

# **OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

September 22, 2026

1:30pm

Open Space Visitor Center

## **Members Present**

Yasmeen Najmi, Karl Kiser, Diane Souder Christine Kiser,

## **Members Absent**

Robert “Bob” Cornish, Clay Campbell

## **Staff Members Present**

Colleen Langan-McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), Brianda Reza (Senior office assistant), Open Space Division), James Lewis (Asst. Superintendent, Open Space Division)

## **Visitors Present**

N/A

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Board Chair Diane Souder called the meeting to order at **1:35 pm**

### **2. Action: Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Yasmeen Najmi, second by Karl Kiser and approved unanimously.

### **3. Action: Approval of the August 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve agenda by Yasmeen Najmi, second by Christine Kiser approve unanimously.

### **4. Public Comment**

Diane public comment Option to do a virtual Diane wants to know option. The requirement is to advertise. The only way to public to comment is to physically come to advisory board meeting. Board could come up with a new process.

### **5. Announcements and Correspondence**

The Board discussed the need to fill two vacancies and elect a Vice Chair. An action item was assigned for Board members to submit nominations for Vice Chair for consideration at the next meeting. The Board will also remind the City Council about the current vacancies. Diane provided an update on the Wiscotas public meeting, which was attended by approximately 35 people. The two-hour meeting focused on informing the public about the City’s process for purchasing land. As a follow-up, attendees were asked to submit the names of any specific properties they would like the City to consider. Colleen then provided an update from the Acquisition Committee. The committee discussed inviting Barbara Baca to attend a committee meeting, and she requested to be invited to a meeting before November.

### **6. La Cuentista Presentation**

Adryana Vialpando, OS Planner, updated the Board on the details and planned improvements to address issues in the area. Yasmeen asked about the maximum parking capacity for Cuentista, while Diane asked whether the area would be locked. Adryana explained that a pipe gate will be installed; however, it will remain open due to limited staffing.

### **7. Open Space Acquisition Committee Update**

The Board will establish different criteria to guide potential acquisitions. Colleen discussed the next steps for the Acquisitions Committee meeting, including following up with Michael regarding the timeline and scheduling of upcoming meetings.

8. **Staff Updates and Q & A**

NOTE: The Water Authority will present at the October meeting. The meeting will be held at Pueblo Montano, with the Water Authority attending for the first half, followed by the second half at Oxbow. Contracts for the removal of the jetty jacks are currently being finalized, with the removal work expected to take place around November. Important Karl Kisser nominated Clay Campbell to be vice chair of OSAB seconded by Yasmeen all in favor unanimous decision.

9. **Adjournment**

Adjournment at 3:50 pm

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