

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2015**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Rodger Sack
Michael Jenson
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers

Members Absent

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
Jolynn Maestas, COA Open Space Division

Meeting Convened at 1:30 PM

Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Loren Hines to approve the October 27, 2015 Open Space Advisory Board Agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made by Griff Lechner for the November and December meeting be combined and be held on Tuesday December 8th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

Janet Saiers stated that she made a request to City Council to provide several items that relate to the upcoming 2016 Legislative session and trying to get various members of the Legislature to put on their capital outlay request, generic or specific amounts of money for Open Space acquisition. She requested council bill that established priorities for the 2015 Legislature to see if Open Space was on it which it was not. She also received a list of what projects were approved that went to the City of Albuquerque. There were about 70 or 80 projects that totaled to almost 10 million dollars. She also requested the entire bill that was approved by the Legislature that identified capital outlay all over the state.

Matthew Schmader announced that on November 7, 2015 the Star Viewing party will be at the Visitor Center and on November 14, 2015 the annual return of the Sandhill Cranes also at the Visitor Center. Matthew Schmader also stated that Mr. John Fleck will be speaking at the Visitor Center on October 31, 2015 at 10:30 AM.

Kent Swanson gave a brief announcement on the success of Dia Del Rio and Make a difference day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by Michael Jenson to approve the September 22, 2015 minutes. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

REVIEW OF ACQUISITION PRIORITY LIST/BOOK

After some discussion by the board, it was determined that some changes needed to be made to the Acquisition Priority list/Book and it was to be put on the November/December agenda for final approval.

EXTENSION OF PASEO DEL BOSQUE TRAIL TO VALLE DEL ORO WILDLIFE REFUGE

Matthew Schmader stated that this was a carryover item from last month's meeting. After speaking with Teri Jillson, the president of Friends of Valle Del Oro, she states that this project will not be ready for presentation till the middle of 2016. They will be back to give a presentation to this Board once plans are final.

OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Jolynn Maestas, the Open Space Volunteer Coordinator gave a presentation on the Open Space volunteer program. She states that we currently have about 125 active trail watch volunteers.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Don Britt states that 4 months ago Council services issued a contract to a company to take look at the Open Space trade lands. They are looking at how to dispose of some of them. They will be looking at the asset inventory and looking at some of the issues and see what they can do to increase the desirability. They will be looking at the Las Cruces and Farmington properties as well. A report is due at the end of the year.

Loren Hines has requested the Open Space Advisory Board get a copy of that report.

Matthew Schmader states that over the past two months that he has been trying to make contact with the owners of the middle 40 acre parcel of the North Geologic window. He has sent a certified letter in hopes of a response asking for permission to fence two parts of the boundary to prevent trespassing. Matthew Schmader states that he will have an update at the November/December meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 PM