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MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026

Moonshot Conference Room
2225 N Gemini Rd, Flagstaff, AZ
9:00 A.M.
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1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM

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
AVIGAIL CALLAN Present
CARLA MCCORD Present
MATT MCGRATH Present
MEREDITH CURLEY Present

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.

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the September Draft Minutes as submitted.

Moved by Carla McCord, **seconded by** Avigail Callan Draft minutes approved as submitted.

Vote: 6 - 0 - Unanimously

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.

The Commission welcomed Julie Sokol, hired as the Collections, Beautification, and Public Art Project Administrator. Jana Weldon introduced Julie and commissioners briefly introduced themselves.

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.

Ms. Crujido presented the proposed traveling exhibition installation, including example photographs of the installations in other cities. Discussion focused on time frame for installation if it was to be approved as a new project.

Moved by Audra Travelbee, **seconded by** Carla McCord Project was approved.

Vote: 6 - 0 - Unanimously

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.

Vice Mayor Sweet announced the election of new Councilmember Moses Milazzo to the commission.

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

This item was continued from September BPAC meeting. Ms. Weldon will Initiate 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 initiate 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.

Ms. Weldon initiated discussion on BPAC and BAS's potential to participate in the Fourth Street campus project, including budget and example of terrazzo flooring and potential for the parcel L-01 to be part of this project or 4th St/Lockett roundabout. Commissioners discussed ideas for more external projects that would be more visible to the community.

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

Ms. Weldon at the September meeting outlined a few options on how to best get community feedback on art proposals. Discussion by BPAC was deferred to this October meeting. (Introductory comments 2-5 minutes)

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

Commissioners discussed ways to provide more context and background information in community conversation. Staff also informed commissioners of scheduling impacts.

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.

Ms. Weldon outlined some changes in the process for this grant cycle including timeline and approval options. A commissioner inquired about the possibility to fund certain repeat programming directly. Staff responded with some examples of the procurement processes.

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.

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM by Chair Rulon.