

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2015**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Rodger Sack
Michael Jenson
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
John Kwait

STAFF

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

OTHERS PRESENT

James Lewis, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Rene Horvath, Interested Citizen
Reylene Garcia, COA Real Property Division
Don Britt, COA Real Property Manager
Kent Swanson, COA, Open Space Division
Jerold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Joe Horvath, Interested Citizen
Alan Reed, Interested Citizen
Sara Gerlitz, Open Space Division
Dick Kirshner, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:35 PM

Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Loren Hines to approve the December 8, 2015 Open Space Advisory Board Agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michel Jenson stated that he Bosque Action Team will be having their annual fundraiser on December 13, 2015 from 2 PM to 5 PM at the Tortuga gallery. No donation necessary to attend.

John Kwait stated that he noticed in the newspaper there was a public notice of a Bosque walk from Montano to I-40 and requests that in the future, he be notified by e-mail so he is aware of what is going on that might pertain to the Board.

Matthew Schmader stated that there is a public meeting to be held on January 7th, 2016. Matt asked if a couple of members of the board could be present.

Janet Saiers gives an update on the A-Z update planning meeting she attended. She stated that she would like to have prior notice of meetings such as these.

Janet Saiers states that she would like to vote for Officers of the Board in 2016.

Michael Jenson states that he would like to have the Open Meetings Act Resolution put on the January Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael Jenson and seconded by Janet Saiers to approve the October 27, 2015 minutes. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION PRIORITY LIST/BOOK

Aside from a couple of typos that need to be fixed, a motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by John Kwait to approve the Acquisition Priority List/Book. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

BOARD REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL TO ADD OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION TO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Matthew Schmader stated that there is an Intergovernmental Legislative Relations Committee meeting on Thursday December 10, 2015 in the City Council Committee Room at 3:00 PM.

After some discussion by the board, a motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by Michael Jenson to have Board Chair Griff Lechner speak at the December 10th, 2015 meeting to request the City Council include Major Public Open Space.

COUNCIL ORDINANCES EFFECTING OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Matthew Schmader goes over the Ordinances that were adopted by City Council.

After some discussion by the Board, it was asked that the Open Space Division to have City Treasurer come to a Board Meeting to speak on the Open Space Permanent Fund.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Don Britt stated that there was a recent audit of the Permanent Fund and the lands that are unsold are also an asset of the Permanent Fund. A finding is that the appraisal evaluation of those lands is old. They would ideally like to have a yearly appraisal on all Open Space trade lands each year. The Real Property Division has put together a formal way by looking at the County Assessor records and having it appraised that way. A written statement was sent to the auditors and have not been replied to as of yet.

Don Britt stated that they are negotiating with WAHL for the Northern Sand dunes.

Matthew Schmader states that he has been in contact with the owners of the middle 40 acre parcel that is privately owned within the North Geologic Window. Another letter will be written to ask permission to fence off parts of their property to protect the North Geologic Window. The downside is that we would be making an improvement on private land which could be part of the anti-donation clause.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM