

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.

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.

Araceli Sandoval, Public Spaces Commission Clerk