



ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

CITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 3:00 P.M.
2nd Floor, Main Conference Room
City Hall, 300 N. Campbell St.

Members Present: 6

Chair Katrina M. Martich, Dr. Richard V. Teschner, Lois Anne Balin, Maria Teran, Pat White, Charlie S. Wakeem

Members Absent: 2

Vice-Chair Joseph Nester, Edward Beck, Bill Guerra Addington

Vacancies: 0

City Development Department Staff:

Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner; David Coronado, City Development Program Manager

Others Present:

Lupe Cuellar, EPWU-PSB; Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation; Trish Tanner, Jobe Concrete; Jim Tolbert, public

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Martich called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

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

None.

3. Discussion and Action

a. Approval of Minutes: November 6th, 2013

Chair Martich asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections, and/or revisions. *There were none.*

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Mr. Wakeem and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 6TH, 2013.

b. Approval of the 2014 Open Space Advisory Board meeting schedule.

Ms. Elizabeth Gibson presented the 2014 Open Space Advisory Board meeting schedule.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. Teran and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE 2014 OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE.

c. Changes to the Agenda.

Chair Martich asked Staff and Board Members if there were any changes to the agenda, as presented. *There were none.*

4. **Discussion and Action:** Options for the approximate 179 acres of land owned by the City and managed by PSB, located south of the Northeast Master Plan, west of the Chuck Heinrich Park, and east of the Franklin Mountain State Park.

Contact: Lupe Cuellar, lcuellar@epwu.org

Chair Martich and Board Members Teschner, White, Wakeem, Balin, and Teran commented.

City and PSB staff, Ms. Cuellar, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Nieman and Mr. Valdez commented.

Mr. Jim Tolbert, public, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. White THAT THIS BOARD RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO SURVEY THE LAND AND THEN REZONE IT TO NATURAL OPEN SPACE.

Ms. Teran requested including verbiage, to the effect, that the OSAB is looking for a funding source.

Mr. Wakeem requested that the motion be amended as follows *“THAT THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE THE REZONING PROCESS, TO REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING DISTRICTS TO THE NATURAL OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICT”.*

Dr. Teschner and Ms. White agreed to amend the motion language as suggested by Mr. Wakeem.

FINAL MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OSAB RECOMMENDS CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE THE REZONING PROCESS, TO REZONE THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING DISTRICTS TO THE NATURAL OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICT.

At this time, members of the public exited the meeting and the OSAB entered a CLOSED SESSION.

CLOSED SESSION

5. **Discussion and Action:** The Open Space Advisory Board will deliberate regarding the acquisition of property with stormwater funding and the placement of the property on the OSAB Stormwater Priority List. Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.0540(A)(5).

Contact: Lupe Cuellar, lcuellar@epwu.org

Chair Martich and Board Members Teran, Wakeem, Balin, and White commented.

The following City and PSB Staff commented:

1. Ms. Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney EPWU-PSB
2. Ms. Gibson, Lead Planner
3. Mr. Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB
4. Ms. Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
5. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wakeem, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADD BOTH PARCELS TO THE 10% STORMWATER FUND PRIORITY LIST.

End of Closed Session discussion.

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6. **Discussion and Action:** Update on and discuss progress of due diligence process associated with the land donation of Tract AB 2732, J.A. Friedenbloom Survey No. 130, to include estimated cost of such due diligence and status of the accompanying Metes and Bounds Survey.

Contact: Memo Sotomayor, sotomayogr@elpasotexas.gov

Mr. Sotomayor was unable to attend the meeting; however, he had emailed a Memorandum to Ms. Gibson. Ms. Gibson read Mr. Sotomayor's memorandum into the record.

Chair Martich and Board Member Wakeem commented.

Ms. Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner, commented.

No action was taken.

7. **Update:** Quarterly review of pending motions approved by the Open Space Advisory Board over the last year.

Contact: Elizabeth Gibson, gibsonek@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich commented.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner
2. Ms. Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation

No further discussion.

8. **Discussion and Action:** Review and consider re-prioritization of open space projects outlined in the Open Space Master Plan.

Contact: Marci Tuck, tuckmj@elpasotexas.gov

Chair Martich and Board Members Teschner, Balin, Wakeem, White, and Teran commented.

Dr. Teschner left the meeting at 5:04 pm.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Ms. Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator, Parks and Recreation
2. Ms. Elizabeth Gibson, Lead Planner
3. Ms. Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney
4. Mr. Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB
5. Ms. Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney EPWU-PSB

Following discussion, the Board concluded that the following eight projects ought to be prioritized as project number 1 through 8, with project 1 representing the highest priority:

1. Project 5: Near Mountain Canyons
2. Project 1: Mountain to River Arroyo System North of Transmountain Rd.
3. 3. Project 17: Northeast El Paso Regional Detention Ponds and Linear Park Corridors
4. Project 15: Near Mountain Front Face of Franklin Mountains
5. Project 11: Near Mountain Lower Terrace
6. Project 3: Northeast Area City Owned Land
7. Project 14: Cement Lake and Arroyos near Central El Paso
8. Project 7: Castner Range

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

9. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas.

1. Update on November 18th Palisades Design Charrette.
2. Review latest round of NOS revisions.
3. Continue re-prioritization of Open Space Master Plan Projects
4. Update on Land Donation
5. Update on URD Rezoning Case

10. Adjournment

MOTION:

*Motion made by Ms. Teran and seconded by Ms. White **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 5:21 pm.***