

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2014**

Members

Griff Lechner
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
John Kwait
Michael Jensen
Rodger Sack

STAFF

Matthew Schmader, Open Space Superintendent
Nicole Trujillo, Open Space Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Reed, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation
Garry Wolfe, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation
Mark Chavez, Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division
Jerrold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Dick Kirshner, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:33 PM

Introductions were made by all present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Jenson announced the Open House for Valle De Oro on Saturday December 13, 2014. He also stated the Bosque action team met with the Army Corp.. They went over all the projects they have in which 5 or 6 were in the Bosque. After some discussion with the Board it was decided to have the Army Corp come talk to the Board at the February meeting

Matthew Schmader stated that the Tijeras Arroyo Bio zone Plan was passed and adopted by City Council

Matthew Schmader stated that the comment period for the Bosque plan was extended to December 15, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Loren Hines to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2014 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Janet Saiers. The Motion was voted on and Passed on a 6 – 0 vote.

STATUS OF OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUNDING AND PERMANENT FUND

Matthew Schmader stated that the acquisition priority list is about 8000 acres that amounts to about 85 million dollars.

The acquisition priority list looks at the comprehensive plan and identifies land in the comprehensive plan that is not yet acquired. The overall comprehensive plan from 1979 to 1988 identified final Open Space network about 40 thousand acres and we are just under 30 thousand.

The existing Open Space Acquisition funding is at about 1.5 million dollars

After some discussion, the board decided to keep this topic on the agenda and next month they will go over the priority list booklet.

NORTHERN SAND DUNES ACQUISITION

The City is trying to keep the conversations positive with the owners who also owned the property at 118th street sports complex. Since that deal closed, the City will re-open negotiations for the Sand Dunes.

The Real Property Manager, Dean Carris will be invited to our next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 3:13 PM