



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 7

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler, Alyssa Benavides Cervantes, Robert Melson, Joanne Gwinn Burt (3:08 p.m.) and Patricia White (3:20 p.m.)

Members Absent: 1

Don Baumgardt

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Tracy Novak, Director, Parks & Recreation; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Martin Noriega, Stormwater Operations and Fleet Maintenance Division Manager, El Paso Water; Jose Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic & International Development

Members of the public:

*Judy Ackerman
Marilyn Guida*

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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.

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.

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Jeff Howell requested item 8. be postponed to the February 14, 2018 OSAB meeting agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: December 6, 2017



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Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. *No responses from Board Members.*

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST OSAB MEETING AS THEY STAND.

3. Information and Discussion: Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. **Contact:** Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz presented the report consisting of plats approved by the City Plan Commission between October 5th and December 14th, 2017, a total of seven applications all within the Hillside Development Area. Mr. Ortiz responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.



ITEM #3 OSAB
Quarterly Report 20:

4. **Information and Discussion:** Progress on Mountain to River Trail System.

Contact: Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Tracy Novak gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.



ITEM 4 - Mountain
to River.pdf

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the status of construction of four trailheads: Thousand Steps, Thunder Canyon, Lazy Cow, and Roundhouse Trailheads.

Contact: Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo gave an update presentation on the status of construction of four trailheads (listed above) and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members White and Melson.



ITEM 5 -
Trailheads.pdf

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

6. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the status of El Paso Water's (EPW) purchase of the Hunt Arroyos. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwu.org



ITEM 6 - EPWater
Overview of Stormw

Patricia Dalbin explained at this time there are no new updates on the designs; additionally, EPW staff has not received any to date. She stated EPW staff hoped to have some designs at least by the next quarterly meeting (OSAB).

7. **Information and Discussion:** Overview of EPWater Stormwater Operations.
Contact: Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwu.org

Martin Noriega gave a presentation regarding the overview of EPW Stormwater Operations and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Benavides and Burt.



ITEM 6 - EPWater
Overview of Stormw

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

Per Changes to the Agenda – Item 8 is postponed to the February 14th OSAB meeting agenda.

8. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update from City concerning any plans regarding the property abutting Keystone Heritage Park. Update on the finding an alternative location for the Citizen Collection Center and to preserve the City-owned property as natural open space in perpetuity.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Members Burt commented.

The following staff members commented:

1. Jeff Howell
2. Kimberly Forsyth
3. Jose Carlos Villalva
4. Karla Nieman

After discussion amongst Board Members and staff the Board Members requested agenda item 8. be added back to the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Ms. Burt AND CARRIED TO PUT ITEM 8. BACK ON THE AGENDA. (Motion passed 4 – 2)

AYES

Vice-Chairman Geyer
Board Member Burt
Board Member Melson
Board Member White

NAYS

Board Member Stapler
Board Member Benavides

ABSTAIN

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart

The following staff members commented:

1. Jose Carlos Villalva
2. Kimberly Forsyth

Additional comments from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Member Burt.

9. **Information and Discussion:** Presentation of map of identified arroyos (FEMA/local) within El Paso City limits and the zoning/ownership of the properties in which they cross.

Contact: Jeff Howell, howelljb@elpasotexas.gov

Jeff Howell gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Marilyn Guida, member of the public, and Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.



ITEM 9 - Maps of Arroyos.pdf

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, spoke.

10. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Recommendation to City Council to consider the Green Infrastructure Report presented to the Open Space Advisory Board on December 6, 2017.

Contact: Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart commented on the memorandum she wrote for the Open Space Advisory Board to Tommy Gonzalez, City Manager and the El Paso Water Utilities recommending the City Council to direct the City Manager to direct Staff to provide the Green Infrastructure Report presented to the Open Space Advisory Board on December 6, 2017 to City Council and the El Paso Water Utilities-Public Service Board (EPWU). Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart read into the record portions of the memorandum.



ITEM 10 - RECOMMENDATION

The following staff members commented:

1. Karla Nieman
2. Kimberly Forsyth

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Ms. Brut AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Mr. Melson AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

*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

CS1. Information and Discussion: Update on open space acquisitions using 2012 Quality of Life Bond Funds. **Contact:** Rudy Valdez, valdezrx1@elpasotexas.gov
Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECONVENE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

11. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Mr. Melson AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:56 P.M.