

# Open Space Open Space




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## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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September 2, 2010  
 City Hall – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1:30 P.M.  
 Engineering Small Conference Room  
 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

**Members Present: 6**

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

**Members Absent: 2**

Luis Ruiz, Richard Thomas

**Member Vacancies: 1**

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Gonzalo Cedillos

**Planning and Economic Development Staff Present:**

Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director; Philip Etiwe, Development Review Manager; Michelle Padilla, Planner; Todd Taylor, Planner; Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department; Eddie Garcia, Lead Planner; David Coronado, Senior Planner.

**Others Present:**

Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director; Shamori R. Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator; Rudy Valdez, EPWU; Richard Garcia, Park Development Manager, Parks and Recreation; Sam Rodriguez, Engineering Division Manager, Engineering Department; Jorge Azcarate, CEA; Efrain Esparza, TX Dot, Tony Uribe, TX Dot, Justin Chapman, Hunt; Heather McMurray; Trish Tanner, Jobe.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Charles Wakeem called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

*Mr. Kevin T. von Finger arrived at 2:05 p.m.*

2. Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2010

*Motion by James H. Tolbert to approve the minutes. Second by Lois Anne Balin.  
 Motion carried (unanimous).*

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

*None.*

4. Discussion and Presentation: Relations between the City of El Paso and the Texas Water Development Board, as they relate to the purview of the Open Space Advisory Board, by TWDB Representative.

*Item deleted with instructions to staff to add item back to future agenda when TWDB representative is available to attend OSAB meeting.*

5. Discussion and Information: TxDOT's proposed Transmountain zoning amendment and zoning change in the Planning Mountain Development (PMD).

*OSAB members made a request that the City Manager consider expanding, if possible, the Dover, Kohl & Partners' contract and scope of work to include a review of the Texas Department of Transportation's design for Transmountain to make its recommendation before City Council approves the TxDOT plan. (Motion by Bill Addington. Second by Lois Anne Balin. Motion carried (unanimous).)*

6. Discussion and Information: Presentation on the conditions of the zoning contract affecting the Mountain Development Area (MDA) between the City of El Paso, Hunt and Plexar that was originated between 2003 to 2005.

*No comments. No action taken.*

7. Discussion and Information: Clarification on Open Meetings by Legal Department

*No action taken.*

8. Discussion and Action: Appointment of subcommittee to review and make recommendations on revisions to the grading ordinance contained in City Code Section 18.44

*Mr. Sam Rodriguez, Engineering Division Manager, will help coordinate a meeting with the OSAB subcommittee the week of September 6th, 2010 to present and discuss the proposed changes to the current Grading Ordinance.*

9. Discussion and Action: Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

- a. SUB10-00169      The Falls at Cimarron Unit 1 – Being a portion of Tracts 3B and 3B1, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 242, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- Location:            North of Northern Pass and East of Resler  
Property Owner:    Cimarron Hunt Companies  
Representative:    Kimley-Horn and Associates  
District:             1  
Staff Contact:       Michelle Padilla, (915) 541-4903, [padillamx@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:padillamx@elpasotexas.gov)

*Motion by Kevin T. von Finger to accept as presented. Second by James H. Tolbert. Motion carried 4 to 2. Robert Ardovino and Bill Addington opposed the motion.*

Major Preliminary

- b. SUB10-00061 Desert Sprints Unit 1 – Being a portion of Nellie D. Mundy Survey No. 238, No. 239 and No. 244, Tract 8, Lot 10A, 10E, 12, 13 City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- Location: East of Interstate Highway-10 and North of Transmountain Road
- Property Owner: RVE 18, LTD
- Representative: CEA Group
- District: 1
- Staff Contact: Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238, [delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov)

*Motion by Bill Addington to deny as presented .No second. Motion failed.*

*Motion by Kevin T. von Finger to accept as presented. Second by James H. Tolbert. Motion carried 5 to 1. Bill Addington opposed the motion.*

- c. SUB10-00062 Desert Sprints Unit 3 – Being a portion of Nellie D. Mundy Survey No. 239, Lot 10A, 10E, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- Location: North of Transmountain Road and East of Northwestern Drive
- Property Owner: RVE 18, LTD
- Representative: CEA Group
- District: 1
- Staff Contact: Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238, [delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov)

*Motion by Robert Ardivino to accept as presented. Second by Lois Anne Balin.. Motion carried 5 to 1. Bill Addington opposed the motion.*

10. Discussion, Information and Action: Recommendation to City Council regarding PSB policy on use of Stormwater Funds for Open Space pursuant to Ordinance No. 016668 and 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 and project eligibility

*No action needed.*

11. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas

*Ms. Lois Anne Balin requested to have staff from the Subdivisions Section of the Planning and Economic Department provide a training to the OSAB members on how to read a plat.*

12. Adjournment

*Motion by Kevin T. v on Finger to adjourn. Second by Robert Ardivino. Motion carried (unanimous).*

Minutes prepared by Donna Martinez, Senior Secretary