

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 7

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Don Baumgardt, Charles Stapler, Joanne Burt, Alyssa Cervantes Benavides and Patricia White (arrived 3:21 p.m.)

Members Absent: 0

Vacancy: 2

District 4, District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Alex Hoffmann, Deputy Director – Planning; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brascalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Yesenia Castro, Project Manager, EPW; Wade Barnes, Parkhill, Smith and Cooper; Patricia Dalbin, EPW; Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer, EPW; Brad Kirksey, Freese & Nichols

Members of the public:

Marilyn Guida, Judy Ackerman

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.

Judy Ackerman commented.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda.

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: July 18, 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 Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Burt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN.***

Not present for the vote: Ms. White

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

Contact: Jeff Howell, howelljb@elpasotexas.gov

Jeff Howell gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Vice-Chairman Geyer.



ITEM 3 - Quarterly
Report of Pending C

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart commented on the lack of bids for the Mountain to River Trail System.

4. **Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the final designs plans for Arroyo I Stormwater Improvements. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Yesenia Castro, Project Manager, EPW, gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Wade Barnes, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Patricia Dalbin, EPW, responded to a comment from the public.



ITEM 4 - Design
Plan Arroyo 1.pdf

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

The following members of the public commented:

1. Marilyn Guida
2. Judy Ackerman

5. **Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the final designs plans for Silver Springs Stormwater Improvements. **Contact:** Patricia Dalbin, pdalbin@epwater.org

Gilbert Trejo, Chief Technical Officer, EPW, gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Brad Kirksey, Freese & Nichols Engineering, responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



ITEM 5 - Silver
Springs Final Design

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Member Baumgardt commented and asked questions.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

6. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Identifying potential funding sources for open space acquisition, including a percentage of revenue from hotel/motel taxes for wellness, as identified in the 2007 Open Space Master Plan. **Contact:** Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, shmiles@flash.net

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



ITEM 6 - 2007 Open
Space Master Plan.p

Vice-Chairman Geyer and Board Members Burt, Baumgardt and White commented.

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stapler *THAT WE ASK THE STAFF TO REVIEW THE FUNDING POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE MENTIONED IN THE OPEN SPACE PLAN THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DEVELOPED LOOK AT EACH OF THOSE ALTERNATIVES AS MARILYN SAID SEE IF THEY ARE STILL RELEVANT AND WHETHER THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THERE COULD BE ADDITIONAL FUNDING UNDER EACH OF THOSE.*

Roberta Brito, Assistant City Attorney, commented.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart commented on creating an OSAB sub-committee for this project.

RESTATED MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stapler *RECOMMEND THAT STAFF PROVIDE RESEARCH ON EACH OF THESE FUNDING POSSIBILITIES IN CHAPTER SIX OF THE OPEN SPACE PLAN AND THAT THE REQUEST BE MADE THROUGH COUNCIL BY THIS BOARD THAT THAT HAPPEN.*

Ms. Burt suggested a friendly amendment to the motion *to form a subcommittee, working with city staff, to explore avenues for additional funding.*

AMENDED MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stapler *TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE, WORKING WITH CITY STAFF, TO EXPLORE AVENUES FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. RECOMMEND THAT STAFF PROVIDE RESEARCH ON EACH OF THESE FUNDING POSSIBILITIES IN CHAPTER SIX OF THE OPEN SPACE PLAN AND THAT THE REQUEST BE MADE THROUGH COUNCIL BY THIS BOARD THAT THAT HAPPEN.*

Ms. Brito read Chapter 2.22.060 and By-Laws, Article 9, Sub-Committees into the record and provided legal advice. Furthermore, Ms. Brito read sections of the OSAB enabling ordinance into the record.

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

Vice-Chairman Geyer withdrew his motion.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Cervantes-Benavides **TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO NEXT MONTH'S REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER AND TO ALLOW TIME FOR LEGAL TO COME UP TO A DEFINITE DEFINITION WHERE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS FAR AS ANY TYPES OF OPEN SPACE FUNDING.**

Prior to the vote, Ms. Burt requested eliminating the language *including a percentage of revenue from hotel/motel taxes.* from the agenda item language.

RESTATED MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Ms. Cervantes-Benavides **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO PLACE AN ITEM ON NEXT MONTH'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER "INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION: Identifying potential funding sources for open space acquisition." AND TO ALLOW TIME FOR LEGAL TO COME UP TO A DEFINITE DEFINITION WHERE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS FAR AS ANY TYPES OF OPEN SPACE FUNDING.**

CLOSED SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

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. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Baumgardt, seconded by Mr. Stapler **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.**