

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2017

1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Chris Green

Staff Members Present

Brandon Gibson (Open Space Acting Superintendent), 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

Dave Hutton (citizen), Jerold Widdison (citizen), Stephanie Yara (City Council), Peggy Norton (citizen), Carolyn Siegel (citizen), Dave Parsons (citizen), Diane Souder (National Park Service), Don Britt (City of Albuquerque Real Property)

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Loren Hines called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to approve the March 28, 2017, agenda; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Approval of March 28, 2017 Minutes

Michael Jensen requested a clarification of the information he requested on Open Space farm properties. Janet Saiers requested more detail on the Real Property report.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve February 28, 2017, minutes as amended; second by Michael Jensen. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Public Comment

None

Announcements and Correspondence

- Alan Reed announced that the City Council LUPZ committee will consider the Open Space Advisory Board's policy guidance at their meeting on March 29th; if passed it will be heard and acted on by Council April 3rd.
- Michael Jensen noted the high river depth and its positive effects.

- Barbara Taylor made a map available to explain current and future purchases and donations of La Cuentista land. This current purchase encumbers most Open Space property acquisition funds for the year.
- Barbara Taylor provided lease payment documents for the Hubbell Oxbow Farm.

Real Property Report

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

- The agreement to purchase the 10-acre northeast corner of the La Cuentista property will begin the City's approval process after a plat review takes place. If approved by Council at the time, the City will purchase adjacent lots in the future.
- The 30-acre San Juan County property has closed and after settling with the Academy, about \$85,000 will be put in the trust fund.
- The Edgewood parking lot MOU was revised and is now with the Edgewood mayor for signature.
- The Assistant Land Commissioner suggested submitting a proposal for the 72-acre parcel near the North Geologic Window.

Update: Candelaria Farm Preserve advisory group

Michael Jensen gave an update on the Candelaria Farm technical advisory group. An amendment to the previous resolution was passed clarifying the advisory board's responsibility for the formation of the group. The board will appoint the alternate member required by this amendment at the special meeting April 12th. Mr. Jensen provided a list of advisory group members.

Report: Open Space Farm Properties

The City released an RFI requesting proposals to farm on Open Space farmland. The scoring committee will begin reviewing applications this week.

Action: Approval of 2017 Work Plan

The 2017 work plan will be further revised and approved at a future meeting.

To supplement this, the board requested a trust fund report from Treasury at the next monthly meeting.

Update: ABC-Z plan status

The Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council. The Integrated Development Ordinance will go before the EPC for a first hearing April 6th, the second on April 10th. The board requested that the Planning Department be contacted for a more detailed presentation at the next monthly meeting.

Action: Extraordinary Facility Request for Historic Marker at Elena Gallegos Open Space

The New Mexico Historic Women Marker Initiative requested an historic marker about Elena Gallegos be placed at the Elena Gallegos Open Space. The board supports installing the sign but determined it is not an extraordinary facility.

Motion: Don Couchman moved to support installation of the historic marker; second by Michael Jensen. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Staffing report

Barbara Taylor reported that applicants for the Open Space superintendent position will be interviewed soon. Most other openings have been advertised and are in process.

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

A special meeting was set for April 12th to further develop the advisory board's recommendation to send to City Council.

Adjournment

Motion: Alan Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.