

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2016**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Michael Jenson
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
John Kwait
Rene Horvath
Alan Reed

STAFF

Matthew Schmader, Open Space Superintendent
Nicole Trujillo, Open Space Division

OTHERS PRESENT

James Lewis, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Don Britt, COA Real Property Manager
Jerold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Joe Horvath, Interested Citizen
Mimi Burns, Dekker Perich Sabatini
Stephanie Yara, COA, City Council
Ike Eastvold, Interested Citizen
Peggy Norton, Interested Citizen
Isaac Benton, City Councilor
Jeff Driggers, COA, Legal
Keith Reed, COA, Parks and Recreation
Chris Daniels, COA, Treasury
Camilla Fiebelman, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:36 PM

Introductions were made by all present

Chair Griff Lechner introduces and welcomes Alan Reed and Rene Horvath to the board.

Alan Reed states that the board should be more involved in setting the agenda

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Loren Hines to approve the January 26, 2016 Open Space Advisory Board Agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote. Mr. John Kwait excused himself from a vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Benton states that the City Council does not support the purchase of the Sand dunes. Councilor Benton states that he has drafted a resolution for introduction to de-prioritize the Sand dunes and up-prioritize La Quintesta.

Janet Saiers states that she was at the Legislature and gives a brief overview of her visit. She states that January 31, 2016 is the deadline to get on the capital outlay list.

Alan Reed goes over an IPRA request that was made last fall. Mr. Reed has some questions that he wishes be answered regarding the Open Space Trust Fund.

Alan Reed requests that we add land acquisition process on to the agenda next month and keep it on the agenda until it is not needed any longer.

Chair Griff Lechner states that Dr. Schmader can respond to the questions regarding the IPRA request at next month's meeting.

Michael Jenson states that there are comprehensive plan meetings on January 27th, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:30 at North Domingo Baca multi-generational center, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Los Duranes community center, Thursday January 28, 2016 1:00 to 2:30 at Taylor Ranch community center, 6:00 to 7:30pm at the south valley multi-purpose center

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by Alan Reed to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes with a couple of corrections. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote. Mr. John Kwait excused himself from a vote.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENTS

A motion was made by Alan Reed and seconded by Loren Hines to adopt a resolution determining reasonable notice of public meetings of the city of Albuquerque open space advisory board. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote. Mr. John Kwait excused himself from a vote.

Janet Saiers states that the OSAB is doing things under announcements and correspondence and states that we need to put items on the agenda instead of discussing the topic under announcements and correspondence.

BOARD REQUEST TO CITY TREASURY FOR PERMANENT FUND REPORT

Chris Daniels from the City of Albuquerque Treasury Division gives a brief presentation on the Open Space Trust Fund.

A motion was made by Michael Jenson and seconded by Rene Horvath to request to have Lou Hoffman attend the February meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote. Mr. John Kwait excused himself from a vote.

EXTRAORDINARY FACILITY ON OPEN SPACE, PROPOSED BRIDGE CROSSING OF ATRISO SIPHON IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK

Matthew Schmader along with Mimi Burns gives a presentation on the proposed bridge crossing of Atrisco Siphon in Rio Grande Valley State Park

After some discussion by the board, a motion was made by Alan Reed and seconded by Loren Hines to defer a vote until the February meeting so the board has a chance to visit the area and see what it is they are proposing. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 6 to 0 vote. Mr. John Kwait excused himself from a vote.

STATUS OF I-40 TO CAMPBELL RD. ACCESSIBLE PATH IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK

Matthew Schmader states that the public meeting held on January 7, 2016 was successful. There were over 175 members of the public. To date, we have received 147 written comments since November. On February 1, 2016 there will be a publication or compilation of all the written comments and selection of prepared alternatives from the range of alternatives that were presented. We will also will be receiving and reviewing the environmental monitoring baseline report from SWCA.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Don Britt states that the Safegroup who is doing a study on trade lands throughout the State has moved their deadline to report to the end of February. Matthew Schmader and Don Britt has met with them regarding the Farmington and Las Cruces lands.

Janet Saiers asks Don Britt if the administration has directed him to do anything different or to proceed with the contract for the acquisition of the Northern Sand Dunes and send that as an item through the Mayor's office for approval to the City Council. Don Britt replies and states that based on the Resolution presented by Councilor Benton, the acquisition of the Northern Sand Dunes has been tabled.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Matthew Schmader gives an update on the Comprehensive plan and states that there are two meetings Wednesday and Thursday January 27 and 28, 2016

Matthew Schmader states that the Open Space division has responded to the planning department with our edits/comments to draft of the parks and open Space chapter of the comprehensive plan.

Chair Griff Lechner asked the Board to make sure that if you attend any public meetings, to identify yourself as an interested citizen and not speak on behalf of the Open Space Advisory Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:33 PM