

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2016**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Michael Jenson
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
Rene Horvath
Alan Reed

Members Absent

John Kwait

STAFF

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

OTHERS PRESENT

James Lewis, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Don Britt, COA Real Property Manager
Reylene Garcia, COA, Real Property
Lou Hoffman, COA, Finance and Administrative Services
Dennis Domrzalski, Reporter
Ginger Foerster, Interested Citizen
Kathleen Rhoad, Interested Citizen
Chris Green, Consensus Planning
Linda Shank, Interested Citizen
Ike Eastvold, Interested Citizen
Larry Larson, Interested Citizen
Charles Knight, Interested Citizen
Tom Menicucci, COA, Council Services
Stephanie Yara, COA, Council Services
Kathleen Raskob, Interested Citizen
Jennifer Starr, Interested Citizen
Dan McKay, Journal
Isaac Benton, City Councilor
Jerold Widdison, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:33 PM

Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Griff Lechner to move item #6 to # 10, Motion was seconded by Loren Hines, a vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

A motion was made by Janet Saiers to move item # 3 to item # 9. The motion was seconded by Alan Reed. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

A motion was made by Alan Reed to add Land Acquisition process as its own item after Item # 8. The motion was seconded by Loren Hines. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

A motion was made by Loren Hines to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by Michael Jenson to approve the January 26, 2016 minutes with corrections. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

EXTRAORDINARY FACILITY ON OPEN SPACE, PROPOSED BRIDGE CROSSING OF ATRISO SIPHON IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK

After some discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alan Reed to not approve this plan as presented at the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Janet Saiers. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

More discussion took place before a motion was made by Loren Hines to

- Locate the bridge as far away from the edge of the river as permissible
- Reduce the width of the path to 6 feet and the length as much as possible
- To use materials that are more natural
- And to minimize the impact to existing vegetation

The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Matthew Schmader stated that the Open Space Division contacted about the Open Meetings Act requirements and asked if they could come to the board to discuss the Open Meetings Act. We were told that there is a training video that the Board members can watch to get updated on the Open Meetings Act. The City Clerk has a copy of this video and all members of the Board are advised to watch it.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Alan Reed to create a 3 person sub-committee to work on compiling a manual for the Open Space Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Loren Hines, a discussion took place and was determined that since this was not listed on the Agenda as an action item, the motion was deferred to the March meeting.

OPEN SPACE PERMANAENT FUND

Mr. Lou Hoffman gives some history on the Open Space Permanent Fund and answers questions from the Board.

Mr. Hoffman recommends that the Board make a formal motion to adopt a recommendation to the investment committee if any changes are wanted by the Board.

Janet Saiers requested that Mr. Hoffman give the Open Space Advisory Board a report on the Open Space Permanent Fund every three months.

LAND ACQUISTION PROCESS

Alan Reed asks some questions of Matthew Schmader regarding land acquisition and the request to purchase land from WALH.

Mr. Reed concludes that he is not very happy with the answers Mr. Schmader gave.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Don Britt states that the Sage Land Consulting who is doing a study on trade lands will have a final rough draft by the end of the week and a complete report will be available by the end of the month. The Board would like a copy of the report as soon as it's available.

It has been requested by the Board for a letter to the Mayor/ from the Mayor requesting Land and Conservation funds be put as an action item on the March meeting agenda.

The Board requests an update on the fencing of the property adjacent to the North Geologic Window. This shall be put on the agenda for the March meeting.

BILL O-9 CAPITAL FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE

Councilor Isaac Benton gives a brief overview of Bill R-16-12

Tom Menicucci from Council Services gives a brief overview of Bill O-9

After some discussion by the Board, A motion was made by Alan Reed to schedule for discussion and a vote on R-16-12 committee substitute and O-9 Capital funding for Open

Space. The motion was seconded by Loren Hines. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After some discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alan Reed to keep the officers as they are currently, Griff Lechner as Board Chair, and Loren Hines as Board Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Rene Horvath. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Jenson stated that for anybody that is interested in commenting on the Comprehensive Plan Update, they have extended the deadline to March 11, 2016.

Alan Reed states that the Albuquerque Rapid Transit project is having a public meeting on March 1, 2016 at the old town Police sub-station.

Rene Horvath asked Matthew Schmader to give an update on the fires in the Bosque. Matthew responds, stated that there is an ongoing investigation. The public has been asked to keep an eye out along with the Open Space volunteers.

Matthew Schmader announced the new art exhibit opening on February 27, 2016 "NO MORE STORIES".

Meeting Adjourned at 4:18 PM