



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

REVISED AGENDA

CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 3:00 P.M.
1st Floor, Star Conference Room
City Hall, 300 N. Campbell St.

Members Present: 8

Chair Katrina Martich, Vice-Chair Joseph Nester, Edward Beck, Richard Teschner, Lois Balin, Maria Teran, Patricia White, Charlie Wakeem

Members Absent: 1

Bill Addington

Vacancies: 0

City Development Department Staff:

Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner; Mathew McElroy, Director, City Development Department

Others Present:

Kristen Hamilton, Assistant City Attorney, Legal; Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Trish Tanner, Jobe Concrete; Sherry Mowles, public

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Martich called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

None.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Approval of Minutes: March 5th, 2014

Chair Martich asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections, and/or revisions. There were none.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. White and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 5TH, 2014.

b. Changes to the Agenda.

Due to technical difficulties, Ms. Gibson suggested starting the meeting with item 6.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Mr. Teschner and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO CHANGE THE AGENDA BY MOVING ITEM 6. TO THE FOREFRONT.

4. **Discussion and Action:** The status of the Northwest Master Plan, SmartCode rezoning of the Northwest Master Plan and the controls in place to ensure the continued preservation of the stormwater open space identified in the Plan.
Contact: Mathew McElroy, mcelroymx@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Teschner, Wakeem and White commented.

Mr. Mathew McElroy, City Development Director, commented.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

5. **Update and Discussion:** Status of the 2012 Quality of Life Bond Open Space Acquisition Priority List.
Contact: Marci Tuck, TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Wakeem and White.

The following City staff commented:

1. Ms. Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator
2. Ms. Gibson, Lead Planner
3. Mr. Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB

Ms. Marci Tuck reminded the Board of the three priority areas previously identified by the OSAB as follows:

1. Avispa Canyon
2. East and Central Franklin Mountains South of Hondo Pass
3. Rio Grande lands extending from Central El Paso, through Mission Valley, to the City limits

A list of the Open Space Bond Fund Acquisition Areas and corresponding Open Space Master Plan Areas will be provided to the Board via Dropbox.

6. **Discussion and Action:** Continue to review and consider the re-prioritization of the open space opportunity areas outlined in the Open Space Master Plan.
Contact: Marci Tuck, TuckMJ@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Wakeem, Beck, Teschner, White,

Ms. Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, commented.

Following discussion, the priority list was reorganized so that priority 11 becomes 9, priority 13 becomes 10 and the rest shift down accordingly.

1. Near Mountain Front Face of Franklin Mountains
2. "Mountains to River" Arroyo System North of Transmountain Rd.
3. Northeast El Paso Regional Detention Ponds and Linear Park Corridors
4. Near Mountain Lower Terrace
5. Northeast Area City-Owned Lands
6. "Cement Lake" and Arroyos near Central El Paso
7. Lands for Completion of Keystone Heritage Wetlands
8. Central and Mission Valley Linear Greenbelt Corridors
9. Upper Northwest Arroyos (*shifted from priority 11 to priority 9*)
10. Dispersed Arroyos (*shifted from priority 13 to priority 10*)

11. Near Mountain Canyons
12. Irrigation Canal Greenbelts and Linkages
13. "Bosque" Linear Park along the Rio Grande in the Upper Valley Area
14. Castner Range
15. "Bosque" Linear Park along the Rio Grande in the Mission Valley Area
16. Citywide Detention Ponds and Linear Park Corridors
17. Agricultural Preserve-Upper and Mission Valley
18. East Desert Greenbelts.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AMEND THE LIST ~~FOLLOW THE PLAN~~, WHEREBY PRIORITY 11 BECOMES PRIORITY 9, PRIORITY 13 BECOMES PRIORITY 10 AND THE REMAINING PRIORITIES ARE BUMPED DOWN ACCORDINGLY.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Vice-Chair Nester AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THIS LIST, THE WAY WE AMENDED IT, AS OUR FINAL LIST.

*Following the vote, Chair Martich directed Board Members, Staff and the public to **Item 4.***

7. **Discussion and Action:** Quarterly review of pending motions approved by the Open Space Advisory Board.

Contact: Elizabeth Gibson, gibsonek@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Members Wakeem and White commented.

Ms. Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner, commented.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

8. **Discussion:** Items for Future Agendas.

- Update on Avispa Canyon Acquisition Coordination between the EPWU-PSB and Parks.
- Update on Open Space Implementation Plan Recommendation (A-1) regarding downzoning properties and alternatives.
- Update on the NOS (Natural Open Space) Ordinance.
- Update on the Feb. 18th Palisades community meeting and design charrette.
- Update on the status of the 2012 Quality of Life Bond Open Space Acquisition Priority List (*target date June meeting*)

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem and seconded by Mr. Teschner and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:01 P.M.