

# Open Space Open Space



## OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:00 P.M.  
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N Campbell  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Council Chambers

### **Members Present: 6**

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer (3:05 p.m.), Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Benavides Cervantes, Robert Melson, Patricia White (3:08 p.m.)

### **Members Absent: 1**

Charles Stapler

### **Vacancy: 2**

District 5, District 8

### **Planning & Inspections Department – Planning**

Larry Nichols, Director; Alex Hoffman, Deputy Director; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Ryan Kirby, Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

### **Other City Staff Present:**

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; and Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Juan Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic & International Development

### **Members of the public:**

David Bogas, Charlie Wakeem

### **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 3:01 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.

For the following item, per the Open Meetings Act, Board Members cannot comment on or discuss matters brought before the Board Members via the Call to the Public.

**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.*

Kimberly Forsyth stated no one had signed up to speak during the Call to the Public. However, staff would like to make a presentation at this time.

**APPRECIATION OF SERVICE**

Ms. Forsyth presented Dr. Richard Teschner a plaque in appreciation of his service as a member of the Open Space Advisory Board for two consecutive, two-year terms from October 2012 through July 2017.

Dr. Teschner thanked Ms. Forsyth for the recognition.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the Agenda

*No changes.*

**2. Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.



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***MOTION:***

***Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Melson AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE.***

3. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on Trailheads.  
Contact: Jorge Castillo, [castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov)

Jorge Castillo gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt.



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*NO ACTION TAKEN.*

4. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the Mountain to River Trail.  
Contact: Jorge Castillo, [castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov)

Jorge Castillo updated Board Members on the Mountain to River Trail.

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

Karla Nieman responded to comments from Board Members.

*NO ACTION TAKEN.*

5. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Quarterly report from the Public Service Board (PSB) on the activities and expenditures of the 10% annual drainage utility fee revenues allocated for Green Projects, as relating to open space. Contact: Patricia Dalbin, [pdalbin@epwu.org](mailto:pdalbin@epwu.org)

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to questions and comments from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Vice-Chairman Geyer.



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*NO ACTION TAKEN.*

6. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Stormwater Impact Fee: A Way to Save Arroyos in Private Development. Contact: Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, [shmiles@flash.net](mailto:shmiles@flash.net)

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart gave a presentation.



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Vice-Chairman Geyer commented.

Kimberly Forsyth commented.

The following members of the public commented and/or asked questions of the Board:

1. David Bogus, Director of Development, Montecillo
2. Charlie Wakeem, former member of the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee, spoke on his own behalf

Karla Nieman commented.

***NO ACTION TAKEN.***

7. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Presentation on parameters, guidelines, and procedures for determining acquisitions using 10% stormwater / open space funding. Contact: Patricia Dalbin, [pdalbin@epwu.org](mailto:pdalbin@epwu.org)

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation.



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Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt commented.

***NO ACTION TAKEN.***

8. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the status of El Paso Water's (EPW) purchase of the Hunt Arroyos. Contact: Patricia Dalbin, [pdalbin@epwu.org](mailto:pdalbin@epwu.org)

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt.



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**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

9. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on grants for open space.  
Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, [villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov)

Jose Carlos Villalva commented on the city's potential and successful efforts in acquiring grant monies for open space and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.

Charlie Wakeem, as a member of the Frontera Land Alliance Board of Directors, commented.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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**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 and Discussion:** Update on the purchase of Priority Property #5.

Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, [villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:villalvajc@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.*

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart announced the Board had come out of Closed Session.

For the Board Members and the members of the public, Karla Nieman provided legal explanation regarding Executive Session / Closed Session items. Ms. Nieman suggested staff place an item on a future agenda to allow Juan Carlos Villalva to explain the process for land acquisition for open space purchase.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Vice-Chairman Geyer commented.

Kimberly Forsyth clarified Ms. Nieman's request to staff to place an item on a future agenda for Juan Carlos Villalva to explain the process for land acquisition for open space purchase.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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## **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:40 P.M.*