

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2017
1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Alan Reed

Staff Members Present

Jourdan Reese (Senior Office Assistant, Aquatics Division, Parks & Recreation Department), Barbara Taylor (Director, Parks & Recreation)

Visitors Present

Dennis Vasquez (Superintendent, Petroglyph National Monument, National Park Service), Chanteil Walter (Environmental Protection Specialist, Petroglyph National Monument, National Park Service), Isaac Eastvold (citizen), Sharon Eastvold (citizen), Sarah Councill (Albuquerque Mountain Bicycling Association)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Michael Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The discussion of the letter to the International Mountain Bicycling Association will likely take longer than anticipated, so the time allotted for that item was extended to 30 minutes. **Motion: Don Couchman moved to approve the agenda as amended; second by Loren Hines. Motion passed 5-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance at the time).**

3. Public Comment

None

4. Announcements and Correspondence

Board member Loren Hines announced that his and board member Janet Saiers's replacements were confirmed at City Council. New board members will be invited to the August 29th meeting.

5. International Mountain Bicycling Association letter to Council advocating change in policy regarding mesa-top bicycling in PETR

There was a discussion of the International Mountain Bicycling Association's letter regarding allowing mountain biking in Petroglyph National Monument and the board's recommended response for the City Council.

6. Clarification on use of EA not (S)EIS for VUMP process explanation from NPS and Board discussion

Motion: Chris Green moved to correct the numbering of agenda items; second by Loren Hines. Motion passed 6-0.

National Park Service staff explained using an Environmental Assessment versus an Environmental Impact Statement for the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan, which the board then discussed.

7. Original PETR General Management Plan/EIS alternatives and current NPS proposed alternatives for VUMP with Board discussion

There was a discussion of the Petroglyph National Monument General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement that were previously prepared, and the alternatives in the current draft of the Visitor Use Management Plan.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Janet Saiers moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.