

Open Space Open Space



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014, 3:00 P.M.
City 3 Building, 801 Texas Avenue
Basement, Trost Conference Room

Members Present: 6

Chair Katrina Martich, Vice-Chair Joseph Nester, Richard Teschner, Maria Teran, Jim Tolbert, Charlie Wakeem

Members Absent: 3

Edward Beck, Lois Balin, Patricia White

Vacancies: 0

City Development Department Staff:

David Coronado, City Development Program Manager; Harrison Plourde, Planner

Others Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Lupe Cuellar, EPWU; Gloria Venzor, Architectural Intern, Parks & Recreation Department; Ms. Marilyn Guida, public

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Martich called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

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

None.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Nomination and election of new Open Space Advisory Board Officers

Per the By-Laws, should the Board elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson today, Mr. Coronado explained, their terms will begin at the next meeting in October.

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Teschner nominated Katrina Martich to be Chair. Ms. Teran seconded the nomination.

Mr. Wakeem explained it was not necessary to second the nomination.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Wakeem and Ms. Teran nominated Mr. Joseph Nester to be Vice-Chairman.

Prior to the vote, Chair Martich explained she was willing to continue as Chair; however, due to her employment, she felt she may not be as effective a Chair as the position required. However, with assistance from Vice-Chairman Nester, she would persevere. Even in a limited capacity, Vice-Chairman Nester stated, Chair Martich was and would

continue to be a great Chair. Additionally, he was willing to do whatever was necessary to assist the Chair.

Board Members Teschner, Wakeem, and Teran commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Chair Martich AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT KATRINA MARTICH CONTINUE AS CHAIRWOMAN AND JOSEPH NESTER CONTINUE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

b. Approval of Minutes: August 6th, 2014

ITEM 5 – Discussion and Action: The Open Space Advisory Board will receive an update and deliberate regarding the acquisition of properties with stormwater funding and the placement of the property on the OSAB Stormwater Priority List. Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5).

Referring to agenda item 5, Chair Martich stated the minutes do not reflect the vigorous, detailed discussion that transpired. She was concerned that there was no statement as to how the Board concluded this discussion.

She recalled the Board discussed:

1. The need for time to address some issues with regard to Staff;
2. Current direction Staff was receiving; and
3. Identifying details the Parks & Recreation Department could move forward on such as gathering additional data

Specifically, Chair Martich would like the minutes to reflect what the Board directed the Parks & Recreation Department to follow up on.

The following City staff commented:

1. Ms. Gloria Venzor, Architectural Intern
2. Mr. David Coronado, City Development Program Manager

1st MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Teran TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 6TH, 2014 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Motion died for lack of second.

FINAL MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Nester, seconded by Mr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE APPROVING THE AUGUST 6TH, 2014 MEETING MINUTES TO THE NEXT MEETING.

c. Changes to the Agenda.

Mr. Coronado requested the Board postpone agenda item 4 to the next agenda.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. Teran AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE AGENDA ITEM 4 TO THE NEXT AGENDA.

- 4. Discussion and Information:** Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Subdivision Areas. Contact: Kimberly Forsyth, forsythkl@elpasotexas.gov

Item postponed to next agenda.

Pursuant to El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), the following agenda item was closed to the public. Prior to the discussion, members of the public and City staff not directly related to the item were excused from the meeting.

- 5. Discussion and Action:** The Open Space Advisory Board will receive an update and deliberate regarding the acquisition of properties with stormwater funding and the placement of the property on the OSAB Stormwater Priority List. *Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5).*
Contact: Lupe Cuellar, lcuellar@epwu.org

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

The following City staff commented:

1. Ms. Lupe Cuellar, EPWU-PSB
2. Mr. David Coronado, City Development Program Manager
3. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

City staff and members of the public returned to the meeting following the conclusion of agenda item 5.

6. **Discussion and Information:** Review of the *Open Space Master Plan* “Implementation Plan for Open Space Preservation” – Regulation Methods.

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

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

Ms. Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented and asked questions of the Board and City staff.

The following City staff commented:

1. Mr. David Coronado, City Development Program Manager
2. Ms. Lupe Cuellar, EPWU-PSB
3. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney
4. Ms. Gloria Venzor, Architectural Intern

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

7. **Discussion and Information:** Quarterly review of pending motions approved by the Open Space Advisory Board. Contact: David A. Coronado, coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich, Vice-Chair Nester and Board Member Wakeem commented.

The following City staff commented:

1. Mr. David Coronado, City Development Program Manager, presented motions made by the Board from December 2013 through September 2014
2. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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

- Amending the Natural Open Space (NOS) Zoning Ordinance
 - o Staff to schedule NOS subcommittee meeting in September
- Kern View Estates
- **3.b.** Amend August 6th, 2014 meeting minutes
- **4. Discussion and Information:** Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Subdivision Areas. Contact: Kimberly Forsyth, forsythkl@elpasotexas.gov
- **6. Discussion and Information:** Review of the *Open Space Master Plan* “Implementation Plan for Open Space Preservation” – *Incentives and Conservation Methods.*

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, and seconded by Mr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:01 P.M.