



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19th, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

City 2 Building, 218 N. Campbell

4th Floor Large Conference Room

Members Present: 6

Chairwoman Lois Balin, Charles Stapler, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Don Baumgardt, Dr. Richard V. Teschner, Bob Geyer, and Patricia E. White (3:09 p.m.)

Members Absent: 1

Ann Morgan Lilly

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Larry Nichols, Director; Alex Hoffman, Deputy Director; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; and Ryan Kirby, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; and Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, Jose Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic Development Department

Members of the public:

Marilyn Guida

Carole Roberts-Spence

Board Member Bob Geyer (as a member of the public)

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Balin called the meeting to order 3:04 p.m., quorum present.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda)

Chairwoman Balin noted Board Members do not comment on and/or discuss call to the public matters:

1. Carole Robert-Spence distributed information and commented on the Northwest Upper Valley Plan Amendment. (information on file)
2. Marilyn Guida distributed information regarding OSAB enabling ordinances and OSAB Terms of Office. (information on file)
3. As a member of the public, Board Member Bob Geyer distributed information and commented on the Northwest Upper Valley Plan Amendment. (information on file)

The following city staff explained, per the Open Meetings Act, Board Members cannot comment on or discuss matters brought before the Board Members via the Call to the Public.

1. Karla Nieman

3. Discussion and Action:

a. Change to the Agenda

Staff requested item 6. be moved to the forefront – Nomination and election of the OSAB Chair and Vice-Chair.

b. Approval of Minutes: June 7th, 2017



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MOTION:

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

ABSTAIN: *Chairwoman Balin and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart*

4. **Information, and Discussion:** Quarterly report – April 6th, and June 29th, 2017 – from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. These land studies and plats were approved by the City Plan Commission. Contact: Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members and members of the public.



ITEM 4 - Quarterly
Report of Pending OS

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Dr. Teschner, Dr. Miles-Bonart, White, Geyer, Stapler, and Baumgardt commented.

The following city staff commented:

1. Nelson Ortiz
2. Kimberly Forsyth
3. Karla Nieman
4. Larry Nichols
5. Harrison Plourde

The following members of the public commented:

1. Dr. Richard Bonart
2. Marilyn Guida
3. Carole Roberts-Spence

NO ACTION TAKEN.

5. Information and Discussion: Update on the Mountain to River Trail.

Contact: Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo provided a verbal update for Board Members and responded to comments and questions from Board Members and members of the public.



060517 Thunderbird
and Thousand Steps



060117 Roundhouse
Lazy Cow Trailhead C

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Baumgardt and Dr. Miles-Bonart comment.

The following staff members commented:

1. Karla Nieman

The following members of the public commented:

1. Marilyn Guida
2. Dr. Richard Bonart

NO ACTION TAKEN.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO 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 and Discussion: Update on open space acquisitions.

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.

Moved to the forefront per Item 3a.

Postponed from the June 6th OSAB meeting

- 6. Information, and Discussion, and Action:** Nomination and election of the OSAB Chair and Vice-Chair. Contact: Lois Balin, Chair, lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov

Chairwoman Balin asked for nominees for Chair.

Staff explained the new Chair and Vice-Chair would commence duties at the August OSAB meeting.

Chair nominee

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

No other nominations for Chair were requested.

MOTION:

Motion made by Bob Geyer, and seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT DR. SHARON MILES-BONART CHAIR.

Chairwoman Balin asked for nominees for Vice-Chair.

Vice Chair nominee

Dr. Teschner nominated Bob Geyer as Vice-Chair.

No other nominations for Vice-Chair were requested.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, and seconded by Dr. Miles-Bonart AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT BOB GEYER VICE-CHAIR.

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, and seconded by Dr. Teschner AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN.