
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021, 3:00 P.M.**

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

Karina Braggalla, Senior Planner, Planning & Inspections, read the below information into the record:

The Texas Governor has temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board will be conducted on January 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website: <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>

Via television on City15

Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the Board during public comment and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

1 915 213 4096, At the prompt please enter the Conference ID: 956 973 477#

The following members of the Open Space Advisory Board will be present via video conference:

**Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, Chairman Joe Garibay
Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White (late arrival 3:20 p.m.)
and Sarah Elena Dillabough**

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board must participate in the meeting.

Recording of the meeting will begin prior to roll call

Members Present: 6

Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, Chairman Joe Garibay, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White (late arrival 3:20 p.m.), and Sarah Elena Dillabough

Member Absent: 1

Stephen Tures

Vacancies: 2

Mayor and District 2

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Luis Zamora, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group; Nicholas Gonzalez, Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department; David Garcia, Capital Improvement Department; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department

Members of the public: 0**Establish a Quorum**

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called the meeting.

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.

There were no Information Presentations.

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.

No members of the public spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the order of presentation of items on the Agenda; and/or any deletions.

Postpone Item 6 to February.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED POSTPONE ITEM 6 TO FEBRUARY

(Motion passed 5-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member White

- 2. Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for December 2, 2020

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES.

(Motion passed 5-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member White

- 3. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Review and comment on the following Rezoning Application
Contact: Luis Zamora, zamoralf@elpasotexas.gov

PZRZ20-00023: Portion of Tract 4G, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 240, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Location: East of Resler Dr. and South of Woodrow Bean Transmountain Rd.

Zoning: C-4/c (Commercial/conditions)

Request: Rezone from C-4 (Commercial) to R-3A (Residential)

Existing Use: Vacant

Proposed use: Residential

Property Owner: Plexxar Capital, LTD

Representative: CSA Design Group, Inc., c/o Adrian Holguin-Ontiveros

District: 1

Presentation by Luis Zamora, Planner, Planning and Inspections.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Member Dr. Miles Bonart.

Comment from Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dillabough, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides AND CARRIED TO APPROVE.

(Motion passed 4-1)

NAY: *Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart*

ABSTAIN: *Board Member White*

- 4. Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas pursuant to City Code Section 2.22.050 (B) (2). **Contact:** Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner, Planning and Inspections.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Comment from Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group.

- 5. Information, Discussion and Action:** Presentation on the status of the Mountain to River Trail System project. **Contact:** Nicholas Gonzalez, gonzaleznx@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Nicholas Gonzalez, Engineering Associate, Capital Improvement Department.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, White and Dillabough.

Comments from David Garcia, Capital Improvement Department, and Assistant Director, Gerald DeMuro, Capital Improvement Department.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- 6. Information, Discussion and Action:** Current community use and maintenance of Billy Rogers Arroyo Park. **Contact:** Bill Fyffe@elpasotexas.gov

ITEM 6. WAS POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY.

CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION.

(Motion passed 6-0)

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: Review and discussion of amendments to the Quality of Life Bond Priority Property Acquisition List. **Contact:** Lisa Gala, galalm@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

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides, seconded by Board Member Cacho
AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN TO OPEN MEETING.

Motion passed (6-0)

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Cacho **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.**

Motion passed (5-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member White