

# OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2017  
1:30 pm

Open Space Visitor Center  
6500 Coors Blvd. NW

## **Members Present**

Don Couchman, Chris Green, Loren Hines (Chair), Rene Horvath (arrived late, left early), Michael Jensen, Alan Reed, Janet Saiers (left early)

## **Members Absent**

None

## **Staff Members Present**

Tricia Keffer (Open Space Associate Planner), Jim Sattler (Open Space Assistant Superintendent), Barbara Taylor (Parks & Recreation Director), Matthew Whelan (Parks & Recreation Deputy Director)

## **Visitors Present**

Doug Richardson (citizen), Linda Shank (citizen), Tayla McComb (citizen), Ike Eastvold (citizen), Ed Lopez (citizen), Fran Lopez (citizen), Harry Relkin (Sage Land Solutions), Michael Castillo (Sage Land Solutions), Kim Murphy (Sage Land Solutions), Trevor Hatchell (Caldwell Banker Real Estate), Peggy Norton (citizen), Jerry Widdison (citizen)

## **Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Loren Hines called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

## **Approval of Agenda**

***Motion:*** Janet Saiers made a motion to move item 12 up to follow the acquisition proposal discussions; second by Alan Reed. *Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).*

***Motion:*** Don Couchman moved to approve the May 23, 2017, agenda as amended; second by Alan Reed. *Motion passed unanimously, 6-0 (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).*

## **Approval of April 25, 2017 Minutes**

***Motion:*** Chris Green moved to approve April 25, 2017 minutes; second by Janet Saiers. *Motion passed unanimously, 6-0. (Rene Horvath not in attendance at the time).*

## **Public Comment**

- Ike Eastvold reported that there are \$400 million in the federal budget for Land and Water Conservation.

### **Announcements and Correspondence**

- Michael Jensen announced that the river is still high and areas in the Bosque flooded.
- Michael Jensen distributed a section of the zoning conversion map to show changes from private open space to planned community in the High Desert area. City Planning informed him that the map approved by the EPC was inaccurate, but staff will change it to show correct amounts of private open space.
- Barbara Taylor updated the board on the status of the City budget.
- Rene Horvath gave an update on the status of the Integrated Development Ordinance.

### **Election of Officers**

***Motion: Janet Saiers moved to appoint Michael Jensen as chair; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

***Motion: Janet Saiers moved to appoint Chris Green as vice-chair; second by Alan Reed. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

### **Real Property Report**

Jim Sattler presented information on the proposed acquisition in the Foothills for a potential new trailhead.

***Motion: Alan Reed moved to table for future consideration as a priority acquisition; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

Trevor Hatchell presented on the proposed acquisition adjacent to Manzano Open Space near the Tijeras Arroyo.

***Motion: Alan Reed moved to table for future consideration as a priority acquisition; second by Rene Horvath. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

### **Presentation: Crestview Bluff acquisition proposal**

Harry Relkin presented on a proposed acquisition at Crestview Bluff, south of Central and west of the Arenal Canal. Michael Jensen suggested coordinating with the County or AMAFCA when discussing potentially purchasing this property in the future.

***Motion: Alan Reed moved to table for future consideration as a priority acquisition; second by Don Couchman. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

### **Action: Board's proposed alternative for Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Use Management Plan**

The board discussed their proposed alternative map of Petroglyph National Monument trails and access points.

***Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the existing multi-use trail from Unser to the boundary of Atrisco Vista (Paseo de la Mesa) with consideration of additional fencing; second by Chris Green. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

***Motion: Alan Reed moved to approve the existing Boca Negra multi-use trail in the old Atrisco alignment to its intersection with Unser; second by Janet Saiers. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.***

***Motion:*** Alan Reed moved to recommend that in Piedras Marcadas, Rinconada Canyon, and Mesa Prieta there be established educational trails that would be available for guided interpretive tours for educational purposes; second by Chris Green. *Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.*

**Discussion: Priority acquisition list for City Council**

This item was deferred to a later agenda.

**Open Space Alliance update**

Open Space Alliance was not in attendance.

**Update: Candelaria Farm Preserve advisory group**

The third meeting will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a presentation by U.S. Fish & Wildlife on determining land uses.

**Update: Open Space farmlands**

Michael Jensen discussed historical documents and maps of Candelaria that could be used to inform the advisory group. He recommended developing resource management plans for Open Space farmlands that do yet have one.

**Action: Approval of 2017 work plan**

Janet Saiers distributed an updated draft 2017 work plan and calendar. There was no action taken on this item.

***Motion:*** Don Couchman moved to thank outgoing chair Loren Hines for an even-handed conduct of meetings; second by Alan Reed. *Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath and Janet Saiers were not in attendance at the time).*

**Adjournment**

***Motion:*** Michael Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm; second by Alan Reed. *Motion passed unanimously, 5-0 (Rene Horvath and Janet Saiers were not in attendance at the time).*