



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 6

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt, Charles Stapler, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Bob Geyer, and Patricia White

Members Absent: 3

Barbara Perez, Dr. Rebecca Escamilla and Joanne Burt

Vacancy: 0

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Raul Garcia, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water (EPWater); Gonzalo Cedillos, El Paso Water (EPWater); Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation

Member of the public: 1

Marilyn Guida

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for November 7, 2018.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Vice-Chairman Baumgardt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7th.***

3. Information, Discussion and Action: Review and comment on the following Zoning Application:

PZST18-00016: A Portion of Lots 6, 7, and 9, Block 3, San Clemente Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Location: 452 Rocky Point

Existing Zoning: PMD (Planned Mountain Development)

Proposed Zoning: Helistop

Property Owner: Perlan International, LLC

Representative: Thunderbird Management Consulting

District: 1

Contact: Karina Bragalla, bragallakx@elpasotexas.gov

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

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt and Board Members Geyer, Benavides, Stapler and White commented and asked questions of staff and the applicants.

Alan Russell, applicant, commented on his helicopter background and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. White TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL AS WE UNDERSTAND IT AT THIS TIME.

No vote was taken.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, made remarks.

Vice-Chairman Baumgardt requested amending the motion language to “*approve with no opposition*”.

Mr. Stapler accepted Vice-Chairman Baumgardt’s proposal as an amendment and get his wording so that that becomes the amendment.

AMENDED MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Baumgardt, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO NOT OPPOSE THE PROPOSED USE THAT IS REQUESTED ON THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY.

No vote was taken.

AMENDED MOTION REWORDED BY CHAIRWOMAN DR. SHARON MILES-BONART:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Baumgardt, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD IS RECOMMENDING TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION THAT WE WILL NOT OPPOSE THE PLANS AS PRESENTED TO US.

4. Information and Discussion: Quarterly report from El Paso Water (EPWater).

Contact: Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to comments from Board Members.

Gonzalo Cedillos, Silver Lake project manager, made remarks and responded to comments from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt and Mr. Geyer asked questions of staff.

- 5. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on status of the following trailheads: Thousand Steps, Thunderbird, Lazy Cow, Roundhouse, and Bear Ridge.

Contact: Daniel Lopez, lopezdp@elPASOTexas.gov

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

Jorge Castillo responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Baumgardt and Ms. Burt commented.

Patricia Dalbin responded to comments from the Board.

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 Members Geyer and Benavides commented.

Roberta Brito noted all community meetings are posted on the city's website.

- 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 made remarks regarding the presentation of subdivision and zoning cases in the Hillside and Mountain Development Areas.

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

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

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Vice-Chairman Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.