

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 3:00 P.M.

City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell

First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 6

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Charles Stapler, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides, Joanne Burt and Patricia White

Members Absent: 1

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Vacancy: 2

District 4, District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Alex Hoffmann, Deputy Director – Planning; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Karina Brascalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Omar DeLaRosa, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate; Capital Improvement Department; José Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development, Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water;

Members of the public:

Marilyn Guida

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:04 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.

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 Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes for May 23, 2018, June 6, 2018, and June 20, 2018.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.



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MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Ms. Burt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.



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MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Vice-Chairman Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

ABSTAIN: Ms. Burt

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.



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MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt, seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.

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.
Contact: Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz gave a presentation.



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4. **Information and Discussion:** Update on land in the Northwest Regulating Plan area conveyed to Franklin Mountains State Park. **Contact:** Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov

Karina Brasgalla gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



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Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Vice-Chairman Geyer commented.

The following staff members commented:

1. Harrison Plourde
2. Jeff Howell

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

- 5. Information, Discussion and Action:** Update on status of the Mountain to River Trail System, to include the feasibility of preservation and protection of the System.

Contact: Daniel Lopez, lopezdp@elpasotexas.gov

Daniel Lopez updated Board Members and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Board Member Burt commented.

The following staff members responded to comments and questions from the Board:

1. Jeff Howell
2. Alex Hoffman

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

Daniel Lopez responded to comments by Ms. Guida.

- 6. Information, Discussion and Action:** Update on status of the following trailheads: Thousand Steps, Thunderbird, Lazy Cow, and Roundhouse, to include the feasibility of preservation and protection of the trailheads. **Contact:** Daniel Lopez, lopezdp@elpasotexas.gov

Daniel Lopez updated Board Members on the status of the trailheads and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.

7. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Update on feasibility of conservation and protection of Knapp Canyon. **Contact:** José Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

José Villalva gave an update and responded to comments and questions from Board Members and member of the public.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Member Burt commented.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Dr. Rick Bonart
2. Marilyn Guida

8. **Information and Discussion:** Presentation on EPW-PSB process for declaring property inexpedient. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



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Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Burt and Benavides commented.

Jeff Howell responded to comments from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart.

9. **Information and Discussion:** Update on Hunt Arroyo 1 and Hunt Arroyo 1A acquisitions, to include the current ownership and opportunities for open space preservation and protection. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation (see item 8.).

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE BOARD GO TO CLOSED SESSION.

CLOSED SESSION

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: The Open Space Advisory Board will receive information regarding a possible acquisition of real property for open space.

Contact: Dr. Michiel Noe, (915) 212-1021

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.

Jeff Howell recommended August 29th as the date for the OSAB Special Meeting, 3:00 p.m., City 1 Council Chambers, to discuss the priority list.

10. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Benavides AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN AT 4:41 P.M.