

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2017

1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

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

Charley Salas-Ramos (COA Real Property), Linda Shank (OSA), Reylene Garcia (COA RPS), Bart Faris (COA EHD), Stephanie Yara (City Council), Matt Schmader (UNM), Jerold Widdison (citizen), Loren Hines (citizen), Harry Relkin (Sage Land Solutions), Michael Castillo (Sage Land Solutions), Kim Murphy (Sage Land Solutions)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Tasia Young moved to approve the agenda; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath was not present at the time).

3. Action: Approval of September 26, 2017 minutes

The September 26, 2017 minutes were approved by general consent, 7-0.

4. Public comment

The public and board discussed posting meeting recordings online.

5. Announcements and Correspondence

Director Taylor and the board discussed staff getting details from Robert Stokowy regarding his proposed art installation. Director Taylor and the board also discussed posting meeting recordings online.

The board and Director discussed payment received from the sale of exchange lands and how it could be allocated to the Open Space Trust Fund.

6. Real Property Report: Las Cruces property (closed session)

Motion: Alan Reed moved to go into closed session to discuss the Las Cruces property at 2:04 pm; second by Twyla McComb. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

During the closed session, Charley Salas-Ramos (COA Real Property) and the board discussed selling the Las Cruces property to the City of Las Cruces.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to leave closed session; second by Tasia Young. ***Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

7. Action: Recommendation to accept and proceed with Las Cruces offer and purchase agreement

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the sale of the Las Cruces land to the City of Las Cruces; second by Michael Jensen. ***Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

8. New board member orientation

The board discussed board functions and ongoing and upcoming projects for the benefit of new members.

9. Presentation: Open Space Priority Properties: Evaluation and Selection

Harry Relkin (Sage Land Solutions) presented on the evaluation and selection of priority properties for Open Space.

10. Discussion: Evaluation matrix for land acquisitions

The board discussed criteria and weighting for evaluating properties in the priority acquisition matrix. Alan Reed, Michael Jensen, and Rene Horvath will work as a subcommittee to continue developing the matrix.

11. Briefing from Open Space Division staff on current projects

Jim Sattler (OSD Assistant Superintendent) updated the board on visitation numbers, recent events, and current projects. The board discussed the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan.

12. Action: Extraordinary Facilities amendment list amendment

Motion: Don Couchman moved to change the bench materials section from “wood only” to “natural materials”; second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

Motion: Don Couchman moved to change the trails section to say they are not extraordinary facilities, and to add asphalt trails to the limiting conditions. The limiting conditions section will now read: “Width & extent; materials; permeable surfaces ok; asphalt trails or trails with edging are extraordinary.” Second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

13. Candelaria Farm Preserve advisory group update

Michael Jensen updated the board on the Technical Advisory Group’s workshop and progress.

14. Discussion: Proposed legislation to define a statement of purpose for Open Space

The board deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

15. Adjournment

Motion: Don Couchman moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm; second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***