



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 3:00 P.M.

City 3 Building, 801 Texas Ave.

Basement, Thorman Room

Members Present: 6

Chairman Don Baumgardt, Vice-Chairwoman Dr. Rebecca Escamilla, David Paul Singh Jr., Alyssa Benavides Cervantes, Yvonne Cacho, and Patricia White (3:06 p.m.)

Members Absent: 1

Vanessa Galvaldon

Vacancy: 2

Mayor and District 8

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Lead Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Jorge Acosta, Senior Land & Contract Administrator, Capital Improvement Department

Members of the public: None

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Baumgardt called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Time Limits for Information Presentations:

There is a 15 minute time limit for presentations, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer. This limitation is applicable only to the presentation itself and does not include discussion and action elements of an item.

Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda):

Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

There was no one signed up to speak.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for December 11, 2019.

Chairman Baumgardt asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Singh, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Ms. White

3. Information and Discussion: Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas pursuant to City Code Section 2.22.050 (B) (2). **Contact:** Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz gave a presentation on Subdivision Plats approved by the City Plan Commission between October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Benavides, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Dr. Rebecca Escamilla, Ms. Cacho and Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.

SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
SECTION 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
SECTION 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

CS1. Information, Discussion and Action: *Review of the Priority Property Acquisition List.*

Contact: *Jorge Acosta, acostaja1@elpasotexas.gov*

Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION:

Motion made by Chairman Baumgardt, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECOMMEND AS THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD THAT CITY COUNCIL PURSUE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES IN DESCENDING PRIORITY ORDER TO BE PURCHASED WITH THE REMAINING QUALITY OF LIFE BOND FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OPEN SPACE:

1. 1061
2. 1025
3. 1053
4. 1052
5. 1046
6. 1022
7. 1045

4. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Benavides seconded by Ms. Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.