
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 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, Stephen Tures, Mark Wancho and Bob Geyer**

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 Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides and Board Members Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart (late arrival 3:20 p.m.), Patricia White, Sarah Elena Dillabough, Stephen Tures, Mark Wancho and Bob Geyer

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 0****Planning & Inspections Department:**

Karina Brasgalla, Lead Planner; Philip Etiwe, Director; Kevin Smith, Assistant Director; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Juan Gonzalez, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director – CID; Gilbert Guerrero, 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 to order.

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.

No changes requested, no action taken.

2. **Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for March 3, 2021.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2021 MINUTES. (Motion passed 8-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart

3. **Information and Discussion:** Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas pursuant to City Code Section 2.22.050 (B) (2). **Contact:** Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Nelson Ortiz.

Comments from Board Members Tures and Wancho.

Items 4, 5, and 6 heard together: regarding Bond funds, Trails Projects, and recommendation to Council

4. **Information and Discussion:** Review of Ordinance No. 017849 and the March 7, 2017 Resolution amending the Trailhead and Trails Project Priority List.

Presentation by Karina Brasgalla.

Presentation by Gilbert Guerrero.

Comment from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Wancho, Geyer, White, Dillabough and Tures.

Comment from Gerald DeMuro and Juan Gonzalez.

No action.

5. **Information and Discussion:** Review of the QOL Bond budget and priorities for: Trails and trail improvements, Trail head parking areas, and Open Space acquisition and conservation.
Contact: Gerald DeMuro, demurog@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Karina Brasgalla.

Presentation by Gilbert Guerrero.

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

Comment from Gerald DeMuro and Juan Gonzalez.

No action.

6. Discussion and Action: Recommendation to City Council on open space funding and spending prioritization pursuant to City Code Section 2.22.050 (A) (1).

Presentation by Karina Brasgalla.

Presentation by Gilbert Guerrero.

Comment from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, Wanchow, Geyer, White, Dillabough and Tures.

Comment from Gerald DeMuro and Juan Gonzalez.

No action.

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

7. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas.

Karina Brasgalla made remarks.

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

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member White, seconded by Board Member Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

Motion passed (9-0)