

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2017

1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

Don Couchman, Chris Green, Loren Hines (Chair), Rene Horvath, Michael Jensen, Alan Reed, Janet Saiers

Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Tricia Keffer (Open Space Associate Planner), James Lewis (Open Space Assistant Superintendent), Jim Sattler (Open Space Assistant Superintendent), Barbara Taylor (Parks and Recreation Director), Matthew Whelan (Parks and Recreation Acting Associate Director)

Visitors Present

Diane Souder (National Park Service), Matt Schmader (Citizen), Isaac Eastvold (Citizen), Brian Hanson (Citizen), J. David Hutton (Friends of the RGNCSP), Stephanie Yara (City Council), Steve House (ABCWUA), Jerold Widdison (Citizen), Dennis Vasquez (National Park Service), Judy Lidell (Central NM Audubon), Mikaela Renz-Whitmore (CABQ Planning), Russell Brito (CABQ Planning), Jason Hinkes (Citizen), Don Britt (Real Property), Betsy James (Citizen), Christianne Hinks (Citizen), Dave Parsons (Citizen), John Hart (Citizen), Melinda Moffitt (Citizen), Ann Dunlap (Citizen), Yolanda Homann (Citizen), Beth Morris (Citizen), Connie Adler (Citizen), Alison Owens (Citizen), Carolyn R. Siegel (Citizen), Denise Wheeler (Citizen), Joan Robins (Citizen), Charlene Broock (Citizen), Miriam Hall (Citizen)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Loren Hines called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to approve the January 24, 2017, agenda; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Approval of December 13, 2016 Minutes

Michael Jensen requested the following changes in Candelaria Farm section:

- Change “May 2003” to “1983”
- Refer to Rio Grande Nature Center as “Rio Grande Nature Center and Wildlife Preserve” for clarification
- Change “signed or binding contract” to “contract”

- Strike last sentence of section

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve December 13, 2016, minutes as amended; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Public Comment

- Ike Eastvold provided copies and discussed the history of a poster about Petroglyph National Monument. He suggested addressing vandalism and education in the Visitor Use Management Plan.
- Judy Lidell (Central New Mexico Audubon) requested that public interest items be placed at the beginning of the agenda in the future.

Announcements and Correspondence

- Distribution of Visitor Center February events
- Chairman Hines discussed annual letter to Mayor Berry. He will attend the next Council meeting to convey thanks for their work for Open Space this year. Parks will include the document on the website.
- Alan Reed suggested, in addition to a shorter discussion included on the agenda, having a separate work session to determine Board comments for the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan.
- Tricia Keffer will prepare the agenda and minutes for the Advisory Board until someone is hired to replace the previous Board secretary.
- Barbara Taylor announced there will be a bill in this session of the legislature to allow cross-commission park service officers.

Election of Officers

Motion: Alan Reed moved that Loren Hines continue as Chair of the Advisory Board until his term ends in September; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: Alan Reed moved that Michael Jensen be Vice Chair; second by Rene Horvath. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Open Meetings Act Affirmation

Loren Hines and Michael Jensen explained the annual Open Space Advisory Board Open Meetings Act Affirmation. No changes are necessary from last year's version.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the resolution; second by Rene Horvath. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Action: Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Plan

Alan Reed provided a draft resolution concerning the Board's recommendations for the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan. Mr. Reed then referred to concept maps distributed by the National Park Service at a previous board meeting and explained his opposition to the multi-use trail network in the second concept.

Motion: Alan Reed moved that the Advisory Board oppose the Concept 2 map; second by Don Couchman.

A discussion on providing access and preserving low-impact trails on the mesa top versus preventing vandalism followed. Director Taylor stated that the Parks and Recreation Department supports the stance that access should be limited to prevent damage to the petroglyphs as well as sacred places.

After discussion, the Board voted on the above motion; motion passed 5-2 with Rene Horvath and Chris Green opposing.

Motion: Alan Reed moved that the Advisory Board urge City Council to fund five cross-commission, fully-trained law enforcement ranger positions for use primarily in Petroglyph National Monument; second by Don Couchman.

The discussion that followed covered some of the history of Open Space police and potential issues with funding availability from the City.

Motion to amend: Chairman Hines moved to amend the above motion to urge funding of up to five cross-commission, fully-trained law enforcement ranger positions for use primarily in Petroglyph National Monument; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

The Board scheduled an open meeting work session for 1:30pm, February 9, 2017, at the Open Space Visitor Center, to discuss the draft of potential policies, the draft resolution, and concept maps.

Dennis Vasquez provided the Board with the orientation DVD for Petroglyph National Monument and a summary of public outreach meetings regarding the Visitor Use Management Plan.

Update: ABC-Z Comp Plan and IDO

Mikaela Renz-Whitmore from the Planning Department gave an overview of the ABC-Z Comprehensive Plan and Integrated Development Ordinance and some changes related to Major Public Open Space, including regulations for development next to sensitive land, and the new zone NR-PO (Non-Residential - Parks and Open Space), which includes the following subzone categories: “A”- Public owned and/or managed Park, “B”- Major Public Open Space, “C” - any park or open space owned and/or managed privately, and “D” – Biopark. The Comprehensive Plan will go before City Council on March 6th. The Integrated Zoning Ordinance will likely go before the Environmental Planning Commission on April 6th.

Public Outreach/Film Presentation

This item was intended to be an update after Michael Jensen discussed outreach ideas with the Open Space Alliance; because he won't be on their agenda until February, this item will be moved to the Board's next regular meeting.

Update: Candelaria Farm Preserve

Motion: Alan Reed made a motion to move the Candelaria Farm item ahead of the Real Property Report; second by Michael Jensen. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Chairman Hines announced that City Council passed the resolution concerning Candelaria Farm that the Advisory Board sent to them. The Board discussed the first steps for establishing the technical advisory committee. Michael Jensen was appointed as the Open Space Advisory Board representative to coordinate and put together the technical advisory group.

Presentation: Solar-Covered Parking Proposal

John Stomp of the Water Utility Authority presented a proposal for solar covering over the Alameda Open Space parking lot to power the raw water pump station. The Board requested that the Water Authority develop a design covering less of the proposed acreage, which would help better determine its compatibility with Open Space lands.

Real Property Report

Don Britt gave updates on the following Real Property items:

- **Farmington** – Council approved the sale of the Farmington land. The Academy will be paid at closing; he expects it will close by the next Board meeting.
- **Juan Tomas** – Juan Tomas issues were settled with the Academy, so it's been removed from the trade lands list.
- **Carolino Canyon** – The Carolino Canyon easement with specific requirements from Open Space was prepared and is now in the property owner's hands.
- **West Montecito** – The West Montecito land exchange is almost complete
- **La Cuentista** – Councilors agreed to use a portion of future G.O. Bond monies for Open Space acquisitions, and there is a conceptual agreement in place with the seller. Different sections will be purchased as funding becomes available. The seller will donate 5-8.5 acres with each acquisition.

Adjournment

Motion: Janet Saiers moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 pm, second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.