

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2017

1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

Don Couchman, Chris Green, Loren Hines (Chair), Rene Horvath (arrived late), Michael Jensen, Alan Reed, Janet Saiers

Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Brandon Gibson (Open Space Acting Superintendent), Lindsay Gillenwater (Open Space Office Assistant), Tricia Keffer (Open Space Associate Planner), Jim Sattler (Open Space Assistant Superintendent), Barbara Taylor (Parks & Recreation Director), Matthew Whelan (Parks & Recreation Deputy Director)

Visitors Present

Jerold Widdison (citizen), Chris Daniel (COA/DFAS), Pam Fanelli (COA/DFAS), Mari Hughes (COA/DFAS), David Belford (Open Space Alliance), John Kwait (citizen), Isaac Eastvold (citizen), Christine Jackson (RGCF)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Loren Hines called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Janet Saiers moved to approve the April 25, 2017, agenda; second by Don Couchman. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).***

Approval of March 28, 2017 Minutes

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to approve March 28, 2017, minutes as amended; second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0. (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).***

Approval of April 12, 2017 Minutes

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to approve February 28, 2017, minutes as amended; second by Alan Reed. ***Motion passed unanimously, 6-0. (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).***

Public Comment

- John Kwait (citizen) brought up a rezoning concern in the Foothills, which was determined to be privately owned.

- Christine Jackson (RGCF) reported that they planted a hedgerow of trees along the community farm. She inquired about the contract process and was told RGCF's contract was awarded.
- Isaac Eastvold (citizen) announced that Herman Agoyo, who was active in the formation of Petroglyph National Monument, passed away.

Announcements and Correspondence

- Michael Jensen introduced David Belford from the Open Space Alliance.
- Michael Jensen announced that the Bosque trail near the Atrisco Siphon is flooded due to the high flow of the river.
- Michael Jensen announced that he is looking into the placement of the Atrisco Siphon bridge to compare to what was recommended by the board and what was approved by the EPC.
- Loren Hines announced election of officers will go on the next agenda since his term is ending.
- Barbara Taylor announced a shortage in City funding and that hiring is frozen.

Real Property Report

Don Britt of City of Albuquerque Real Property gave an update:

- Property owners of 4.4 acres of land just north of I-40 and west of Foothills Open Space are interested in selling. This property has been of interest to Open Space for a potential trailhead.
- Owners of 145 acres of land on the priority list are also interested in selling. The parcel is located south of I-40 and adjacent to Manzano/Route 66 Open Space.

Presentation: Open Space trust fund

Chris Daniel (Chief Investment Officer, COA) presented on the Open Space trust fund, and will provide additional reports to the board based on the discussion.

Presentation: ABC-Z Plan

Russell Brito (Planning, COA) presented an update on the status of the Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted by Council, and Integrated Development Ordinance, which will likely go before EPC several times before City Council. He also discussed language and requirements specific to developments adjacent to Major Public Open Space.

Update: Candelaria Farm Preserve advisory group

Michael Jensen reported that the Technical Advisory Group's first meeting will be May 4th and will consist of a site walk-through. May 10th will be the first planning meeting.

Update: Open Space farmlands

Michael Jensen discussed his IPRA request of farm documents and suggested future consideration of farms that don't currently have Resource Management Plans.

Update: Bernalillo County greenprint process

Michael Jensen gave an update on the Bernalillo County greenprint process, which will inform their Open Space acquisition priorities.

Action: Approval of 2017 work plan

The board discussed the current draft of the 2017 work plan and will review and send suggested edits to Janet Saiers and Alan Reed. There was no action taken on this item at this meeting.

Action: Proposed concept for Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan

The board discussed their proposed alternative map of Petroglyph National Monument trails and access points. There was no action taken on this item at this meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Chris Green moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm; second by Michael Jensen. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.