

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2015**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Rodger Sack
Janet Saiers
John Kwait
Loren Hines

Members Absent

Michael Jensen

STAFF

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

OTHERS PRESENT

James Lewis, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Rene Horvath, Interested Citizen
Alan Reed, Interested Citizen
Ike Eastvold, Interested Citizen

Meeting Convened at 1:30 PM

Introductions were made by all present

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Griff Lechner gave an update on the Council Committee he attended on August 10th, 2015. He stated that the Council tabled Bill O-15-48

Griff Lechner states that he hopes to have a 7th board member by the next couple of meetings. His name is Chris Green.

Janet Saiers states that the election on the bond issue is coming up as well as Council Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8. She advised everyone to get people to vote.

Matthew Schmader states the Cibola National Forest is undergoing a forest plan revision and is required to identify areas that are potential additions to wilderness. This is about a two years plan revision and they are very early in the stages. Dr. Schmader refers to a map. Matthew states that the wilderness does not allow the use of mechanized equipment which also includes bicycles. Because of this, the bicycle community is very concerned that if this proposal for the wilderness additions goes through, it will eliminate the

bicycles trails in that area. The Mayor called a press conference on Monday August 24th, 2015 and asked the Forest Service to consider withdrawing their proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Loren Hines and seconded by Janet Saiers to approve the July 28th, 2015 minutes. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

REVIEW OF ACQUISITION PRIRITY LIST/BOOK

Matthew Schmader states that he would like to review the Acquisition Book. He wants to be sure that we have a plan or road map of places that we want to acquire.

Ike Eastvold states the he doesn't agree with the priority listing as is and believes that the North Geological Window should be priority on the list.

Loren Hines states that when the Board selected the top 5 priorities, they weren't in any particular order. They were all top priority lands.

Ike Eastvold suggests the O/S staff to remove the #'s from the booklet so it doesn't appear to be in an order.

Matthew Schmader explained that an offer was made to one of the property owners of the North Geological Window and the owner declined the offer. The only other owner is out of the country and cannot be located.

After some discussion by the board, a motion was made by Janet Saiers that the Land and Water Conservation funds be used to help fund the acquisition of the Northern Geological Window and that this motion of the OSAB be communicated to Mayor Berry and Senator Heinrich. The motion was seconded by Loren Hines. The motion was voted on and approved on a 5 to 0 vote.

Griff Lechner suggests that the wording on the Acquisition Booklet be changed so it states that it is a 5 item list and recommends that the Board move to approve a draft booklet so that City Council knows that this is what the Board is looking for. After some discussion by the board, it was determined that O/S staff updates the wording and any other detail that needs be done and have the board make a motion to approve. This will be on next month's agenda.

REVIEW OF ACQUISITION FUNDS

Matthew Schmader hands out a list of Open Space Acquisition funds in the Capital program along with a list of other Open Space Capital funds. He just wanted the board to be aware of the capital funds for Open Space.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT: NORTHERN SAND DUNES APPRAISAL

Reylene Garcia and James McNeely were not able to attend the meeting.

Matthew Schmader states that an appraisal was done on the Northern Sand Dunes. Based on the appraised land value at 640 acres for \$1.49 million in total at \$2,350 per acre. The appraisal was done by Godfrey and associates.

Matthew Schmader would like to know if the Board would like the Open Space Division to proceed with this acquisition.

After some discussion, a motion was made by John Kwait for the Open Space Division to pursue acquisition of the Northern Sand Dunes. The motion was *not* seconded by any other board member so a vote was not needed.

Janet expressed her concern that the Agenda needs to be specific in that when there are items that need action to be taken from the board, it needs to be stated on the agenda as "Action Item"

Loren Hines states that he would like more information from the Real Property Division.

A motion was made by Loren Hines that the Open Space Advisory Board authorizes the Real Property Manager to offer up to the appraised value for the Northern Sand Dunes. The motion was seconded by John Kwait. After some discussion the motion was voted on and passed on a 4 to 1 vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 PM