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

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

Karina Brascgalla, 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:

**Chairman Joe Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides
Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White,
Sarah Elena Dillabough and Stephen Tures**

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

Chairman Joe Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides and Board Members Dillabough, Tures, Cacho, White and Dr. Miles-Bonart

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 1**

Mayor

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; James Wolff – Real Estate Manager, El Paso Water; Bene Fyffe – Parks Director, Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks Department, Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director – CID

Members 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 at 3:05 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.

Marilyn Guida commented.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

There were no changes to the Agenda.

2. **Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for January 6, 2021.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2021 MINUTES.

(Motion passed 6-0)

ABSTAIN: Board Member Tures

3. **Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report of pending Board motions.

Contact: Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov

Report of pending motions by Karina Brasgalla.

4. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Schedule of payments for the acquisition of Lost Dog from the 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue. **Contact:** Rocio Alvarado, rpalvarado@epwater.org

Presentation on the Lost Dog payment schedule by James Wolff.

Comments from Chairman Garibay, Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Gerry DeMuro, Assistant Director, CID commented.

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, commented.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

5. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Current community use and maintenance of Billy Rogers Arroyo Park. **Contact:** Ben Fyffe, fyffebe@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation on work at Billy Rogers Arroyo Park by Ben Fyffe, Parks Director.

Comment and discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Dillabough, and Tures.

Comments from Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks Department.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THERE WAS NO CLOSED SESSION ITEM ON THE AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION

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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

6. Adjournment

MOTION:

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

Motion passed (7-0)