

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2019  
1:30 pm  
Open Space Visitor Center  
6500 Coors Blvd NW

## **Members Present**

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

## **Members Absent**

## **Staff Members Present**

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), David Flores (Acting Associate Director, Parks and Recreation Department), Amanda Romero (Senior Administrative Assistant, Open Space Division), James Lewis (Assistant Superintendent, Open Space Division)

## **Visitors Present**

Linda Shank (citizen), Don Britt (COA Real Property), Colleen Hartwell (citizen), Richard Shackley (citizen), Joe Archbold (citizen), Jerold Widdison (citizen), Isaac Eastvold (citizen), Sharon Eastvold (citizen), Jack Crider (citizen), Shanna Schultz (City Council), Barbara Taylor (citizen), Peggy Norton (citizen)

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

Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

Item # 10 to be moved up right after item # 6 and to add the approval of the 8/16/19 Tijeras BioZone Field Trip minutes to include in with item #3.

*Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.*

## **3. Approval 7.23.19 and 8.16.19 Tijeras BioZone minutes**

**Don Couchman** moved approval of the 7.23.19 minutes; second by **Alan Reed**. *Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.*

**Twyla McComb** moved approval of the 8.16.19 minutes; second by **Alan Reed**. *Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.*

## **4. Public comment**

Citizens are concerned with the AMAFCA project at the North Geologic Window. It will obstruct the view of the Petroglyph Monument. Also concerned about the water line under the trail in Open Space up to the Double Eagle Airport. How is it going to be impacted by the AMAFCA Dam.

## **5. Announcements and Correspondence**

2 Board Members terms ending at the end of the month, Don Couchman and Michael Jensen. Thank you for your time on the Open Space Advisory Board. New Board member has been appointed by City Council to take Michael Jensen's place, Mr. Michael Scisco.

## **6. Real Property Report**

Don Britt (COA Real Property) updated the board about Tijeras Arroyo closing of 36 acres. It is still pending closing, the sale is still going forward. Updated the board on the State parcel next to Volcano Vista High School. State Land office is going to deny our proposal to exchange them for trade lands. They are still interested in an exchange for commercial land.

## **7. Briefing from Open Space Division staff and current projects**

Colleen Langan-McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division) updated the board on the Open Space Acquisition Priorities booklet October 2019. The field trip to the Tijeras BioZone was a success. We will be planning field trips to different sites on a regular basis. September 21, 2019 at the Open Space Visitors Center – we will be having our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for the Open Space Division from 7pm – 9pm.

## **8. Action: Language for IDO Amendments**

Defer to next meeting

***Motion:*** Alan Reed moved to defer the Language for IDO Amendments to next meeting; Tasia Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0

## **9. Action: Crestview Bluff/Pena Bill R-19-178**

Board discussed Bill R-19-178. Councilor Pena is purposing to take Open Space funds to purchase the Crestview Bluff property. Don Couchman thinks to attack the funds we have very carefully and painfully at times build up to inquire legitimate Open Space, he feels that this is an unprecedented move, it was not recommended or approved by the OSAB. Alan Reed will be attending the City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 to represent the OSAB.

***Motion:*** Don Couchman moved that we reject the offer to use Open Space funds to purchase this property of the Crestview Bluff/Pena Bill R-19-178; Tasia Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (Twyla McCombs abstained)

## **10. Discussion: Candelaria Nature Preserve RMP Update**

Michael Jensen updated the board regarding Candelaria Nature Preserve and TAG

## **11. Discussion: Designation of a sub-committee to review project submittals**

Defer to next meeting

## **12. Adjournment**

***Motion:*** Alan Reed moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Michael Jensen. Motion carried unanimously, 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.