

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 8

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler (arrived 3:45 p.m.), Don Baumgardt, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Robert Melson, Patricia White and Joanne Gwinn Burt (left 4:34 p.m.)

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Elizabeth Reyes, Engineering Division Manager, Capital Improvement; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Jose Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development; Ellen Smyth, Director, Environmental Services

Members of the public:

Judy Ackerman, Marilyn Guida

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:03 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.

1. Marilyn Guida
2. Judy Ackerman

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Move Item CS2. Out of Closed Session

*Item CS2. – **Information and Discussion:** Update on acquisition of access to the Palisades.*

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: January 10, 2018

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.

3. Information and Discussion: Update on the status and projected timeline for construction of four trailheads: Thousand Steps, Thunder Canyon, Lazy Cow, and Roundhouse Trailheads.

Contact: Yvette Hernandez, hernandezym@elpasotexas.gov

Elizabeth Reyes gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt.

Jorge Castillo responded to comments and questions from the Board.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the status of El Paso Water's (EPW) purchase of the Hunt Arroyos. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwu.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

5. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update from City concerning any plans regarding the property abutting Keystone Heritage Park.

Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

Ellen Smyth, smythea@elpasotexas.gov

Jose Carlos Villalva gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from the Board.



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Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Burt, Baumgardt, Melson, and Benavides commented and asked questions of staff.

The following staff commented and responded to questions from the Board:

1. Ellen Smyth
2. Kimberly Forsyth
3. Karla Nieman

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO TABLE
ITEM ONE MONTH.*

6. **Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report of pending OSAB motions.
Contact: Jeff Howell, howelljb@elpasotexas.gov



ITEM 6 - Quarterly
Report of Pending C

Jeff Howell gave a presentation.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

7. **Information and Discussion:** Update on acquisition of Knapp Property.
Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

Jose Carlos gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Baumgardt, and White.

The following staff commented and responded to questions from the Board:

1. Kimberly Forsyth
2. Karla Nieman

Judy Ackerman, member of the public, commented.

CS2. was moved out of Executive Session into open session per Item 1. Changes to the Agenda

CS2. Information and Discussion: Update on acquisition of access to the Palisades.

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.

Patricia Dalbin commented and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Baumgardt.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

EXECUTIVE 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 using 2012 Quality of Life Bond Funds. **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.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Melson AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.