

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 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

Members Absent

Alan Reed

Staff Members Present

Colleen McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), Brandon Gibson (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), Brad Bingham (AMAFCA), Jeff Wills (AMAFCA), Jerry Lovato (AMAFCA)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Chris Green called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Don Couchman moved approval of the agenda; second by Michael Jensen. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

3. Approval 6.25.19 minutes

Correction to be made on item 5, change from “Don Couchman’s term is up September 2019, he will not be returning” to “**Don Couchman will not be applying for a second term**”

Correct item 11: **detention** to be added right before ponds.

Motion carried over 5-0 (Chris Green abstained)

4. Public comment

No comments

5. Announcements and Correspondence

Rene Horvath asked about weeds in the Bosque, about pulling weeds and getting it cleaned up.

6. Real Property Report

Don Britt (COA Real Property) updated the board about Tijeras Arroyo closing of 36 acres this week. The 2 parcels in the Petroglyphs – they looked at them last week. 65 acres of water rights application will be filed this week with the State of Engineering.

7. Briefing from Open Space Division staff and current projects

Colleen Langan-McRoberts and board discusses a field trip to the Tijeras Biozone – Scheduled for August 16th 8am – 10:30am, meeting point will be at Los Altos Pool, Lomas and Eubank. Brandon Gibson announced he will be leaving Parks and Recreation and will be moving to Cultural Services. Brandon Gibson

also announced that we will be adding a Sr. Planner position. Superintendent Langan-McRoberts updated the board on current events within Open Space.

8. Action: Priority Acquisition List

Superintendent Langan-McRoberts suggests the Tijeras Arroyo Biozone, Volcano Heights, N. Geologic Window and Boca Negra doesn't need to be a priority, since they are already on the Priority List. In the Tijeras Arroyo there are 2 parcels that we should consider adding. Calabacillas Pueblo and Anderson Farms to keep on list. In process La Cuentista, West Tijeras and Water Rights.

To schedule a site visit to Volcano Heights.

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to approve the Priority Acquisition List; Tasia Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

9. Action: Language for IDO Amendments

Deferred to next meeting

10. Action: AMAFCA – N. Geologic Window Dam / Hubbell Dam Expansion

AMAFCA having a discussion with the board about the N. Geologic Window Dam / Hubbell Dam Expansion.

Motion: Michael Jensen moves that we approve the N. Geologic Window Dam / Hubbell Dam Expansion; Tasia Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-1 (Rene Horvath)

Motion: Rene Horvath moved to defer to next meeting, NO SECOND, Motion FAILED.

Motion: Rene Horvath moved that we request AMAFCA to consider to a compensation for the land they use; Michael Jensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

11. Discussion: Candelaria Nature Preserve RMP Update

Michael Jensen updated the board regarding Candelaria Nature Preserve and TAG

12. Discussion: Designation of a sub-committee to review project submittals

Board discussed the sub-committee ideas.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Michael Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Don Couchman. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.