
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 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 May 12, 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 (arrive 3:15, depart 4:50), Stephen Tures and Mark Wancho**

**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: 8

Chairman Joe Garibay and Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides and Board Members Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White, Sarah Elena Dillabough (arrive 3:15, depart 4:50), Stephen Tures and Mark Wancho

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 1**

Mayor

Planning & Inspections Department:

Karina Brasgalla, Lead Planner; Rocio Alvarado, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; MaryLou Espinoza, CID Program Manager; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director – CID; Gilbert Guerrero, CID

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 to order at 3:02 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) (heard after Closed Session)

Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Marilyn Guida

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Karina Brasgalla asked that the Closed Session item be moved to the forefront of the agenda.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member White, seconded by Board Member Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO HEAR CS1 FIRST AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION. (Motion passed 7-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Dillabough

2. **Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for April 14, 2021.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Alyssa Cervantes-Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES.

(Motion passed 8-0)

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

Contact: Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov.

Karina Brasgalla presented.

4. **Discussion and Action:** Appointment of two members to an Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB)/Bond Oversight Advisory Committee (BOAC) joint subcommittee on Open Space.

Contact: Gerald DeMuro, demurog@elpasotexas.gov.

Gerald DeMuro presented.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Members White, Cacho and Dr. Miles-Bonart.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Dillabough AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS WHITE, DR. MILES-BONART AND CACHO TO THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE. (Motion passed 8-0)

5. **Discussion and Action:** Appointment of two members to an Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB)/Bond Oversight Advisory Committee (BOAC) joint subcommittee on the Mountain to River Trail System. **Contact:** Gerald DeMuro, demurog@elpasotexas.gov

Gerald DeMuro presented.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Members White, Cacho and Dr. Miles-Bonart.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Dillabough AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS WHITE, DR. MILES-BONART AND CACHO TO THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE. (Motion passed 8-0)

- 6. Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the status of active trailhead improvements projects.
Contact: Gilbert Guerrero, guerrerogx@elpasotexas.gov.

Presentation by Gilbert Guerrero.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Members Dr. Miles-Bonart, White, Tures, Cacho and Dillabough.

Comment from Gerald DeMuro.

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

Recommendations to Council.

No action.

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

CS1. Information, Discussion, and Action: *Review of the Priority Property List for Open Space Acquisition. Contact: MaryLou Espinoza, espinozam@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 Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR MEETING. (Motion passed 8-0)

8. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas.

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

9. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member White AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN. Motion passed (7-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Board Member Dillabough*