



ADVISORY BOARD

July 26, 2010
City Hall – 4th Floor, 12:30 P.M.
Engineering Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

MINUTES

Members Present: 6

Charles S. Wakeem, James H. Tolbert, Kevin T. von Finger, Robert Ardovino, Lois Anne Balin, Bill Addington

Members Absent: 2

Luis M. Ruiz, Richard L. Thomas

Member Vacancies: 1

Ex-Officio Members Present: Gonzalo Cedillos

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Shamori R. Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Richard Garcia, Park Planning & Development Manager, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Elaine Hengen, Assistant City Attorney, Alan Shubert, Engineering Director, Rudy Valdez, EPWU

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2 Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2010
Motion made by James Tolbert to approve the minute as written. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).
Chair Wakeem recommended moving Agenda Item #4 as the last item. Motion made by Kevin von Finger to move Agenda Item # 4 as the last Agenda Item. Second by James Tolbert. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #5 Discussion and Information: Update from the Stormwater Utility to the Open Space Advisory Board on the current budget status of the “10% funds” for open space and greenway projects.
Rudy Valdez, Public Service Board, reviewed the information provided by Nick Constanza. Mr. Valdez reported a balance of \$861,795 with an average collection of \$123,000 per month allocated for open space.

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Chair Wakeem requested a clarification of acquisition “only” and the ordinance. Elaine Hengen, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the language is broader but will review the ordinance and report back with the clarification.

Motion made by James Tolbert that the Board receive quarterly updates on the 10% stormwater funds. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

4. Agenda Item #6 Discussion and Action: Appointing a subcommittee to review and make recommendations on the proposed revisions to the City’s grading ordinance contained in City Code Section 18.44

Alan Shubert, City Engineer, stated that the Engineering Department has prepared a draft of the grading ordinance. It has been published for input and comment.

Chair Wakeem opened a discussion on appointing a subcommittee. It was decided that the Board review the draft ordinance and address any questions or comments to Mr. Shubert. On August 5, next scheduled meeting, the appointment of a subcommittee will be determined.

5. Agenda Item #7 Discussion: Items for Future Agendas and Reminder Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 5, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

- Appointment of subcommittee – grading ordinance
- Agenda Item for Notation – NOS subcommittee
- Clarification of the stormwater funding use
- Briefing by Mr. Roberto Puga, Asarco Trustee
- Local Texas Water Development Board

6. Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)

Judy Ackerman announced the RAB (Restoration Authority Board) will meet August 4, 2010, in Chaparral at 6:30 p.m.; discussion will be wide area assessment.

7. Agenda Item #4 Discussion and Information: Relations between the City and the Texas Water Development Board, as they relate to the purview of the Open space Advisory Board.

Postponed.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.