Public Spaces Commission

Regular Meeting

AGENDA

Civic Center Annex ♦ 411 W. Clay St., Conf. RM #5 ♦ Ukiah, CA 95482

July 11, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.a. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2023-Special Meeting

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

1. 2023-6-13 Minutes

4. STAFF MEMBER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Observatory Park Landscape Upgrade Plan Discussion

4.a. Discussion of Observatory Park Landscape Upgrade.

Recommended Action: Direct staff to proceed or discontinue planning for landscape upgrade.

Attachments: None

5. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.a. Discussion and review of the McGarvey Park Landscape Plan Process and Status

Recommended Action: Discussion only.

Attachments: None

7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Public Spaces Commission (PSC) welcomes input from the audience that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PSC. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and not more the (10) minutes per subject. The Brown Act regulations do not allow action to be taken on audience comments.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a. Discussion: Subjects for Upcoming Community Forums

Recommended Action: Provide suggestions for upcoming Community Forums.

Attachments: None

9. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF UKIAH
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION MINUTES
Special Meeting
200 South School St. Ukiah Valley Conference Center
Ukiah, CA 95482
Virtual Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764322746
June 13, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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1. ROLL CALL

Public Spaces Commission met at a Special Meeting on June 13, 2023, having been legally noticed on June 9, 2023. The meeting was held virtually at the following link: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764322746**. Commissioner Babbini called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Commissioners Present:** Elora Babbini, Vicki Bitonti-Brown, Megan Parker, Casey Thompson, Rob Fitzsimmons, Joe Scriven. **Commissioners Absent by Prearrangement:** NONE. **Staff Present:** Neil Davis, Community Services Director and Araceli Sandoval, Community Services Administrative Assistant.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioners introduced themselves to the attending public.

Gretchen Stranzl McCann – Presenting Architect from GSM Landscape Architects.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the May 9th, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Fitzsimmons/Bitonti-Brown to approve Minutes of May 9, 2023, a special meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Babbini, Bitonti-Brown, Parker, Thompson, Fitzsimmons, and Scriven. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

4. STAFF MEMBER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

a. GSM Landscape Architects – McGarvey Park Landscaping Concepts
Presenter: Gretchen Stranzl McCann

Public Comment:
Concerns with the project:
- Preservation of current trees, shrubbery, commemorative benches
- Preservation of the central sculpture
- Park lighting, safety issue at nighttime
- ADA accessibility, current state of pathways can be difficult for non-abled people.
- Water sustainability

Things the public would like to see in McGarvey Park:
- Water feature for birds, dogs, pets.
- Signage for leash laws
- Signage of tree and plant species
- Native plants
- Low water use plants and trees

- Self-guided activity (labyrinth)
- Picnic Table

Other Comments:

- Overall likeability of the current pathways.
- Turf as a vital part of the park
- Maintaining the current use of the park
- Maintaining its serenity

5. Commissioner Reports

None Given.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

None Given.

7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None Given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Araceli Sandoval, Public Spaces Commission Clerk

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