
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020, 3:00 P.M.**

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

Karina Bragg, 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 October 7, 2020 at 3:00pm. 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:

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At the prompt please enter the Conference ID: 440 187 998#

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

Stephen Tures, Chairman Don Baumgardt, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, Joe Garibay, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White, 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: 8

Chairman Don Baumgardt, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, Stephen Tures, Joe Garibay, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White (arrived 3:12 p.m.), and Sarah Elena Dillabough

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 1**

Mayor

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner; Harrison Plourde, Lead Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner;

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department (CID); Lisa Gala, Capital Improvement Department (CID); Alex Hoffman, Capital Improvement Department (CID); Nicholas Ybarra, Engineering Division Manager, Environmental Services Department; Forrest Clancy, Administrative Services Manager, Environmental Services Department; and Ellen Smyth, Director – Sun Metro & Environmental Services Departments

Member of the public: 1

Marilyn Guida

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Baumgardt 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.

Ms. Marilyn Guida made remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Garibay, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE ITEM 5 TO NOVEMBER.

(Motion passed 8-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Board Member White*

2. **Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for September 9, 2020

Board Members White and Dr. Miles-Bonart commented.

Karina Brascalla commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Garibay, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE ITEM 5 TO NOVEMBER.

(Motion passed 8-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Board Member White*

NOTE: *No motion was made for Item 9.*

3. **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

Nelson Ortiz gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Garibay, and Chairman Baumgardt

4. **Information and Discussion:** Review location of proposed Westside Citizen Collection Station (CCS). **Contact:** [Nicholas Ybarra, ybarrann@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:ybarrann@elpasotexas.gov)

Nicholas Ybarra, Engineering Division Manager, Environmental Services Department, gave a presentation.

Ellen Smyth, Director of Sun Metro and Environmental Services Departments, commented.

Forrest Clancy, Administrative Services Manager, Environmental Services Department, commented.

Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart and Tures commented.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

- 5. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Review and approval of a memorandum to Council regarding the Mountain to River Trail, pursuant to the September 9, 2020 Board motion.

Contact: donbaumgardt@gmail.com

Postponed to November 4th OSAB meeting.

- 6. Information, Discussion and Action:** Discussion of the 2007 Open Space Master Plan, recommendation for an update and ad hoc committee.

Contact: [Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:Karina.Brasgalla@elpasotexas.gov)

Karina Brasgalla gave a presentation and responded to comments and/or questions from Chairman Baumgardt and Board Member Tures.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ENTER 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: Review of the 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 Vice-Chairwoman Benavides, seconded by Board Member Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN TO OPEN MEETING.

Motion passed (8-0)

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Cacho, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

Motion passed (8-0)