
**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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 August 4, 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-Chairman Stephen Tures
Yvonne Cacho, Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Sarah Elena Dillabough
Mark Wancho and Isela Castañon-Williams**

**Vacancy:
Mayor, District 3**

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: 5

Chairman Joe Garibay, Vice-Chairman Stephen Tures and Board Members Yvonne Cacho (left 4:20 pm), Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart and Mark Wancho

Members Absent: 2

Isela Castañon-Williams, Sarah Elena Dillabough

Vacant: 2

Mayor, District 3

Planning & Inspections Department:

Karina Brasgalla, Lead Planner; Raul Garcia, Program Manager

Other City Staff Present/Other Presenters:

Wendi Vineyard, Assistant City Attorney II, City Attorney's Office; Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department; Alex Hoffman, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department – Planning

Members of the public: 3

Judy Ackerman, Marilyn Guida, Pat White

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 were no speakers.

Election of Vice-Chair

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart, seconded by Board Member Wancho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBER TURES AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. (Motion passed 4-0)

ABSTAIN: *Vice-Chairman Tures*

REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart TO POSTPONE ITEM 5.

There was no second to the motion. Motion failed.

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

MOTION:

Motion made by Board Member Cacho, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tures AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE JULY 14, 2021 MINUTES. (Motion passed 5-0)

- 3. Information, Discussion, and Action:** Quarterly motion report.

Contact: Karina Brasgalla, brasgallakx@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation by Karina Brasgalla.

Comment from Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

- 4. Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the proposed siting of the Joint Fire and Police Academy. **Contact:** Gerald DeMuro, demurog@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation from Gerald DeMuro, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department.

Discussion from Chairman Garibay, Vice-Chairman Tures and Board Member Wancho.

Public Comment from Judy Ackerman and Marilyn Guida.

Comment from Alex Hoffman, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department – Planning.

- 5. Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the duties and purview of the Open Space Advisory Board. **Contact:** Wendi Vineyard, vineyardwn@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation from Wendi Vineyard, Assistant City Attorney.

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

Public Comment from Marilyn Guida and Pat White.

- 6. Information and Discussion:** Presentation on the platting review and approval process under El Paso City Code and Chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code.
Contact: Armida Martinez, martinezad@elpasotexas.gov

Presentation from Raul Garcia, Program Manager.

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

Public Comment from Marilyn Guida.

- 7. Discussion and Action:** Recommendation to City Council on additions or changes to: the open space master plan, open space goals, open space acquisitions, open space funding and spending prioritization to City Code Section 2.22.050(A)(1).

Discussion from Alex Hoffman, Assistant Director, Capital Improvement Department - Planning.

Discussion by Chairman Garibay, Vice-Chairman Tures and Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

Public Comment from Judy Ackerman, Marilyn Guida and Pat White.

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

8. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas.

Comment from Board Member Dr. Miles-Bonart.

9. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Tures, seconded by Board Member Wancho AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN. (Motion passed 4-0)

NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE: Board Member Cacho