

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2019
1:30 pm
Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd NW

Members Present

Rene Horvath, Michael Scisco, Twyla McComb, Alan Reed, Scott Forrester

Members Absent

Tasia Young, Barbara Taylor

Staff Members Present

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), David Flores (Acting Associate Director, Parks and Recreation Department), Dave Simon (Director, Parks and Recreation Department), Amanda Romero (Senior Administrative Assistant, Open Space Division), James Lewis (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division)

Visitors Present

Charley Salas-Ramos (COA Real Property), Brian Hanson (citizen), Jerold Widdison (citizen), Shanna Schultz (City Council), Michael Jensen (citizen), Jim Roberts (citizen), Richard Barish (citizen)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Twyla McComb called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

Alan Reed moved approval of agenda, second by Scott Forrester. *Motion carried unanimously, 5-0*

3. Action: Approval October 22, 2019 Minutes

Amend minutes to read:

Item 11: "Move the approval appointing a subcommittee"

Item 13: proposed not purposed (correct spelling)

Motion: Alan Reed moved approval of October 22, 2019 minutes; second by Scott Forrester. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

4. Public Comment

Jim Roberts with J&T Farms would like to comment after the staff on the Hubble Oxbow Presentation.

5. Announcements and Correspondence

Board discussed the acquisition priorities list and Matrix process. Rene Horvath commended staff on the 35th Anniversary event.

6. New Board Orientation

Alan Reed gave the new board members a rundown and history of Open Space

Michael Scisco would like Trust Fund quarterly reports delivered to OSAB and at least one annual, in-person presentation by Mr. Chris Daniels.

Director Dave Simon talked about the past events that happened at the Visitors Center. 35th Anniversary brought in hundreds of people and the Return of the Cranes event brought in almost 800 people. These are historic numbers for a 1 day event at the Visitors Center.

7. Property Evaluation Sheet

Superintendent Colleen Langan-McRoberts went over the Information Booklets provided to the board. Board will use the Draft Acquisition Scoresheet to score properties.

8. Committee to evaluate new Acquisition Priorities

Chair Twyla McComb would like to go out to the different properties and evaluate using the scoresheet. Michael Scisco and Scott Forrester agreed to accompany other committee members on property visits to evaluate using the draft acquisition scoresheet process.

9. Hubble Oxbow Presentation

Director Simon and Superintendent Langan-McRoberts gave a presentation on the proposed lease renewal for the Hubble Oxbow property. Jim Roberts provided comments and supplemental information about farming and wildlife enhancement efforts on the property.

10. Action: Hubble Oxbow recommendation

Motion: Alan Reed moved that the board recommends the approval of the lease with suggestion that after the new lease starts, OSD should also take advantage of future opportunities to benefit wildlife, such as through the proposed AMAFCA project; second by Scott Forrester. *Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.*

11. Adjournment

Motion: Twyla McComb moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Michael Scisco. *Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.* Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.