

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019
1:30 pm
Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Tasia Young

Staff Members Present

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), Brandon Gibson (Associate Director, Parks & Recreation Department), James Lewis (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division), Tricia Keffer (Associate Planner, Open Space Division)

Visitors Present

Don Britt (COA REAL Property), Linda Shank (citizen), Barbara Taylor (citizen), Jim Strozier (Consensus Planning), Steven Lint (IBV Energy)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Because of time constraints associated with a letter of intent, Real Property requested to add a closed session not included in the agenda.

Agenda item #3, approval of October 23, 2018 minutes, was changed to approval of November 27, 2018, and December 4, 2018, minutes, because the October minutes were approved at a previous meeting.

Don Couchman moved approval of the agenda as amended; second by Alan Reed. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

3. Approval 11/27/2018 and 12/4/2018 minutes

Motion: Don Couchman moved to approve November 27, 2018 minutes; second by Alan Reed. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

The December 4th, 2018, minutes need to be updated before approval so that was deferred until the next meeting.

4. Public comment

Barbara Taylor discussed concerns over the budget that was requested by the administration and suggested that the Open Space Advisory board recommend to the City Council that the Division get money for facility renovation.

5. Announcements and Correspondence

Alan Reed requested board members to suggest calendar items for the 2019 work plan, including three upcoming term endings.

Michael Jensen requested the annual Open Meetings Act resolution be included on the February agenda.

6. Real Property Report

Don Britt announced that the Chant and Logan Ranch properties in the Tijeras Biological Zone closed in the end of 2018.

Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) went into closed session to discuss and take action on a request to support of a Letter of Intent (LOI), which is non-binding. The LOI was intended to support a proposal from a private firm, which was due to be submitted by February 1st. Because of the short time from the Company's request, approximately one week prior to the OSAB Meeting, the request was considered to be an emergency situation. Missing the proposal deadline and the opportunity for the site to be selected for lease would create a substantial financial loss to the City of Albuquerque, based on the initial offer.

The meeting went into a closed session at 2:02 pm. The following motion was made.

Motion: Alan Reed moved that the Open Space Advisory Board recommend that the Director of Parks and Recreation sign the LOI for a specific parcel of OS lands that would be used for a utility scale solar array. If the site and proposal were selected, an option agreement and lease would be presented to the OSAB at a future date for recommendation; however, the agreement would ultimately require City Council approval; second by Don Couchman. *Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.*

Motion: Alan Reed moved to end the closed session at 2:55 pm; second by Don Couchman. *Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.*

7. Briefing from Open Space Division staff on current projects

Colleen McRoberts briefed the board on 35th anniversary activities, the Candelaria Resource Management Plan, and other staff updates.

8. Discussion: Calabacillas Pueblo

Brandon Gibson and the board discussed next steps in adding the Calabacillas Pueblo site to the priority acquisitions list. Rene Horvath and Twyla McComb will submit an acquisition subcommittee evaluation for the February meeting.

9. Presentation: Los Metates

Brandon Gibson and James Lewis presented the proposed Los Metates erosion control project.

10. Presentation: Catalonia at The Trails

Chair Chris Green recused himself from the discussion so Vice Chair Alan Reed assumed the Chair.

Jim Strozier (Consensus Planning) presented the proposed site plan for Catalonia at the Trails, adjacent to the Northern Geologic Window.

11. Action: Recommendation on Catalonia at The Trails

Motion: Don Couchman moved to approve the plan as presented; second by Twyla McComb. *Motion carried unanimously, 4-0 (Rene Horvath and Chris Green abstained).*

12. Discussion: Rules of Procedure for Public Involvement

The board discussed the draft rules of procedure for public comment and involvement at Open Space Advisory Board meetings and will send suggestions to Alan Reed to be added before the next meeting as an action item.

13. Discussion: 2019 Work Plan

The board discussed items to add to the 2019 schedule and work plan. Board members will send suggestions to Alan Reed.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Alan Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm; second by Michael Jensen. ***Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.***