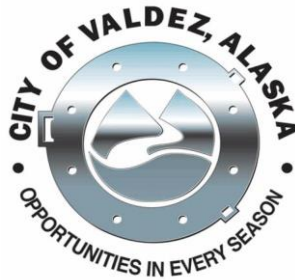


# City of Valdez

*212 Chenega Ave.  
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## DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023

12:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

**Beautification Commission**

**REGULAR AGENDA - 12:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present** 5 - Chair Kathy Nielsen  
Chair Pro Tempore Patricia Relay  
Commission Member Meg Weaver  
Commission Member Jennifer Benda  
Commission Member Donna Lane

**Excused** 2 - Commission Member Abigail Ferrara  
Commission Member Ruth E Knight

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of Minutes from the December 22, 2022, Beautification Commission Meeting**

The minutes were approved by consent as presented.

**Commissioner Knight joined the meeting virtually.**

**IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

No Public Business from the Floor was presented.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion Item: Beautification Commission City Project Priorities**

Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval gave an overview of the process for review of project priorities by departments and commissions, city project process overall and process for scoring projects.

Commission discussion included:

- Questions about categorization in relation to urgency and overall city priorities.
- Budget considerations and the annual appropriations process.
- Details related to the spreadsheet and tracking of the amount expended on each project.

- Overview of how a project moves from idea to implementation.
- Interest in looking for additional funding opportunities beyond city funds.
- Desire for Beautification Commission input during design process on larger projects.
- Beautification Commission's role in seeking public feedback on aesthetic considerations projects.
- Questions about role of the Commission.
- Possibility of creating a "Percent for Art" program

## **2. Discussion Item: Coast Guard City Sign Alternative**

Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval shared the proposed design for the Coast Guard City sign.

Commission discussion included:

- Significance of being a Coast Guard City and overview of the process that had taken place to become a city.
- Samples of design on the use of Coast Guard colors (orange and sea blue) versus more traditional American colors (red, white and blue) .
- Whether it would be beneficial to get approval on use of the official Coast Guard logo.
- Concerns and disapproval related to hanging the sign on the "Welcome to Valdez" arch.
- Ownership of decisions related to the arch.
- Need for future guidelines for affixing signs to the arch.
- Maintenance of the arch and other beautification-initiated projects.

## **3. Discussion Item: Initial Conversation Relating to Options for Refurbishing Royal Center Mural.**

**MOTION:** Lane moved, seconded by Weaver, to postpone agenda item to the next regular meeting.

### **VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE:**

**Yays:** 6 - Nielsen, Weaver, Knight, Benda, Relay and Lane

**Absent:** 1 - Ferrara

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Commissioner Relay raised a question about why an email relating to nuisance abatement for properties on Homestead Road had been given to the commission. Staff Liaison Sorum-Birk noted that it had been received as a public comment directed to the commission and had also been provided to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Commissioner Weaver expressed a desire to support a project extending the bike path along the Richardson Highway and relayed the conversation she'd had with local state Department of Transportation and Public Facilities staff on the topic.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.