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## ADVISORY BOARD

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April 26, 2010  
City Hall – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 12:30 P.M.  
Engineering Conference Room  
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

### MINUTES

**Members Present: 5**

Charles S. Wakeem, James H. Tolbert, Kevin von Finger, Bill Addington, Luis M. Ruiz

**Members Absent: 4**

Walt Phillips, Richard Thomas, Lois Balin, Robert Ardovino

**Member Vacancies: 0**

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Gonzalo Cedillos

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:** Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Richard Garcia, Park Development Manager, Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Jose Ortiz, Engineering Lead Technician, Antonio De La Rosa, Engineering Lead Technician, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

**Others Present:** Patricia Adatao, Deputy City Manager, Elaine Hengen, City Attorney, Kristen Choi, Assistant City Attorney, Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director of Planning, Rudy Valdez, Water Utilities, Eddie Garcia, Planning Division, Fred Lopez, Planning Division, Trish Tanner, Jobe Materials

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2010  
Motion by Kevin von Finger to approve the March 22, 2010 minutes as written. Second by Bill Addington. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)  
None

4. Agenda Item #4. Discussion, Information and Action: Code Changes to Section 2.22 (Open Space Advisory Board) – Kristen Choi, Assistant City Attorney Legal Department

Kristen Choi stated that the Hillside Development Area is not currently in the planning and zoning chapters of the City Code, (chapters 19 and 20), therefore, it was not included at this time.

Pat Aduato discussed briefly the "Hillside Area" and explained if they wanted to implement different standards, it will take time, but if they wanted to keep the same standards, but just to have the opportunity to review applications that come in for that area, it can be added to the Code more quickly.

Kristen Choi explained that once Planning is able to establish what the Hillside Area is, the City will be able to add it into the Open Space Advisory Board ordinance. Legal Department also recommended adding the following statement in Section B, paragraph 1: *"If such recommendations are not forwarded to the CPC prior to the relevant CPC meeting, nothing in this ordinance shall serve to prevent the CPC from reviewing applications."* State statute requires that the CPC decide on applications within 30 days of application or they are deemed approved.

Chair Wakeem distributed his recommended revisions. Discussion ensued on the language of the ordinance and code amendments. (handout)

Motion by James Tolbert that the Chair appoint a subcommittee to meet with the City Attorney and review revisions. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

Chair Wakeem appointed Richard Thomas, James Tolbert and Charles Wakeem to the subcommittee.

5. Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Action: Approve new date(s) and time of Open Space Advisory Board Meetings.

Motion by Bill Addington to postpone. Second by Luis Ruiz. Motion carried (unanimous).

6. Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Action: Recommend Restricting Billboards near NOS Zoned Property in the Billboard and/or NOS Zoning Ordinance.

Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director of Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing zoning codes, scenic corridors and setbacks. (handout)

Motion by James Tolbert to add Natural Open Space (NOS) to the zoning code. Second by Kevin von Finger. Motion carried (unanimous).

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Information: Briefing on current subdivision and zoning applications in the Mountain Development Area and Hillside Development Area.

Fred Lopez and Eddie Garcia, Planning Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation and briefed the Board on each application. Discussion ensued on private open space, Planned Residential zoning district (PR1) and rezoning requests.

Bill Addington requested information from Planning staff on notification and signage for proposed zone changes.

8. Agenda Item #8. Discussion and Information: Open Space Opportunities on ASARCO property.

Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director of Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Comprehensive Plan which included the Asarco Special Area Plan. Discussion held on the Open Space Advisory Board's participation and public meetings on the Asarco Plan. (handout)

9. Agenda Item #9. Discussion, Information and Action: Finalize Future Project Recommendations to forward to the Stormwater Master Plan community Advisory Committee for CI Projects using "10% funds"

Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation in conjunction with a preliminary list of future projects (private & public) for acquisition.

The Board reviewed, identified and prioritized the list.

*Short break – lost quorum 2:15 p.m., resumed 2:20 p.m.*

Motion by James Tolbert to convene a special meeting on May 10, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. same location (if available) to discuss and finalize a master list. Second by Bill Addington. Motion carried (unanimous). (handout)

10. Agenda Item #10. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements

Deleted – No items or list of announcements provided.

11. Agenda Item #11. Discussion: Items for Future Agendas

- Identify public properties NOS Zoning
- Enabling ordinance
- Stormwater Priority Projects
- Date(s) and time of OSAB meetings

12. Adjournment 2:50 p.m.