

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2015**

Members

Griff Lechner
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
Michael Jensen
Rodger Sack

Members Absent

John Kwait

STAFF

Matthew Schmader, Open Space Superintendent
Nicole Trujillo, Open Space Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Rodema Ashby, Interested Citizen
Dean Carris, Real Property Manager
Diane Souder, National Parks Service
Dennis Vasquez, National Parks Service
Ted Garrett, Interested Citizen
Jeff Garrett, Interested Citizen
Kent Swanson, Planner, Open Space Division
James Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division
Keith Reed, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation
Mark Chavez, Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division
Jerrold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Dick Kirshner, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:35 PM

Introductions were made by all present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Schmader introduces Dennis Vasquez, the Superintendent of Petroglyph National Park.

Mr. Vasquez states that there is a Foundation workshop to be held on the 24, 25, and 26th of February.

Matthew Schmader introduces Dean Carris, City of Albuquerque Real Property Manager

Matthew Schmader Introduces James Lewis, Open Space Assistant Superintendent.

Board members Michael Jenson, John Kwait and Griff Lechner states that they will not be able to attend the next meeting.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Janet Saiers to move the February meeting from Tuesday February 24, 2015 to Thursday February 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Loren Hines voted and approved with 5 to 0 vote.

Matthew Schmader announces that he will be giving a talk on the history of the Coronado expedition on February 22, 2015.

Matthew Schmader gives compliments to DMD staff and to the National Monument staff for the cleanup efforts of Piedras Marcadas

ACQUISITION PRIORITY LIST BOOKLET, TOP FIVE PROPERTIES

Matthew Schmader distributes the updated acquisition priority list booklet to the board.

Kent Swanson gives a background of the booklet going back to 2012

Janet Saiers states that the introduction and the narrative should mention the major funding sources over the last 40+ years.

After some discussion, it was determined by the board to put the top 5 properties on next month's agenda. It was also determined by the board to review properties and give a top 4 property list to the Open Space Division.

STATUS OF OPEN SPACE PERMANANET FUND

Matthew Schmader states that this item is carried over from January's meeting.

Matthew Schmader states that today's balance is just under 11 million.

Janet Saiers met with Lindsey Burkhard, Councilor Harris's assistant, regarding the Open Space trust fund amount.

Janet Saiers states that she wrote a letter to Councilor Harris stating that Council should request to be briefed on the status of the Open Space fund.

A motion was made by Loren Hines for the board to take action affirmatively stating that the Boards support the increase of funding and somehow convey that to City Council

After some discussion, the motion was seconded by Michael Jenson, voted on and passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK ACTIVITIES

Matthew Schmader stated that they advertised a couple of educational outdoor forums on the east side of the river from Central to I-40 in the Bosque. The turnout was about 60 people between both events. The outcome of both events was that people seemed a little more at ease.

CALENDAR YEAR 2015 GOAL SETTING

After some discussion from the board it was determined that the goal for 2015 is to find funding. Janet Saiers stated that the Board also needs to be aware of operation budget issues. Janet also stated that she would like for the board to have a briefing from the Bernalillo County Open Space Division.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 PM