



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, 3:00 P.M.
 City 3, 801 Texas Avenue
 Basement, Trost Conference Room

Members Present: 7

Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester, Richard Teschner (left meeting at 5:00 p.m.), Maria Teran, Jim Tolbert (left meeting at 5:10 p.m.), Patricia White, Charlie Wakeem

Members Absent: 2

Edward Beck, Lois Balin

Vacancies: 0
Planning and Inspections Department – Planning Division Staff:

David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager; Harrison Plourde, Planner; Anne Antonini, Planner

Others Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Marcia Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Department; Ms. Marilyn Guida, public; Dr. Marshall Carter-Tripp, public

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Martich called the meeting to order.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the agenda)
FOR THE RECORD

For the record, Chairwoman Martich requested those individuals wishing to address the Board please announce yourselves prior to speaking.

- Ms. Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented on a meeting she attended in which she shared her concerns regarding the development of the citizen collection station, potentially the rest of the Northwest Municipal Service Center property adjacent to the Keystone Dam and Keystone Heritage site and the existing National Registered archeological site located somewhat near the toe of the Dam. During the course of this meeting, Representative Niland requested the Open Space Advisory Board to ask the City Council to dedicate this area as open space. Ms. Guida also commented on the Open Space Master Plan and noted the pages on which the Keystone Dam and Heritage site were mentioned.*

Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Wakeem and Teschner commented.

2. *Dr. Marshall Carter-Tripp, member of the public, attended a presentation with the Keystone Board of Directors in which concerns regarding the Northwest Municipal Service Center were also discussed. She also mentioned that within the presentation it was noted that construction was to begin early this summer.*

Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

3. Discussion and Action

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 21st, 2015

Chairwoman Martich requested Board Members postpone the approval of the minutes to the next OSAB meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Nester, seconded by Ms. Teran AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21st, 2015 MEETING MINUTES.

- b. Changes to the Agenda.

None.

4. Discussion and Action: Review and comment on the following rezoning application:

PZRZ14-00057: Lots 15 and 16, Block 21, Highland Park Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
Location: 2101 Murchison Drive
Zoning: R-5 (Residential)
Request: From R-5 (Residential) to RMU (Residential Mixed Use)
Existing Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Mixed-Use Development
Property Owner: Lorenzo Molina
District: 2
Staff Contact: Harrison Plourde, (915) 212-1584, plourdeht@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Harrison Plourde, Planner, gave a presentation and responded to comments/questions from Board Members.

Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager, commented on posting agenda item backup information.

Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Tolbert and Teran commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Mr. Tolbert AND CARRIED TO APPROVE.

AYES: *Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Teran, Tolbert, White, and Wakeem*

NAY: *Mr. Teschner*

The motion passed. (6-1)

Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, arrived.

5. **Discussion and Information:** Review of the *Open Space Master Plan* "Implementation Plan for Open Space Preservation" – Regulations Methods.

Contact: David A. Coronado, coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager, gave a presentation and responded to comments/questions from Board Members and members of the public.

Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Teschner Teran, Tolbert and White commented and/or responded to comments and questions from Staff and members of the public.

Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

The following members of the public commented and/or asked questions of the Board and/or Staff:

1. Ms. Marshall Carter-Tripp
2. Ms. Marilyn Guida

6. **Discussion and Action:** Review of the Open Space Advisory Board activities and priorities for 2015. Contact: David A. Coronado, coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov

INPUT FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chairwoman Martich requested Board Members provide input regarding how this Board should proceed in 2015.

Vice-Chairman Nester and Dr. Teschner commented.

HOW DOES THE BOARD WANT TO SPEND OUT BOARD AND STAFF RESOURCES IN 2015

Chairwoman Martich requested Board Members specify three issues that the Board would like to accomplish this year.

Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Teran, Teschner and Tolbert commented.

The following City staff responded to comments/questions from the Board:

1. Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager
2. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, recommended Board Members and Staff obtain a copy of the City of El Paso *2015 Strategic Plan*.
3. Ms. Marcia Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, noted the *2015 Strategic Plan* was posted online <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-information/strategic-planning>.

Ms. Marshall Carter-Tripp, member of the public, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Teran, seconded by Mr. Tolbert AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OSAB FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE TO HAVE THIS SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 18TH FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Following the vote, Board Members Teschner and Tolbert left the meeting.

7. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas.

Chairwoman Martich, Vice-Chairman Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Teran and White commented.

- Brief refresher on the OSAB Ordinance.
- Presentation on the *2015 Strategic Plan*
- Discuss and Action to review the impact of this proposed project on the Open Space goals for that area (*Keystone Heritage Dam and Historic Site*)
- Review of arroyo inventory (*April*)
- Presentation on property owner information, Matrix (*Ms. Marcia Tuck, April*)
- Discussion and Information: Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. (*Ms. Kimberly Forsyth, April*)

Mr. Coronado stated, for the March 4th, 2015 OSAB agenda, he would post an agenda item scheduling the Open Space Advisory Board Special Meeting on March 18, 2015.

The following City staff responded to comments/questions from the Board:

1. Mr. David Coronado, Planning and Inspections Division, Program Manager
2. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney

Ms. Marshall Carter-Tripp commented on the March 18, 2015 OSAB Special Meeting.

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Teran, and seconded by Vice-Chairman Nester AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.