

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2010

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator (915) 541-4020

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on whether to accept the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendation to the City Council to consider beginning the rezoning process of six city-owned properties to Natural Open Space (NOS) by directing the City Manager to contact the managing entities.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this Action? What are the citizen concerns?

At their meeting on May 24, 2010, the Open Space Advisory Board voted to recommend six City and PSB owned properties for Natural Open Space (NOS) rezoning, per the attached list. The OSAB requested that staff place this item on a council agenda.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

On March 16, 2010, City Council approved the creation of the Natural Open Space (NOS) zoning category. There have been no applications for rezoning to NOS to date.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Planning Division staff have advised Parks and Recreation that City-initiated zoning changes typically do not incur an application charge. No source of funding is readily available to cover possible costs, such as surveys.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

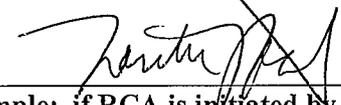
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May 24, 2010 Open Space Advisory Board. Motion that the Open Space Advisory Board recommend to City Council to look at six city owned properties which includes PSB properties and that Council direct staff to have staff contact the managing entities for input on potential rezoning to natural open space. Motion carried, unanimous.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

Potential Candidates for Natural Open Space (NOS) Rezoning

City Owned Properties	PSB Owned Properties
Rio Bosque Wetlands Park	Basin "G"
Thunder Canyon	Feather Lake I & II
Keystone Heritage Park	Palisades Canyon



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Open Space Advisory Board

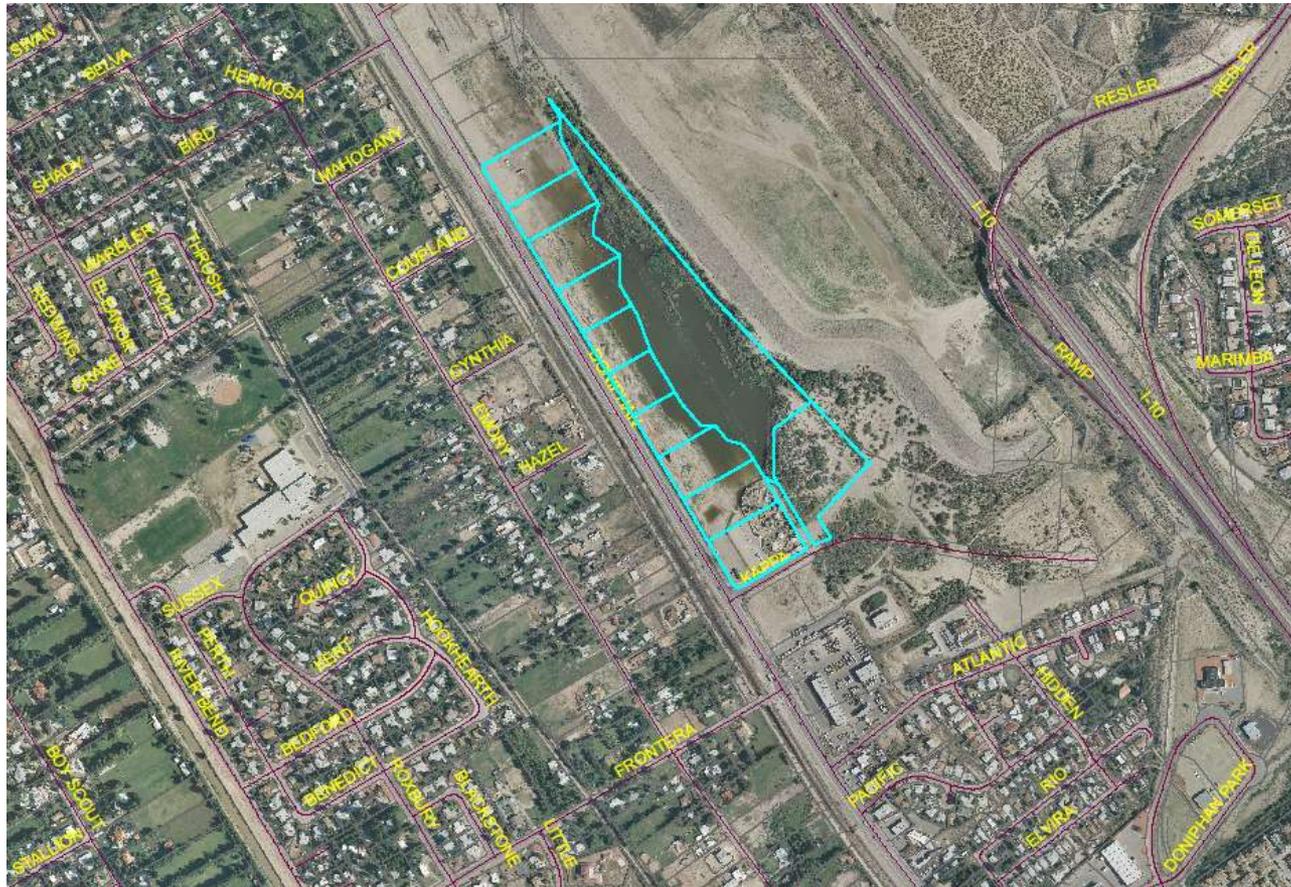
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City Properties



Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, 10716 Socorro Road



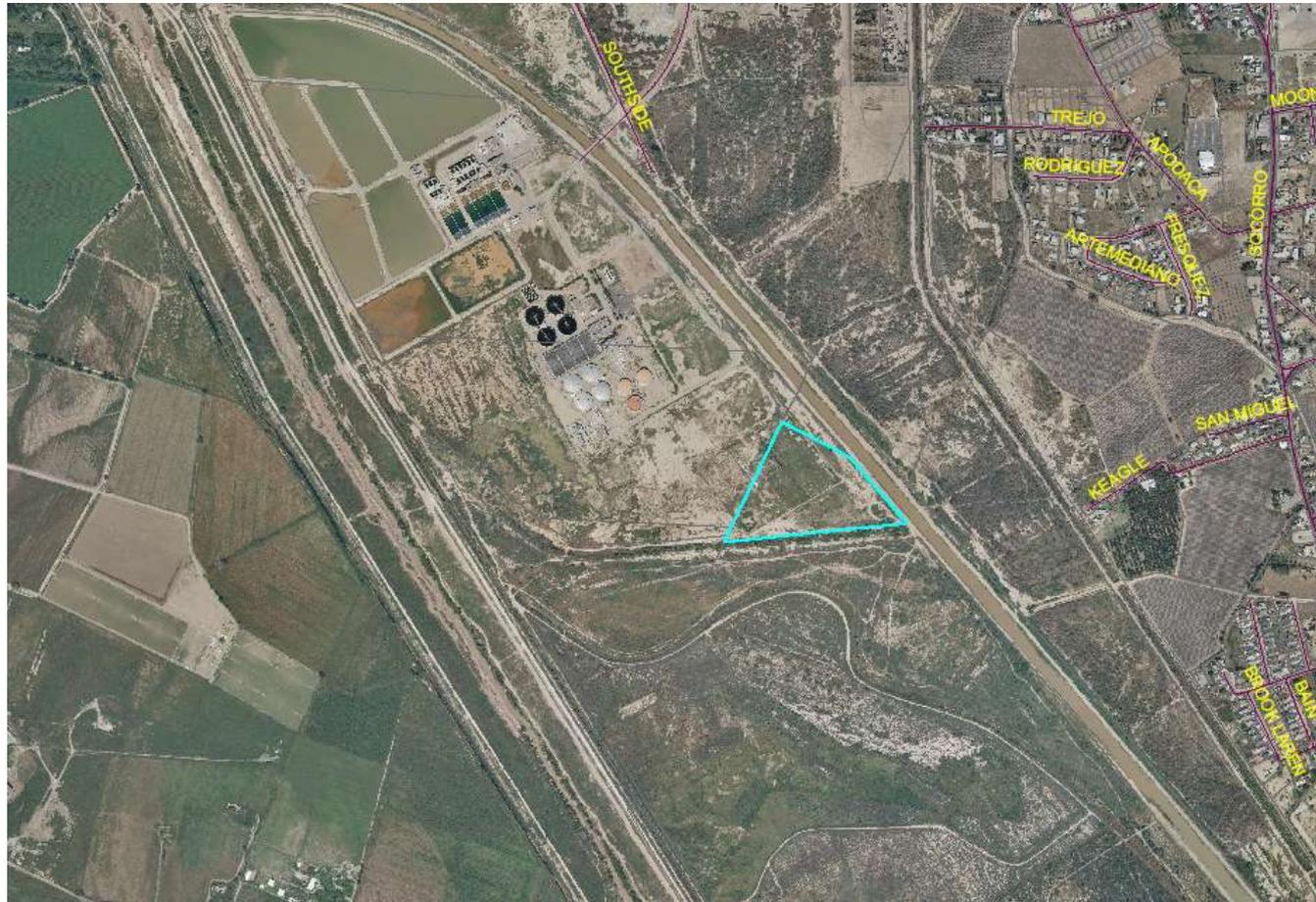
Keystone Heritage Park, 4200 Doniphan Rd



Thunder Canyon, N. Stanton St & Oak Cliff Dr.



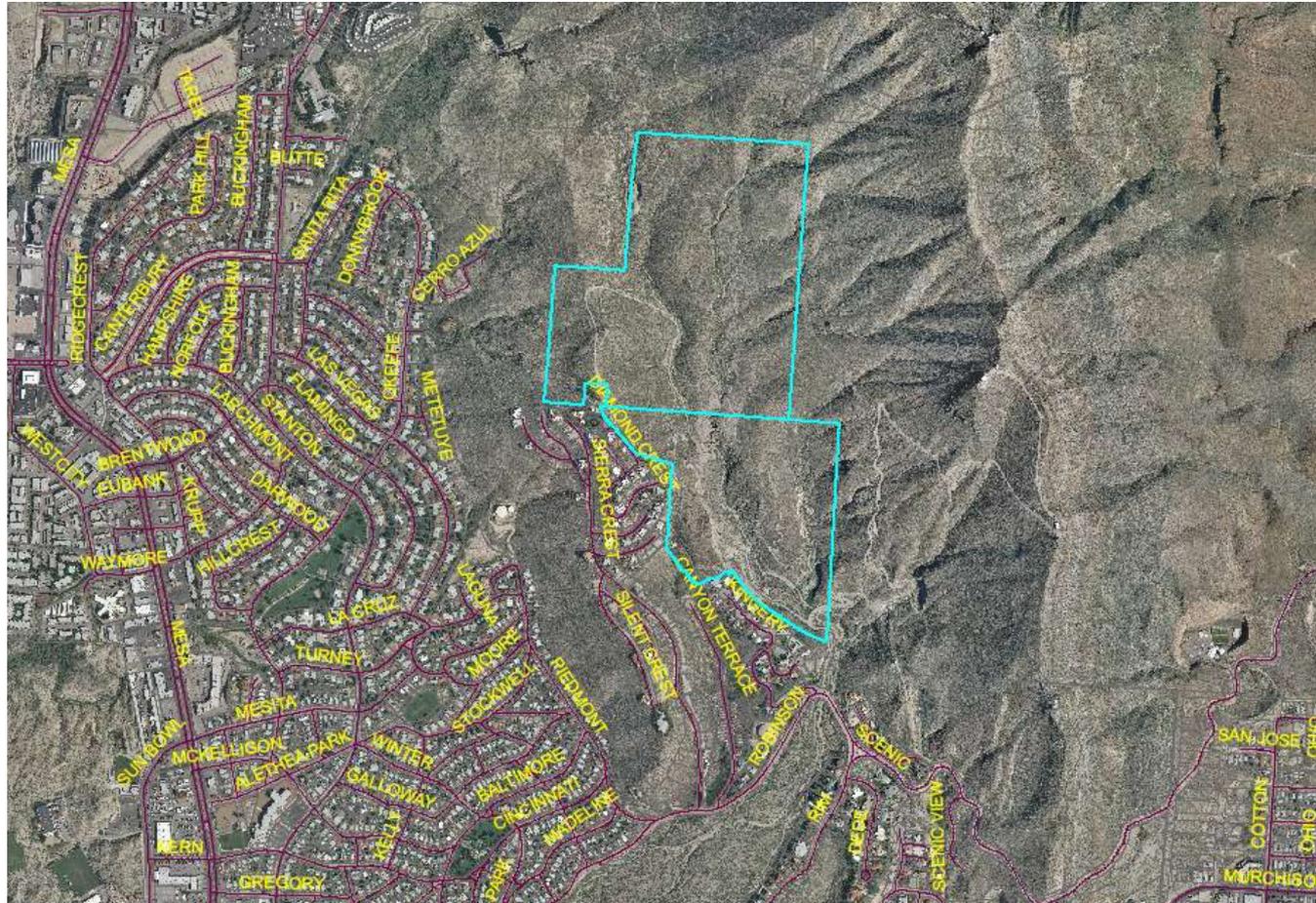
PSB Properties



Basin G, Between Jonathan Rogers Water Treatment Facility & Rio Bosque



**Feather Lake I & Feather Lake II-9500 North Loop
Dr**



Palisades Canyon- Rim Rd & E. Robinson Ave