

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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

Members Present: 8

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler, Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Barbara Perez, Patricia White (arrived 3:09 p.m.) and Joanne Burt

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 1

District 4

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Alex Hoffmann, Deputy Director – Planning; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; José Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development; Sam Rodriguez, City Engineer, Capital Improvement Department; Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department

Members of the public:

Judy Ackerman, Scott White, Rick Bonart

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 3:03 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 commented.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Jeff Howell requested Board Members move items 6 and 7 to the forefront of the agenda at the request of the Capital Improvement Department.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE 6 AND 7 AFTER NUMBER 3.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: August 15, 2018.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

- 3. Information, Discussion and Action:** Nomination and election of the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) Chair and Vice-Chair. **Contact:** Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net

Kimberly Forsyth commented.

Nominations for Chairwoman/man:

Bob Geyer nominated Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart as Chair.

No other nominations offered.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT DR. SHARON MILES-BONART CHAIRWOMAN.**

Nominations for Vice-Chairwoman/man:

Joanne Burt nominated Bob Geyer as Vice-Chairman.

No other nominations offered.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt, seconded by Mr. Stapler **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT BOB GEYER VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

- 4. Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report from El Paso Water (EPWater)
Contact: Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

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

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Baumgardt, Perez and Burt commented and asked questions.

- 5. Information and Discussion:** Review of Board duties and limits of action pertaining to the identification of funding sources for open space acquisitions.
Contact: Roberta Brito, britora@elpasotexas.gov

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

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Member White commented and asked questions.

Items 6 and 7 were moved to the forefront of the agenda, following item 3.

6. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Follow-up from July 18, 2018; Update on status of Mountain to River Trail System, to include the feasibility of preservation and protection of the System.
Contact: Sam Rodriguez, rodriguez3@elpasotexas.gov

Sam Rodriguez gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Members Stapler and Baumgardt, commented and asked questioned.

Scott White, member of the public, commented.

No action taken.

Items 6 and 7 were moved to the forefront of the agenda, following item 3.

7. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Follow-up from July 18, 2018; Update on status of the following trailheads: Thousand Steps, Thunderbird, Lazy Cow, and Roundhouse, to include the feasibility of preservation and protection of the trailheads.
Contact: Daniel Lopez, lopezdp@elpasotexas.gov

Sam Rodriguez gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from the Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Baumgardt and Perez commented and asked questions.

Mr. Baumgardt read into the record portions of an email he received from a member of the Mountain Bike Association Board.

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

Roberta Brito, legal counsel, noted only one member of the public had signed up to speak on this item.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Ms. Burt ***AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW OTHER SPEAKERS.***

Rick Bonart, member of the public commented.

No action taken.

8. **Information and Discussion:** Review and provide input regarding the Project and Financing Plan for the proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 13 as it relates to open space.
Contact: Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@elpasotexas.gov

Elizabeth Triggs gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Baumgardt, Burt, Stapler, Perez, White and Cervantes Benavides commented and asked questions.

Roberta Brito, legal counsel, commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Scott White
2. Judy Ackerman

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager, Planning, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Vice-Chairman Geyer and Ms. Burt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THIS ONE PERSON.**

Rick Bonart, member of the public commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OSAB RETIRE INTO 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: José Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@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 Mr. Baumgardt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OSAB RECONVENE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.**

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Ms. White **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT VICE-CHAIRMAN GEYER IS REMOVING HIMSELF AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AND NOMINATING DON BAUMGARDT AS THE NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

9. Adjournment

MOTION:

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