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**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 3:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL  
AND VIRTUALLY**

**THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE USE OF  
MASKS IN ALL CITY FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACES**

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board will be conducted on November 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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:

Members of the public are encouraged to participate virtually by calling **1 915 213 4096**

**At the prompt please enter the Conference ID: 956 973 477#**

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

Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeAEOuxFllc>

**The following members of the Open Space Advisory Board will be present:**

**Mark Wancho, Bonnie Cacho, Stephen Tures, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides,  
Joe Garibay, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart,  
Isela Castañon-Williams, Sarah Elena Dillabough**

**Vacancy: 0**

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

**Recording of the meeting will begin prior to roll call**

**Establish a Quorum**

*A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.*

**Meeting Called to Order**

*Meeting called to order.*

**Members Present: 8**

*Chairman Joe Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes Benavides and Board Members Mark Wancho, Bonnie Cacho, Stephen Turess, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Isela Castañon-Williams, Sarah Dillabough (on Teams)*

**Members Absent: 1**

*Romaree Friedman Herbert*

**Vacant: 0****Planning & Inspections Department:**

*Kevin Smith, Assistant Director-Planning*

**Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:**

*Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney I, City Attorney's Office; Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks Operations Superintendent; James Wolff, Real Estate Manager, EPWater; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department*

**Member of the public: 0****Board Duties:**

*The Open Space Advisory Board shall act as an advisory board and provide recommendations to the City Council in efforts to preserve and acquire open space as identified in the Towards a Bright Future: A Green Infrastructure Plan for El Paso, Texas, commonly referred to as the open space master plan. The Open Space Advisory Board shall provide recommendations on the implementation of the open space master plan.*

**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.*

There were no speakers.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes

### **2. Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for October 13, 2021.

Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart requested changes to the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Chairman Garibay stated that at the last OSAB meeting, it was decided if action was taken on an agenda item that that motion language would be included in the meeting minutes, without all the discussion.

Kevin Smith explained Staff would revise the minutes to reflect just the motion language.

Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart referred to the OSAB Bylaws and explained the motions are to be stated as they are voted upon. That would really help if, in the future, and also in this, that the minutes reflect this, that when a motion is made and voted on that, the verbiage that is used be presented.

Mr. Smith requested Board Members take no action on this. He stated that the December OSAB agenda would contain both the revised October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

No action was taken.

### **3. Information and Discussion:** Update on the repairs to Roundhouse Trailhead

**Contact:** Emigdio Gonzalez, [gonzalezex5@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:gonzalezex5@elpasotexas.gov)

Emigdio Gonzalez made remarks.

James Wolff made remarks.

Jerry DeMuro made remarks.

Discussion amongst Chairman Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes Benavides and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Wancho, Tures and Herbert.

Responses from Mr. Smith and Mr. Abeln.

- 4. Information, Discussion and Action:** Quarterly Presentation of OSAB motions report.  
**Contact:** Kevin Smith, [smithkw@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:smithkw@elpasotexas.gov)

Kevin Smith gave a presentation.

Discussion amongst Chairman Garibay and Board Members Tures, Dr. Miles-Bonart and Cacho.

Gerald DeMuro made remarks.

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No closed session. Discussion on the matter was done in open session.

Discussion amongst Chairman Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes Benavides and Board Members Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Wanchow, Tures, Cacho and Dillabough.

Comments from Kevin Smith, Russell Abeln, Jerry DeMuro, and James Wolff.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY**

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.

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

**Mark Wanchow, Bonnie Cacho, Stephen Tures, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides,  
Joe Garibay, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart,  
Isela Castañon-Williams, Sarah Elena Dillabough**

*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 the status of the Northeast land acquisition and PD/Fire Academy. **Contact:** Jerry DeMuro, [demurog@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:demurog@elpasotexas.gov)

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**5. Discussion:** Identify items for future agendas.

1. Board Member Wanchow – requested an update from EPWater regarding the Roundhouse and the lease negotiations with the Bowens and the improvements on the property and the removal of the improvements by the Bowens.
2. Board Member Cacho – priority list and keep on top of that.
3. Board Member Tures – next time have a motion to ask City Council to ask Staff to work with Comsar and stakeholders' to develop an open space road's maintenance list. An update from Mr. DeMuro on what has changed in the last four months regarding the Northeast land acquisition to include a map.
4. Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes Benavides discussion on an easement on the Northeast land and a recommendation to City Council regarding the prioritization of properties.
5. Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart – the decision that the Northeast property information be brought back to Board Members as an actionable item.

Comments from Mr. Smith and Mr. Abeln.

**6. Adjournment**

***MOTION:***

*Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes Benavides*  
**AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.** (Voice vote, all Ayes) (Motion passed 8-0)