

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2017

1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center

6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

Don Couchman, Chris Green, Rene Horvath (arrived late), Twyla McComb, Alan Reed, Tasia Young

Members Absent

Michael Jensen (Chair)

Staff Members Present

Brandon Gibson (Acting Superintendent, Open Space Division), Tricia Keffer (Associate Planner, Open Space Division), Amanda Romero (Senior Administrative Assistant, Open Space Division), Jim Sattler (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division), Barbara Taylor (Director, Parks & Recreation Department), Matthew Whelan (Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation Department)

Visitors Present

Jason M. Casuga (Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District), Linda Shank (Open Space Alliance), Charley Salas-Ramos (COA Real Property), Stephanie Yara (City Council), John Barney (Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation), Greg Hiner (Trust for Public Land)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the agenda; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath was not present at the time).

3. Action: Election of Officers

Motion: Don Couchman nominated Chris Green as Chairman; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance at the time).

Motion: Alan Reed nominated Don Couchman as Vice Chairman; second by Chris Green. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance at the time).

4. Action: Approval of August 29, 2017 minutes

Motion: Don Couchman moved to approve the August 29, 2017, minutes; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance at the time).

5. Public comment

None

6. Announcements and Correspondence

The board discussed placing new board member orientation on the October agenda.

7. Real Property Report: Las Cruces landfill property update

Charley Salas Ramos (COA Real Property) updated the board on renewed negotiations with the City of Las Cruces to buy the property.

8. Presentation: Re-route of Hackman Lateral at Los Poblanos Fields Open Space

Jason Casuga (MRGCD) presented a proposed project to re-route the Hackman Lateral from the Tierra Viva neighborhood to the edge of Los Poblanos Fields Open Space. When plans are more developed this will go before the board as an extraordinary facility for recommendation.

9. Action: Response to International Mountain Bicycling Association's letter regarding mountain biking in Petroglyph National Monument

Presenters for agenda item 9, the presentation on the Bernalillo County Greenprint, were not yet present so the board switched the order of items 9 and 10.

The board discussed the letter from the International Mountain Bicycling Association regarding mountain biking in Petroglyph National Monument and their recommendation to City Council.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to not approve the draft response deferred from August 15th; second by Tasia Young. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.***

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the communication to City Council and mayor dated September 26th related to letters received from the local and International Mountain Bicycling Association; second by Don Couchman. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.***

The board explained their involvement and recommendations up to now regarding the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan for the benefit of new board members.

10. Presentation: Bernalillo County Greenprint

John Barney (Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation) and Greg Hiner (Trust for Public Land) presented the Greenprint project to the board, and the board discussed how it might help develop the City acquisition list.

11. Action: Remove amended Artwork language in Extraordinary Facility matrix

Motion: Alan Reed moved to amend the special process for art projects on the Extraordinary Facilities list to insert “publicly funded” after “All” and before “art projects”; second by Tasia Young. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.***

12. Presentation: Structures art installation in Open Space

Robert Elias Stokowy presented his proposed art installation at various Open Space locations. The board discussed maintenance issues and sending the proposal to the Arts Board.

13. Action: Recommendation to EPC regarding art installation

Motion: Alan Reed moved to defer the action while Barbara Taylor discusses it with the Arts Board; second by Don Couchman. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.***

14. Adjournment

Motion: Tasia Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm; second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.***