



# Planning and Inspections

**MAYOR**  
Dee Margo

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**  
Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 3:00 P.M.

## **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

**District 1**  
Peter Svarzbein

The Texas Governor has temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

**District 2**  
Alexandra Anello

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board will be conducted on August 12, 2020 at 3:00pm. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

**District 3**  
Cassandra Hernandez

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>

**District 4**  
Dr. Sam Morgan

Via television on City15

Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

**District 5**  
Isabel Salcido

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the Board during public comment and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

**District 6**  
Claudia L. Rodriguez

**1 915 213 4096**

**District 7**  
Henry Rivera

**At the prompt please enter the Conference ID: 440 187 998#**

**District 8**  
Cissy Lizarraga

**The following members of the Open Space Advisory Board will be present via video conference:**

**CITY MANAGER**  
Tommy Gonzalez

**Stephen Tures, Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, Joe Garibay, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White, Sarah Elena Dillabough**

**A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board must participate in the meeting.**

**Recording of the meeting will begin prior to roll call**

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## Meeting called to order

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**Time Limits for Information Presentations:** *There is a 15-minute time limit for presentations, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer. This limitation is applicable only to the presentation itself and does not include discussion and action elements of an item.*

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**Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda):** *Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.*

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## REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discussion and Action:** Election of Vice-Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board.
- 2. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the order of presentation of items on the Agenda; and/or any deletions.
- 3. Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for March 11, 2020.
- 4. Information and Discussion:** El Paso Water (EPWater) quarterly financial reports on 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue and expenses.  
**Contact:** Rocio Alvarado, [RPAIvarado@epwater.org](mailto:RPAIvarado@epwater.org)
- 5. Information and Discussion:** Quarterly reports from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas pursuant to City Code Section 2.22.050 (B) (2).  
**Contact:** Nelson Ortiz, [OrtizNX@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:OrtizNX@elpasotexas.gov)
- 6. Information and Discussion:** Report of pending Board motions.  
**Contact:** Karina Brasgalla, [BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov)
- 7. Information and Discussion:** Update on the status of the Palisades Trailhead.  
**Contact:** Yesenia Castro, [OYCastro@epwater.org](mailto:OYCastro@epwater.org)
- 8. Information and Discussion:** Update on the status of the Mountain to River Trail  
**Contact:** Nicholas Gonzalez, [GonzalezNX@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:GonzalezNX@elpasotexas.gov)
- 9. Information, Discussion and Action:** Review of the 2007 Open Space Master Plan and options for proposing an update of the Plan with the assistance of OSAB and the community, to include the option of an ad hoc committee.  
**Contact:** Karina Brasgalla, [BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov)

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**10. Information, Discussion and Action:** Presentation of current ordinances and regulations in place to protect and preserve city open space, especially land which will be kept permanently as open space. Review of the permitted and non-permitted uses, the City’s role in trail construction and maintenance, and the open space and trail management and enforcement responsibilities.

**Contact:** Karina Brasgalla, [BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:BrasgallaKX@elpasotexas.gov)

**11. Information, Discussion and Action:** Review and approval of the Memorandum from the Open Space Advisory Board to City Council regarding an update of the Open Space Master Plan.

**Contact:** Don Baumgardt, [donbaumgardt@gmail.com](mailto:donbaumgardt@gmail.com)

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.

- SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- SECTION 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
- SECTION 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
- SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

**12. Adjournment**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sign language interpreters will be provided for this hearing upon request. Requests must be made to the Planning and Inspections Department, Planning Division, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the date and time of this hearing. Copies of this agenda will be provided in Braille, large print or audiotape upon request. Requests must be made to the Planning and Inspections Department, Planning Division, a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of this hearing.**

*Posted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 at \_\_\_\_\_  
City Hall, 300 North Campbell Street,  
by \_\_\_\_\_*

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