

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2020  
1:30pm  
Zoom Meeting

## **Members Present**

Michael Scisco, Tasia Young, Barbara Taylor, Don Meaders, Scott Forrester, Rene Horvath

## **Members Absent**

Twyla McComb

## **Staff Members Present**

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), Amanda Romero (Sr. Administrative Assistant, Open Space Division), James Lewis (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division) Don Britt (COA Real Property), Dave Simon (Director, Parks and Recreation)

## **Visitors Present**

Rachel Swanteson-Franz (citizen), Andrew Stone (citizen)

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

Vice Chair Tasia Young called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

### **2. Action: Approval of Agenda**

**Don Meaders moved approval of agenda, second by Tasia Young.**

**Motion: Barbara Taylor moved to amend the agenda to add Open Space Staff Update as Item#11 moving item #11 adjournment to now 12; second by Michael Scisco.**

*Motion carried unanimously, 5-0*

### **3. Action: Approval June 23, 2020 Minutes**

**Motion: Don Meaders moved the approval of the June 23, 2020 Minutes; second by Barbara Taylor.**

Barbara Taylor requested to amend the minutes: Item 4 to say: Barbara Taylor took exception to the assertion that the city has done nothing to acquire that land.

*Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.*

### **4. Public Comment**

None

### **5. Announcements and Correspondence**

None

### **6. Farm/Open Space Protection options through the purchase of conservation easements**

Mr. Andrew Stone discussed possible purchase or other costs from the City of Albuquerque of conservation easements of the North Valley. His neighbors have land and would like to preserve it. The land will be kept as Farm Land. He would like to conserve some small parcels and/or fund conservation easement transaction costs.

### **7. Real Property Report / 2020 Sales & Acquisitions**

Don Britt (COA Real Property) gave the board an update on upcoming properties on the West Side of town ready for purchase and ready to close within the next 45 days. Tijeras Arroyo Bio Zone – closing tomorrow

(July 29, 2020) on parcel 46. Working on purchasing parcel 45 – owner counter offered. Will continue to work with them. Still in the works and negotiations to purchase 9 acres in parcel 49.

#### **8. GO Bonds**

Board Member Barbara Taylor discussing the GO Bond Program

#### **9. Sub Committee Update/Schedules**

Sub Committees – have not met yet since last board meeting. Vice Chair Tasia Young appointed a Chair for each subcommittee:

- IDO Chair is Barbara Taylor
- Land Acquisition Chair is Twyla McComb
- Reviewing and Development Chair is Don Meaders

Chairs will meet with their groups and report at next meeting. Open Space staff is available to attend meeting if needed.

#### **10. Open Space Trust Fund Legislation (0.2015.028) discussion**

Board Member Michael Scisco going over what was discussed at last meeting regarding the Open Space Trust Fund.

#### **11. Open Space Staff Update**

Superintendent Colleen Langan-McRoberts updated the board on new staff and updates throughout our Open Space Division.

#### **12. Adjournment**

***Motion: Barbara Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Rene Horvath. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.***