

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2021

1:30pm

Ilsa and Ray Garduno Community Garden  
Loma Linda Community Center Garden

## **Members Present**

Twyla McComb, Michael Scisco, Tasia Young, Barbara Taylor, Taylor Bui, Don Meaders

## **Members Absent**

Scott Forrester

## **Staff Members Present**

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division)

## **Visitors Present**

Rachel Swanteson-Franz

### **1. Site Tour: Ilsa and Ray Garduno Community Garden followed by Loma Linda CC Garden**

Staff met at the sites to start tours.

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

Chair Twyla McComb called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

### **3. Travel to Loma Linda CC**

Staff and Board traveled to Loma Linda CC Garden for next tour.

### **4. Tour of Loma Linda Community Garden**

Staff and Board did a tour of the Garden.

### **5. The Wildness Society Report, Next Step: Equitable Access**

Rachael Swanteson-Franz presented to the board on the Wildness Society Report.

### **6. Neighborhood Open Space**

Superintendent Colleen Langan-McRoberts updated the board on ongoing and upcoming projects within Open Space.

- OSAB 100% supports the goals of the Neighborhood Open Space Program (NOSP) in concept.
- OSAB is concerned that by calling it NOSP “Open Space”, it will open the door to utilizing trust funding and bond funding reserved for MPOS.
- OSAB is fine with the City running what we see as a “pilot program” for NOSP using City-owned properties or other properties where the City has partial ownership or interest. We believe more work needs to be done to understand the effort and outcomes of NOSP and to date, it has simply been an idea without “proof of concept.”
- OSAB opinion is that the NOSP will be a high maintenance program and would request that staff assess ongoing maintenance and management of NOSP projects to better prepare OS program for ongoing responsibilities. NOSP projects are “people” projects and their success is highly dependent on continued participation of interested people/stakeholders AND ongoing, high quality maintenance of the properties/projects. OSAB is concerned these projects will take

resources away from an already overwhelmed staff on MPOS projects/properties. How is the City planning for this?

- The matrix created for NOSP acquisitions needs to be tested and refined before use for acquisition and/or prioritization.

**7. Action: Approval of the April 27, 2021 Minutes**

*Motion carried unanimously, 6-0 Roll Call Vote: Twyla McComb, Tasia Young, Michael Scisco, Barbara Taylor and Taylor Bui, Don Meaders*

**8. Announcements and Correspondence**

none

**9. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.**