



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

AMENDED

PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Monday, November 14th, 2016, 3:00 P.M.
City 3 Building, 801 Texas Avenue
Basement, Trost Conference Room

Members Present: 6

Vice-Chairman Dr. Richard Bonart, Charles Stapler, Dr. Richard V. Teschner, Bob Geyer, Patricia E. White and Ann Morgan Lilly

Members Absent: 1

Chairwoman Lois Balin

Vacancies: 2

District 2, District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Larry Nichols, Director; Alex Hoffman, Lead Planner; Kim Forsyth, Program Manager; Harrison Flourde, Senior Planner; Ryan Kirby, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney; Rudy Valdez, Program Manager, Capitol Improvement Department (CID); Tracy Novak, Parks & Recreation Director

Members of the public:

Judy Ackerman, Dr. Sharon Bonart

1. Meeting Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

None

3. Discussion and Action:

- a. Changes to the Agenda.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart requested the following changes:

1. Item 7 move to the forefront of the agenda
2. Item 8 move to the forefront of the agenda
3. Item 9 move to the forefront of the agenda

b. Approval of Minutes: October 12th 2016

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart asked if Board Members had any additions/changes/revisions.
There were no requests from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Patricia White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 12TH MINUTES.

4. **Information, Discussion; and Action:** Review and approval of the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) 2017 meeting schedule. Contact: Alex Hoffman, hoffmanap@elpasotexas.gov

Alex Hoffman commented on the proposed OSAB 2017 meeting schedule.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart and Board Member Bob Geyer commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Charles Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE.

5. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** OSAB Board action on a Resolution expressing recommendations made by the Open Space Advisory Board to the City Council of the City of El Paso regarding the preservation of certain City-owned properties.
Contact: Lois Balin, lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart provided background documents and information to update Board Members regarding the preservation of certain City-owned properties. He spoke with the Assistant City Attorney who explained, as the Chairman, he could send a memo to City Council Representatives regarding prior actions regarding the preservation of certain City-owned properties.

Board Members Charles Stapler, Ann Morgan Lilly, Patricia White, Bob Geyer and Dr. Teschner.

The following staff members commented:
Kim Forsyth; and
Alex Hoffman

Member of the public, Judy Ackerman, asked staff to explain the need of the survey.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ann Morgan Lilly, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SEND A MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWN PROPERTIES.

6. **Discussion and Action:** Review and approval by OSAB of the checklist of parameters and guidelines to determine which Public Service Board properties may be considered for funding with the 10% Storm Water funds reserved for Open Space purchase to submit to the Public Service Board. Contact: Lois Balin, lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov
Dr. Rick Bonart, Bonart@earthlink.net

Dr. Bonart provided background information to formalize and simplify and make it clear that there are certain properties that the OSAB considers much more amenable to use for 10% Storm Water money. The OSAB received lists of properties that Chairwoman Balin and Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart went through to clarify which properties should be on the list. He discussed the list of properties to be considered with Board Members.

Board Members Bob Geyer, Patricia White, Dr. Teschner and Charles Stapler

The following staff members commented:

Alex Hoffman; and
Kim Forsyth

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Patricia White, and seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO TABLE FOR ONE MONTH.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, and seconded by Bob Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

CLOSED SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart read following into 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

SECTION 551.087 – DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

CS1. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee report on OSAB priority list property #5. 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

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Contact: Chairwoman Balin, lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov
Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart, Bonart@earthlink.net

Item 7 was moved to the forefront of the agenda and discussed concurrently with Items 8 and 9

7. Information, Discussion and Action: Update on the design of trail heads that includes both the Lazy Cow and Roundhouse trail heads. Contact: Rudy Valdez, valdezrx1@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Valdez commented on the time frame regarding Lazy Cow and Roundhouse trail head. He also responded to questions and comments from Board Member.

Mr. Novak noted the Parks & Recreation Department had given a presentation to the Public Service Board (PSB) regarding the Lazy Cow and Roundhouse trail heads. The PSB considered the Parks & Recreation Department request to add two trail heads; however, the PSB requested two other trail heads be deleted from the list. The PSB approved the request.

Item 8 was moved to the forefront of the agenda and discussed concurrently with Items 7 and 9

- 8. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on access to the vacant Hunt property adjacent to the Gasline Road right-of-way: Contact: Rudy Valdez, valdezrx1@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Valdez gave a presentation and explained he and Mr. Novak met with Hunt Companies to discuss the possibility of using a portion of their property to access the Mountain River Trail. Mr. Valdez responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart and Board Members Ann Morgan Lilly, Dr. Teschner and Patricia White commented.

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

City staff members commented:
Rudy Valdez; and
Tracy Novak

Item 9 was moved to the forefront of the agenda and discussed concurrently with Items 7 and 8

- 9. Discussion and Action:** Update on the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds for trail, trail head improvements and trail head parking area.
Contact: Rudy Valdez, valdezrx1@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Valdez gave a presentation and responded to questions and comments from Board Members.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Bonart and Board Members Dr. Teschner and Bob Geyer commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Mr. Stapler TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE A TRAIL HEADS LIST.

Dr. Bonart requested the following changes to the motion:

1. Change Mountain Trail to Mountain Trail system;
2. Show the maps and corresponding documents;
3. Request a stakeholder meeting to be scheduled, for example, El Paso Electric Company and other entities involved with the Mountain Trail system
4. Thanked Mr. Novak for improvements at the Lost Dog trailhead

Members of the public:

1. Judy Ackerman commented on the north open space, reserved in the northeast, map reference "K" asked if city staff could elaborate on her request. She also thanked Mr. Novak for advertising the Open Space and Trailhead Coordinator position.
2. John Baumgardner, Borderland Mountain Bike Association, noted he had spoken with Mr. Cesar Mendez, Superintendent of Franklin Mountain Parks, regarding the Franklin Mountain Parks pay stations. He requested Board Members meet with Mr. Mendez for further discussion
3. John Baumgardner noted the Mountain Bike Association installed a repair stand at the Lost Dog trailhead. He requested additional repair stands at other trailhead locations.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE UPDATED TRAIL HEADS LIST.

10. Discussion and Action: Formulate a set of policies and procedures for board members.

Contact: Dr. Rick Bonart, rickbonart@earthlink.net

Karla Neiman commented on the procedures for newly appointed Board Members to include the videos provided by the Texas Attorney General.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Bonart, and seconded by Bob Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT IN THE BY-LAWS ONGOING MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD GO TO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERALS WEBSITE AND LISTEN TO THE AUDIO-TUTORIALS EXPLAINING THE RULES OF OPEN RECORDS AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

11. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, and seconded by Bob Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN AT 5:05 P.M.