

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018
1:30 pm
Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

Don Couchman, Chris Green (Chair), Rene Horvath (arrived late), Michael Jensen, Twyla McComb, Alan Reed, Tasia Young

Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Brandon Gibson (Acting Associate Director, Parks & Recreation Department), Amanda Romero (Sr. Admin Assistant, Open Space Department), Kimberly Selving (Admin Assistant, Open Space Department), Tricia Keffer (Associate Planner, Open Space Division), Jim Sattler (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division), Matthew Whelan (Acting Director, Parks & Recreation Department), Phillip Clelland (PIO, Parks & Recreation Department), Christina Sandoval (Principal Planner, Parks & Recreation Department)

Visitors Present

Don Britt (COA Real Property), Grey Miller (MRWM Landscape Architects), Stephanie Yara (City Council), Bonnie Suter (City Council), Councilor Don Harris (City Council Dist. 9), Linda Shank (Open Space Alliance), Matt Schmader (University of New Mexico), Brian Hanson (citizen), Barbara Taylor (Retired Parks & Recreation Director), David Hutton (citizen)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Don Couchman moved to approve the agenda; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance).

Alan suggested to swap agenda item 11 & 12. *Motion: Chris Green moved to approve the change in the agenda; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance).*

3. Action: Approval of November 28, 2017, minutes

Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the November 28, 2017, minutes; second by Tasia Young. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath was not in attendance).

4. Public comment

No comments

5. Announcements and Correspondence

No Announcements and correspondence

6. Real Property Report

Don Britt (COA Real Property) updated the board on the sale of the Las Cruces property, which should close before next meeting pending completion of survey. Alan suggested that money from the Las Cruces land sale should not be spent and the money should be put in the trust fund.

7. Presentation: Juan Tabo Hills Park

Christina Sandoval (Principal Planner Parks & Recreation) discussed the Juan Tabo Hills Park. Grey Miller (MRWM Landscape Architects) did a brief overview of the project. Phase 1 will be funded by Councilor Harris. Councilor Don Harris (City Council Dist. 9) briefly discussed the project and plans. There are two options for moving forward. 1st option is to change SU1 zoning for Open Space purposes to SU1 for Parks purposes. 2nd option is to keep zoned Open Space and go before EPC as an extraordinary facility for each new project or construction. Board wants to add on next agenda as an action item regarding zoning change.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to add as an action item for a zone change; second by Don Couchman.

Passed unanimously, 7-0

8. Briefing from Open Space Division staff on current projects

Jim Sattler (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space) updated the board on the Open Space Division's major current projects.

9. Candelaria Farm Preserve advisory group update

Alan Reed and Brian Hanson (Candelaria Preserve) updated the board on the Candelaria Farm Preserve Technical Advisory Group's status and the board and public discussed next steps.

10. Discussion: Proposed legislation to define a statement of purpose for Open Space

Barbara Taylor (Retired Parks & Recreation Director) talking about the purpose of Open Space, board & staff discussing the Open Space mission to create a new statement. *add action item on next agenda

11. Action: Adopt evaluation matrix for land acquisitions

Discussed to add a comment or other line on the scoresheet. Board would like to do a practice run for next meeting. Jim Sattler will provide them with a property to work on.

Motion: Alan Reed moved to amend the matrix acquisition scoresheet as follows: "Legal Access" in third section Development Pressure; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Twyla McComb was not in attendance)

12. Action: Adopt Land Acquisition Program statement

Motion: Alan Reed moved to pass the adoption of the Land Acquisition Project dated 1/9/2018; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0

13. Adjournment

Motion: Rene Horvath moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 pm; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.