

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 5

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Charles Stapler, Bob Geyer, Patricia White, and Joanne Burt

Members Absent: 3

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Ceroantes Benavides, and Dr. Rebecca Escamilla

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Philip Etiwe, Director; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Harrison Flourde, Senior Planner;

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; Alex Hoffman, Assistant Director, Capital Improvements Department; Jorge Acosta, Land & Contract Administrator, Capital Improvements Department; Patricia Dalbin, Utility Planner, El Paso Water

Members of the public: 0

Judy Ackerman

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 3:12 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.

Judy Ackerman made remarks.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Members White and Geyer also made remarks.

Roberta Brito, attorney, commented.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Staff stated there were no changes to the Agenda.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart commented on a report on the Mountain to River Trail and read a portion of that report into the record. She noted the report was written by Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer. She also commented on placing items on the agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for December 12, 2018.

Postponed to the February OSAB meeting per the changes to the agenda.

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

There was no response from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN.

3. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for January 16, 2019

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

There was no response from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.

4. **Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report of pending OSAB motions.
Contact: Jeff Howell, howelljb@elpasotexas.gov

Jeff Howell gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Following the presentation, Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they would like to speak on the item. There was no response from the Board.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Presentation on status of trailhead projects not currently under construction. Contact Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Burt made remarks.

6. **Information and Discussion:** Review of the Open Space Advisory Board Enabling Ordinance provision regarding review of plats approved by CPC in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. **Contact:** Roberta Brito, britora@elpasotexas.gov

Roberta Brito gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Members Geyer and Burt made remarks.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. White **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION**

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, Discussion, and Action: The Open Space Advisory Board will review and propose changes to the existing Priority Property Acquisition list for both the 10% stormwater and Quality-of-Life bond funds.

Contact: Jorge Acosta, acostaja1@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 Estate.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND CONTINUE THE REGULAR SESSION.**

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Ms. White TO ADJOURN.

No vote was taken.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. White, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.