

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 3:00 P.M.

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

First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 7

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler (left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.), Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Don Baumgardt, Patricia White and Joanne Gwinn Burt

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 2

District 4, District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Yvette Reyes, Engineering Division Manager, Capital Improvement Department; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; José Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development

Members of the public:

Judy Ackerman, Marilyn Guida, 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 3:04 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 comment.

REGULAR AGENDA**1. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the Agenda

Staff requested moving item 4. to the end of the agenda

4. Information, Discussion, and Action: Update on possible expiration of both the Northwest and Northeast Master plans for El Paso, identifying potential expiration dates.

Contact: Jeff Howell, howelljb@elpasotexas.gov

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Vice-Chairman Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE ITEM 4. TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: April 11, 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.



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MOTION:

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

ABSTAIN: Vice-Chairman Geyer
Mr. Baumgardt

3. 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.



ITEM 3 - Quarterly
Report of Pending C

Moved to the end of the agenda.

4. Information, Discussion, and Action: Update on possible expiration of both the Northwest and Northeast Master plans for El Paso, identifying potential expiration dates.

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Jeff Howell gave a short presentation.

Ms. Burt commented.

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, spoke.

5. Information, Discussion, and Action: Presentation and discussion on the creation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #12 to include city-owned land contained within the Northwest Regulating Plan. **Contact:** Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@elpasotexas.gov

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

Karla Nieman commented.

Mr. Baumgardt requested Ms. Triggs email her presentation to all Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMEND TO CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL THAT FUNDS THROUGH THIS TIRZ BE USED, THAT THE WHOLE PROJECT KEEP ARROYOS NATURAL AND THAT FUNDS FROM THE TIRZ BE USED TO PROPERLY DESIGN AND BUILD TRAILS TO THE ARROYOS TO REACH THE STATE PARK AND THAT SUFFICIENT ACCESS POINTS AND/OR TRAILHEADS ARE IN THE DESIGN AND PAID FOR THROUGH THE TIRZ.

Ms. Burt made the following friendly amendment: *WOULD LIKE TO SEE NUMEROUS POINTS OF ACCESS, BECAUSE THIS ABUTS THE STATE PARK, THEY MAY ALL GO TO ONE TRAIL BUT THERE SHOULD BE NUMEROUS POINTS*

Mr. Baumgardt accepted Ms. Burt's friendly amendment worded as follows: *WE WANT NUMEROUS, SUFFICIENT ACCESS POINTS TO ALLOW (INAUDIBLE)*

Mr. Stapler seconded the amendment.

Vice-Chairman Geyer was in favor of the motion but thought there might be other things that should be discussed and people in the audience who wish to speak on the item. He would like to get input prior to that June 6th meeting. Vice-Chairman wished to have one big document including what Mr. Baumgardt said.

Ms. Triggs stated the item will be brought back on June 6th. She believed it would be possible to have the one document with comments suggested from Mr. Baumgardt.

Prior to the vote, Board Members requested members of the community be allowed to speak.

The following members of the community spoke:

1. Rick Bonart, public citizen, gave a presentation
2. Judy Ackerman
3. Marilyn Guida

Ms. Kimberly Forsyth, Planning, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND CARRIED THAT THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS TO CITY STAFF AND COUNCIL THAT FUNDING THROUGH THE TIRZ BE USED TO PRESERVE THE ARROYOS AND USED TO DESIGN AND FUND TRAILBUILDING IN THOSE ARROYOS AND THAT SUFFICIENT ACCESS POINTS FOR TRAILHEADS BE BUILT TO THOSE TRAILS.

The vote was 5-1-1 (Vice-Chairman Geyer opposed, Ms. White abstained from the vote)

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler that we have a separate meeting two weeks from today and staff provide the actual meeting room and then comply with the Open Meetings Act and notify the public beforehand, to discuss the sale and zoning of the ...

Ms. Forsyth, Ms. Nieman and Board Members commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT WE HAVE A SEPARATE MEETING TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY AND THAT STAFF COMPLY WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

After the vote, Ms. Ackerman commented.

Ms. Nieman made remarks.

Mr. Baumgardt commented.

6. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the status and projected completion of the Mountain to River Trail System project. **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 and Board Member Baumgardt spoke.

7. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the status and projected completion of the four trailheads (Thousand Steps, Thunderbird, Lazy Cow, and Roundhouse).

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 and Board Member Baumgardt spoke.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

8. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on additions and changes in the advertising and promoting of natural open space amenities and activities in Park Department catalogs and informational products. **Contact:** Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo, Parks & Recreation, gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Benavides commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt, seconded by Vice-Chairman Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

9. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update from City concerning any plans regarding the property abutting Keystone Heritage Park. **Contact:** José Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

Michelle Valdez, Land and Contract Administrator, Economic & International Development, commented.

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

Ellen Smyth, Director, Environmental Services, responded to comments from Ms. Burt.

Ms. Forsyth responded to comments from Ms. Burt.

(Board Member Stapler left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.)

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE FORWARD.

THERE WAS NO 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 and Discussion: The Open Space Advisory Board will receive an update on the evaluation of properties for acquisition using Quality-of-Life bond funding.

Contact: Jose 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 Property.

10. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Ms. Benavides and Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.