

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2015**

Members

Griff Lechner
Michael Jensen
Janet Rodger Sack
Janet Saiers

Members Absent

John Kwait
Loren Hines

STAFF

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Chavez, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Jerrold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Rene Horvath, Interested Citizen
Alan Reed, Interested Citizen
Don Harris, City Councilor
Stephanie Yara, Council Services

Meeting Convened at 1:38 PM

Introductions were made by all present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Saiers announced that she was able to meet with Colleen McRobert with the County Open Space and received good information regarding the County Mill levy and how their Open Space is structured. Ms. Saiers will write up the information and pass it on. Janet states that she also has a meeting Commissioner of district 5 Wayne Johnston.

Michael Jensen announced that the County City comprehensive update is starting a series of quadrant meetings over a period of a couple days.

Matthew Schmader announced that the National Park Services will be having a 25th anniversary party for the Petroglyph National Monument on Saturday June 27, 2015 at the NPS Visitor Center Patio from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Griff Lechner announced that on July 15, 2015 the Open Space Division will be hosting a volunteer training session to be a weather watcher for the National Weather Service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael Jenson and seconded by Rodger Sack to approve the April 30, 2015 minutes. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORY OF THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Janet Saiers states that even though the Agenda Item is stated as an Open Discussion, What the Board is here to accomplish today is to provide input to City Council regrading O-15-48. Ms. Saiers states that her position has changed and feels like the Board needs more information from the administration before a motion is made to support or not support this bill.

Rodger Sack agrees with Janet Saiers

Michael Jenson states that he was dumb struck to learn how pitiful the return on that money has been and it needs to be dealt with. How is that money going to be managed to make the best use of that money sitting, waiting for an opportunity to arise. A big chunk of it can be used in the future for the priority list that has been put together.

Griff Lechner reads an e-mail from board member Loren Hines who is absent this meeting....

1. I would ask the Board members to please take note of sections 4-2-3-2-D and 4-2-3-3 (the introductory sentence) as these set out the intent of the Council to keep this fund in tact in perpetuity.
2. The Board should advise the Council and Mayor's office that we do not support new section 4-2-3-3-D. the rest of the changes appear to be mostly housekeeping and do not substantially change the intent of the original ordinance.

Griff Lechner goes over the bill and states that he likes a couple of the changes in the bill that includes the approval/recommendation of the Advisory Board before going forward. He doesn't approve of dissolving the trust fund and states that we should be using the interest of the trust fund to be doing things for Open Space. He states that we should be looking at a way to increase the trust fund so it can gain interest.

Councilor Don Harris states that he appreciates the fact that this trust fund was created in 1982 and states that in 1982 we had interest rates. He doesn't know of any other municipal government that funds government operations by sticking money in the bank. Councilor Harris advises the Open Space Advisory Board to support proposed ordinance O-15-48.

Mr. Alan Reed states that the Open Space Division will be worse off if the Open Space Trust fund was eliminated and highly advises the Open Space Advisory Board not to support the proposed ordinance O-15-48.

After some discussion by the Board, A motion was made by Michael Jenson to table the discussion and seconded by Janet Saiers. The motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:11 PM