

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2016**

Members Present

Griff Lechner
Michael Jenson
Loren Hines
Janet Saiers
Rene Horvath
Alan Reed
John Kwait

STAFF

Kent Swanson, Open Space Visitor Center Manager
Nicole Trujillo, Open Space Division

OTHERS PRESENT

Barbara Taylor, Director, Parks and Recreation
Keith Reed, Associate Director, Parks and Recreation
James Lewis, Assistant Open Space Superintendent
Don Britt, COA Real Property Manager
Chris Green, Consensus Planning
Ike Eastvold, Interested Citizen
Tom Menicucci, COA, Council Services
Stephanie Yara, COA, Council Services
Jerold Widdison, Interested Citizen
Dick Kirshner, Interested Citizen
Margaret DeLony, Interested Citizen
Peter Kelling, Interested Citizen
Michael Castillo, Interested Citizen
Harry Relkin, Sage Land Consulting

Meeting Convened at 1:34 PM

Introductions were made by all present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Griff Lechner to move item #11 to after item # 6, Motion was seconded by Alan Reed, a vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

A motion was made by Janet Saiers to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael Jenson. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Barbara Taylor announced that Kent Swanson would now be staffing the Open Space Advisory Board. She gives a brief history of Kent Swanson.

Barbara Taylor announced that the Parks and Recreation Department supports Councilor Benton's Legislation O-16-13.

Michael Jenson announced that a meeting was held down at Valle Del Oro by the Fish and Wildlife regarding Albuquerque being the 3rd City to be designated a one million dollar City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rene Horvath and seconded by Griff Lechner, to amend the February 23, 2016 minutes to add to the Open Space Permanent Fund; at the end of our discussion with Mr. Hoffman, The Open Space Advisory Board clarified that they wanted to preserve principle balance in the trust fund, otherwise referred to as the corpus, while at the same time maximizing the interest income that can be obtained. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

A motion was made by Michal Jenson and seconded by Loren Hines to approve the minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS

Keith Reed states that we are on hold waiting for the City Council to take action.

Janet Saiers clarifies that the only active acquisition was for the Northern Sand Dunes.

Keith Reed states that we did have an appraisal for the Northern Sand Dunes and if there are other properties identified by City Council to move forward with, they will have to go through the appraisal process.

OPEN SPACE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

After some discussion by the Board, A motion was made by Alan Reed and seconded by Janet Saiers, that the Board recommends a Do Pass to the City Council for Bill R-16-12. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

After some discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alan Reed and seconded by Loren Hines that the Board recommends a Do Pass to the City Council for Bill O-16-13. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Tom Menicucci with Council Services gives a brief overview of Bill O-16-9 and how the Bill came about.

After some discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Alan Reed and seconded by Loren Hines that the OSAB recommends to the City Council consideration of committing a percentage of GO Bond funds go to the Open Space program, with a portion committed to maintenance of Open Space lands and the OSAB recommends against section 2 P lines 13 – 15 of Bill O-16-9. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT

Donn Britt states that the report from Sage Land Consulting regarding the Trade lands is complete and introduces Harry Relken to update the Board on the report.

Mr. Harry Relken from the Sage Land Consulting gave a brief presentation on the Open Space Trade Lands report.

After some discussion by the Board, it was determined to place this item on the Agenda for the April meeting to be listed as an update item.

CREATION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Janet Saiers and seconded by Alan Reed that a subcommittee be created for the purpose of compiling a book of information for board members that includes already adopted procedures, policies, resolutions, and ordinances. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

The sub-committee will consist of Alan Reed, Janet Saiers, and Michael Jensen.

LETTER REQUESTING LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

After some discussion by the Board, it was determined that a letter needs to be written for the Mayor's signature to the Congressional Congregation, requesting Land and Water Conservation funds

A motion was made by Griff Lechner and seconded by John Kwait for a Jane Saiers to write a letter to go to NM Congressional Delegation which includes Three State Reps., and Two Senators, requesting Land and Water Conservation funds to support Open Space acquisition to be forwarded to the Mayor for signature. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

UPDATE ON NORTHERN GEOLOGIC WINDOW FENCING EASEMENT

James Lewis states that a draft letter has been written and has been sent to the City Attorneys for review.

After some discussion by the Board, it was determined that this item be listed as an update for the April meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY FACILITY ON OPEN SPACE, PROPOSED BRIDGE CROSSING OF ATRISO SIPHON IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK

James Lewis gives an update on the proposed bridge crossing of the Atrisco siphon in Rio Grande Valley State Park.

After some discussion by the Board it was determined that this item be listed as an update for the April meeting.

UPDATE ON MAYOR'S FY17 BUDGET

Keith Reed gives a brief update on the Operating Budget for Open Space.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:16 PM