



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 3:00 P.M.

City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell

First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 6

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt, Charles Stapler, Bob Geyer, Patricia White, Joanne Burt, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides

Members Absent: 2

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Dr. Rebecca Escamilla

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

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; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department; Kevin Smith, Capital Improvements Program Administrator, Capital Improvement Department; Daniel Garcia, Project Manager, Capital Improvement Department; Alex Hoffman, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water

Members of the public: 0

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt called the meeting to order at 3:05 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.

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Staff stated there were no changes to the Agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for February 13, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt 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. Burt, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE.

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

Contact: Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation.

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt and Board Member Geyer asked questions of Ms. Dalbin and/or made comments.

4. Information and Discussion: 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.

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt requested Mr. Lopez add VeloPaso Bike Coalition to his list of stakeholder contact organizations. Ms. Burt also commented.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Update on trailhead project.

Contact: Kevin Smith, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

Kevin Smith gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members. Mr. Smith showed a quick video highlighting each of the trailheads.

Vice-Chairman Don Baumgardt and Board Members Benavides, Burt and Geyer made remarks.

The following city staff members also commented:

1. Jorge Castillo
2. Daniel Lopez

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt 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, acostajal@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 TO THE REGULAR MEETING.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT WE, THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD, RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER A REVIEW, reviewed by Open Space Advisory Board, OF THE PRIORITY LIST, that a memo be prepared by the Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board and forwarded to City Council, TO ADD AND MAKE CHANGES AS NEEDED ON THE USE OF OPEN SPACE QUALITY OF LIFE BONDS.

Ms. Burt added the following amendment language “**reviewed by Open Space Advisory Board**”.

Mr. Geyer added the following amendment language “**that a memo be prepared by the Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board and forwarded to City Council**”.

6. Adjournment

MOTION:

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