
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 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 June 9, 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 (left 5:51 p.m.), Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White,
Sarah Elena Dillabough, 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 (left 5:51 p.m.), Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Patricia White, Sarah Elena Dillabough, Stephen Tures and Mark Wancho

Members Absent: 0**Vacancy: 1**

Mayor

Planning & Inspections Department:

Karina Brascalla, Lead Planner; Anne Guayante, Zoning Administrator; Luis Zamora, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Russell Abeln, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Yesenia Castro, EPWater; Rocio Alvarado, EPWater; James Wolff, EPWater

Members of the public: 5

Marilyn Guida, Dr. Rick Bonart, Jorge Garcia, SiteWorks Engineering, Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group Inc., Jose Lares, Hunt Companies

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Board Duties:

The Open Space Advisory Board shall act as an advisory board and provide recommendations to the City Council in efforts to preserve and acquire open space as identified in the Towards a Bright Future: A Green Infrastructure Plan for El Paso, Texas, commonly referred to as the open space master plan. The Open Space Advisory Board shall provide recommendations on the implementation of the open space master plan.

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 was no response.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

None requested.

- 2. Discussion and Action:** Approval of the Minutes for May 12, 2021.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2021 MINUTES. (Motion passed 8-0)

- 3. Discussion and Action:** Changes to the July meeting date.

Karina Bragalla presented regarding schedule change of July OSAB meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Board Member Cacho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MOVE NEXT MEETING TO JULY 14TH. (Motion passed 8-0)

- 4. Information, Discussion and Action:** Review and comment on the following Rezoning Application in the Hillside Development Area. **Contact:** Andrew Salloum, salloumam@elpasotexas.gov

PZRZ21-00008: A portion of Tract 10-W, A.F. Miller Survey No. 211, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
Location: 125 Belvidere Street
Zoning: R-3 (Residential) and A-O-(Apartment/Office)
Request: Rezone from R-3 (Residential) and A-O (Apartment/Office) to S-D (Special Development) and setback reductions
Existing Use: Library
Proposed Use: Library additions
Property Owner: City of El Paso
Representative: City of El Paso
District: 8

Presentation by Anne Guayante on rezoning case PZRZ21-00008.

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

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Tures, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Cervantes-Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE. (Motion passed 8-0)

- 5. Information, Discussion and Action:** Review and comment on the following Rezoning Application in the Hillside Development Area. **Contact:** Luis Zamora, zamoralf@elpasotexas.gov

PZRZ21-00015: A 0.376-acre portion of Tract 1B, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 242 and Tract 2E4, Nellie D. Mundy Survey 243, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
Location: East of Resler Dr. and South of Woodrow Bean Transmountain Rd.
Zoning: C-4/c (Commercial/conditions)
Request: Rezone from C-4/c (Commercial/conditions) to R-3A/c (Residential/conditions)
Existing Use: Vacant
Proposed Use: Residential
Property Owner: Plexxar Capital, LTD
Representative: CSA Design Group, Inc.
District: 1

Presentation by Luis Zamora on rezoning case PZRZ21-00015.

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

Responses from Anne Guayante and Adrian Ontiveros, CSA Design Group, Inc.

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Cacho, seconded by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE. (Motion passed 8-0)

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

Presentation by Rocio Alvarado on Quarterly Report of 10% funds.

Discussion from Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Response by James Wolff with EPWater.

7. Information and Discussion: Update on the status of Hunt Arroyo 1A

Contact: Yesenia Castro, oycastro@epwater.org

Presentation from Yesenia Castro.

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

Response from Adrian Ontiveros with CSA Design Group, Inc., Jose Lares with Hunt Companies and Karina Brasgalla.

Public Comment from Dr. Rick Bonart and Marilyn Guida.

8. Information and Discussion: Update on the status of Cement Lake.

Contact: Rocio Alvarado, rpalvarado@epwater.org

Presentation from Rocio Alvarado on Cement Lake.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Public comment from Dr. Rick Bonart.

9. Information, Discussion and Action: Update from the joint BOAC/OSAB committee for the Mountain to River Trail System and Open Space acquisitions.

Contact: Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net

Presentation from Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart

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: *Update from the joint BOAC/OSAB committee for the Mountain to River Trail System and Open Space acquisitions.*

Contact: *Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net*

11. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay and Karina Brasgalla.

12. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN. (Motion passed 6-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: *Board Members White and Cacho*