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

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

Karina Brascalla, 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 March 3, 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, Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White,
Sarah Elena Dillabough, Stephen Tures and Mark Wancho**

Not Present for the Meeting:

Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides

Vacancy:

Mayor

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 and Board Members Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White, Sarah Elena Dillabough, Stephen Tures and Mark Wancho

Members Absent: 1

Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides

Vacancy: 1

Mayor

Planning & Inspections Department:

Karina Brasgalla, Senior Planner; Philip Etiwe, Director; Anne Guayante, Zoning Administrator; Andrew Salloum, Senior Zoning Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; James Wolff – Real Estate Manager, El Paso Water; Rocio Alvarado, Real Estate Manager, El Paso Water; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director – CID

Members of the public: 0**Establish a Quorum**

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called the meeting at 3:14 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.

There were no speakers.

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 February 3, 2021.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MINUTES.

(Motion passed 7-0)

- 3. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Review and comment on the following Rezoning Application
Contact: Andrew Salloum, salloumam@elpasotexas.gov

PZRZ21-00002: Lot 27, Block 1, Alto Mesa Unit 5, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
Location: 6700 N Mesa Street
Zoning: P-C (Planned Commercial)
Request: Rezone from P-C (Planned Commercial) to C-2 (Commercial)
Existing Use: Bank
Proposed Use: Bank
Property Owner: Weststar Bank
Representative: H2O Terra
District: 8

Presentation from Andrew Salloum, Senior Zoning Planner.

Comments and questions from Chairman Garibay and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Responses from Andrew Salloum and Anne Guayante, Zoning Administrator.

MOTION:

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

(Motion passed 7-0)

4. **Information and Discussion:** El Paso Water (EPWater) 4th Quarterly financial report on 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue and expenses. **Contact:** Rocio Alvarado, rpalvarado@epwater.org

Presentation from Rocio Alvarado, Real Estate Manager, El Paso Water.

Comments from Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Tures and White.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Current balances of the QOL Bond budgets for Trails and trail improvements, Trail head parking areas, and Open Space acquisition and conservation.

Contact: Gerald DeMuro, demurog@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Jerry DeMuro, Assistant Director, CID.

Comments from Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Tures and White.

Responses from Jerry DeMuro, Karina Brasgalla and Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney.

THERE WAS NO CLOSED SESSION ITEM ON THE AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION

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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. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas.

Comments from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Tures and White.

Responses from Rocio Alvarado, Gerry DeMuro, Russell Abeln and Karina Bragalla.

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

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

Motion passed (7-0)