

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 8

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt, Charles Stapler, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Dr. Rebecca Escamilla; Bob Geyer (3:09pm), Patricia White, and Joanne Burt

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Raul Garcia, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner; Jim Henry, Planner; Rocio Alvarado, Planner; Jose Unzueta, Engineering Senior Technician, Land Management; Javier Acosta, P.E., Hydrologic and Hydraulic Engineer, Land Development

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation;

Members of the public: 0

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:00 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.

No members of the public signed up to speak.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Staff requested:

1. Item 2. – Minutes for December 12, 2018 be postponed to the February meeting
2. Item 5. – Remove Bear Ridge from the discussion as Bear Ridge is a Parks & Recreation item not covered by the Capital Improvement Department contact

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO TODAY'S AGENDA.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for December 12, 2018.

Postponed to the February OSAB meeting per the changes to the agenda.

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.

Contact: Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz gave the Quarterly Report, between October 4, 2018 and December 20, 2018, presentation regarding the one subdivision approved within the Hillside Development Area. Mr. Ortiz responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt and Board Members White, Dr. Escamilla and Geyer made remarks and asked questions of staff.

The following staff responded to comments and questions from the Board:

1. Jose Unzueta
2. Roberta Brito
3. Karina Brasgalla

Jorge Castillo made remarks.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt and Board Members Stapler and Geyer commented.

No action was taken.

6. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on status of the Mountain to River Trail System. **Contact:** Daniel Lopez, lopezdp@elpasotexas.gov

Daniel Lopez gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt and Board Member Stapler and Geyer.

Roberta Brito gave legal advice.

7. **Information and Discussion:** Update on subdivision and zoning cases in the Hillside and Mountain Development Areas. **Contact:** Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov

Karina Brasgalla gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Members Burt, Benavides, Geyer, and White commented.

Roberta Brito gave legal advice.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO TO 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: The Open Space Advisory Board will review and propose changes to the existing Priority Property Acquisition list for both the 10% stormwater and Quality-of-Life bond funds.

Contact: Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@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 Estate.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECONVENE THE MEETING.**

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

*Motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Stapler **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.***