



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 1:30 P.M.
8th Floor Conference Room
City Hall Building, 2 Civic Center Plaza

Members Present: 8

Katrina M. Martich, Joanne Burt, Andres Quintana, James H. Tolbert, Bill G. Addington (1:38pm), Kevin von Finger, Charlie Wakeem, Chair

Members Absent: 2

Lois A. Balin, [Richard L. Thomas](#)

Planning and Economic Development Staff:

Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director; David Coronado, Lead Planner; Todd Taylor, Planner; Raul Garcia, Senior Planner; Frank Delgado, Planner

Others Present:

Lupe Cuellar, City Attorney's Office; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Kareem Dallo, Engineering and Construction Management Department; Marcia Tuck, Parks & Recreation Department, Trish Tanner, Jobe; John Sproul, CERM-UTEP; Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition; Sal Alonso, CSA Design Group; Jesus Reyes, El Paso County Water District No. 1; Heather McMurray, citizen; Jane Fowler, El Paso Audubon

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

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

None.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2011

Chair Wakeem asked if there were any additions/corrections/revisions. There were none.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Ms. Burt and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 12, 2011.***

ABSTAIN: *Mr. von Finger*

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Mr. Addington

b. Changes to the Agenda

None.

c. Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

- (1) SUSU11-00102:** The Shops at Cimarron – Being a portion of Tract 1B1, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 242, and Tracts 61D and 62E, W.H. Glenn Survey 241, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- LOCATION: South of Northern Pass Drive and East of Resler Drive
PROPERTY OWNER: Hunt Communities Holding, L.P.
REPRESENTATIVE: CSA Design Group
DISTRICT: 1
APPLICATION TYPE: Major Combination
STAFF CONTACT: Frank Delgado, (915) 541-4238, delgadofx@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Delgado gave a presentation and highlighted the revisions/additions to the project.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and CARRIED TO APPROVE.

NAY: Mr. Addington

4. **Discussion and Action:** Report from TxDOT on the plant selection used in the landscaping plan for Transmountain. Contact: Tony Uribe, tony.uribe@txdot.gov

Mr. Uribe was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Wakeem requested the item be postponed two weeks.

5. **Discussion and Action:** Report from UTEP and EPWU regarding issues involved in providing water to Rio Bosque.

a. John Sproul, UTEP-CERM, jsproul@utep.edu;

Mr. Sproul distributed copies of Rio Bosque historic information (handout on file), gave a presentation and responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

b. Rudy Valdez, EPWU, rvaldez@EPWU.org; John Balliew, EPWU, jeballiew@EPWU.org;

Mr. Balliew and other EPWU Rio Bosque resident experts were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Valdez was not prepared to respond to comments and/or questions.

Chair Wakeem requested Staff postpone 5.b. for two weeks.

- c. Judy Ackerman, Rio Bosque Volunteer;

Ms. Ackerman commented on why citizens of El Paso should care about the importance of water at the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park.

- d. Robert Hood, Roberto R. Bustamante Wastewater Treatment;

Mr. Hood was unable to attend the OSAB meeting. Chair Wakeem requested Staff postpone 5.d. for two weeks.

- e. Jay Ornelas, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1;

Mr. Ornelas was unable to attend the OSAB meeting; Mr. Jesus Reyes spoke on behalf of the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 immediately following Mr. Sproul. Mr. Reyes addressed the Board and responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

Mr. von Finger suggested Board Members postpone action on the item for two weeks.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- 6. **Discussion and Action** on providing access to the Ojo de Agua trailhead.
Contact: Rudy Valdez, rvaldez@EPWU.org

Mr. Valdez gave a presentation and responded to comments and/or questions.

Staff will email the presentation to the Board.

Ms. Marcie Tuck responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

Chair Wakeem recommended that the Board take action to scope both locations and that the City consider using Stormwater money as a source of funding.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. von Finger and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SCOPE BOTH LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THE PARKING AND THAT THE CITY CONSIDER USING STORMWATER MONEY AS A SOURCE OF FUNDING.***

- 7. **Discussion and Action:** Cement Lake acquisition status report by El Paso Water Utilities.
Contact: Rudy Valdez, rvaldez@EPWU.org

Mr. Valdez explained there was no new information to report.

- 8. **Discussion and Information:** Presentation on the ASARCO West and ASARCO East Regulating Plans.

Contact: David A. Coronado, (915) 541-4632, coronadoda@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Coronado gave a presentation and responded to comments and/or questions from the Board.

Mr. von Finger moved that the Board recommend to City Council that the City consider approaching the Trustee to see if the portion between the river and Paisano can be designated as open space.

Staff will research when the Board reviewed the ASARCO Regulating Plan.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. Tolbert concurred with Mr. von Finger's motion; however, he explained the agenda item was for "Discussion and Information" only.

Mr. von Finger requested Staff place this item on the next agenda.

Ms. Cuellar stated that Staff will place the item on the next agenda, however, she cautioned Board Members to consider the amount of money Dover Kohl & Associates spent on drafting this particular Plan and the additional costs to change it.

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Addington stated for the record that it is the Board's opinion, and he believed informed opinion, that it is highly irregular, improper and pretty much completely premature for us to be designating this as Smart Code for development with homes, schools, and parks.

Chair Wakeem requested Staff get some kind of indication what the costs are.

9. Discussion and Action: Items for Future Agendas

Chair Wakeem requested:

1. Item 4
2. Item 5
3. Item 8

Mr. Tolbert requested the Parks & Recreation Department to explain their Parks Credit policy as it pertains to Open Space.

10. Adjournment

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Ms. Martich and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.***