
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020, 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 December 2, 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:

1 915 213 4096

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, 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: 7

Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides (departure 5:17 p.m.), Stephen Tures, Joe Garibay, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White (arrival 3:10 p.m.), and Sarah Elena Dillabough

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 2**

Mayor and District 2

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner; Harrison Plourde, 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; Rocio Alvarado, EPWater, James Wolff, EPWater

Member of the public: 1

Marilyn Guida

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting 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.

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: Election of the Chair.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO NOMINATE JOE GARIBAY AS OSAB CHAIRMAN.

(Motion passed 6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member White

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

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, seconded by Board Member Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE ITEM 6 TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE AGENDA.

(Motion passed 6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member White

3. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for October 7, 2020

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Cacho, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MINUTES.

(Motion passed 7-0)

4. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for November 4, 2020

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER MINUTES.

(Motion passed 7-0)

5. **Information and Discussion:** El Paso Water (EPWater) 3rd Quarter financial report on 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue and expenses.

Presentation by Rocio Alvarado, EPWater.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart and Dillabough.

Comment from James Wolff, EPWater.

Request from Board to have an item on the Lost Dog repayment schedule in January.

Item 6 was discussed prior to Item 3.

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

Luis Zamora, Planner, gave a presentation

Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart and Tures commented.

Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group, representing the applicant, commented.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Board Member Tures **TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE ARROYO REMAIN UNDISTURBED.***

Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart requested the friendly amendment “ ... undisturbed rim to rim”.

There was no second. The motion failed.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides, seconded by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO POSTPONE THE ITEM TO THE JANUARY MEETING.***

(Motion passed 7-0)

CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION.

(Motion passed 7-0)

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 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 Tures, seconded by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN TO OPEN MEETING.

Motion passed (6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO PRIORITIZE THREE PARCELS AS DISCUSSED.

Motion passed (6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides*

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dillabough, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

Motion passed (6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides*