce Wash Wedge



Spruce Wash Wedge Artwork

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About the project

The City is exploring options for landscaping and public art at the Spruce Wash Wedge Detention Basin, located at E. Cedar Avenue and N. West Street. This detention basin plays an important role in mitigating flood impacts in the Grandview and Sunnyside neighborhoods.

To gather community input on potential public art at the site, the City conducted an online survey. The survey received strong participation, and the feedback collected is being reviewed. The survey is now closed.

Future opportunities for comment on public art at this location will be made available to ensure the community has meaningful opportunities to review, respond, and help guide the direction moving forward.

Key Member(s)



Jana Weldon

Program Manager

Jana.Weldon@flagstaffaz.gov

A Return to In-Person & Virtual Meetings for Art Proposals



Schedule Impacts



- Buffalo Park Water Tank Mural: Council Discussion in November
- Spruce Wash Wedge: Community Meetings in Early December
- Switzer Canyon Roundabout: Community Meeting in January
- Fourth Street Roundabout: Initiate Call to Artists (RSOQ or RSOQ/RFP hybrid) when the adjacent triangle disposition is known, February-May 2027.
- Airport Terminal: Initiate RSOQ in October 2026
- I heart public art exhibition: initiate contest in December 2026

Discussion





Beautification and Public Art Commission

7. D.

From: Miciela Sahner, Administrative Specialist

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BIA Grants

BIA GRANTS FALL 2026

October 23, 2026 BPAC Meeting



PROCESS CHANGE

- ❖ Receive packet 2 weeks prior to the meeting, have 1 week to send in questions. Staff has already sent out questions and received clarifications that will be included in the packet.
- ❖ Full approval: contingent approval (staff review): continuance – no more provisional approval
- ❖ Up to 8 minutes to present; no time limit on questions and answers.

FOR DISCUSSION

- ❖ Repeat Programming with Temporary Events – Any concerns?
- ❖ Indoor Permanent Art in Civic Buildings – Do we want to continue?
- ❖ Requests for more budget detail – mostly went smoothly, 1 or 2 exceptions