



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thorman Conference Room – City 3 (801 Texas Ave.)
April 15, 2026
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Open Space Advisory Board met at the above place and date.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Chair Joe Garibay present and presiding and the following Commissioners answered roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Board Chair Joe Garibay
Board Vice Chair Mark Wancho
Board Member Tod Grice
Board Member Stephen Tures
Board Member Mike Gaglio via TEAMS
Board Member Alicia Rascon
Board Member Stephen Tures
Board Member Kylie Rezendes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Emigdio Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that there were no changes to agenda.

NO ACTION.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda): *Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.*

NONE

3. Discussion and Action: Minutes for the January 7, 2025, Open Space Advisory Board Meeting

Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Tod Grice to **APPROVE JANUARY 7, 2026, MINUTES**, seconded by Board Member Mark Wancho and unanimously carried.

MOTION PASSED

- 4. Information and Discussion:** Update on trailheads proposed by Hunt
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board

Board members proposed changes to the future trailheads in District 1 (sitting bench, trail counter art, and trash receptacles).

NO ACTION

- 5. Information and Discussion:** Bear Ridge and Mountain to River Trailheads
Contact: Gilbert Guerrero, Capital Improvement, GuerreroGX@elpasotexas.gov

Board members suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony once the project is completed by the end of summer 2026.

NO ACTION

- 6. Information and Discussion:** Update on the remediation efforts on the MLK open space property
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board

Chair Garibay gave update regarding the MLK open space property.

NO ACTION.

- 7. Information and Discussion:** El Paso Water (EP Water) Quarterly financial report on the 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue and expenses
Contact: Jonathan Persall, El Paso Water, jpersall@epwater.org

Jonathan Persall, El Paso Water, made a presentation to the Board and answered questions from the Board.

NO ACTION.

- 8. Information and Discussion:** Report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section, regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas pursuant to the Open Space Advisory Board enabling resolution
Contact: Ismael Segovia, Planning and Inspections, segoviaib@elpasotexas.gov

Ismael Segovia, Chief Planner, made a presentation to the Board and answered questions from the Board.

NO ACTION.

- 9. Information and Discussion:** Update on the appointments to the Open Space Advisory Board
Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov

Emigdio Gonzalez mentioned he proposed two candidates to join the board, one to represent the Office of the Mayor and another to represent the Office of District 7.

NO ACTION.

10. Information and Discussion: Observations from OSAB members of open space areas

Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov

- Board Member Mark Wancho mentioned the fence located at the MLK trail, must be closed to avoid ATVs
- Board Member Mike Gaglio request to review the sale of the land intended for use as the proposed city tree farm next to the Keystone Heritage Park in District 1.
- Board Member Kylie Rezendes supported Mark Wancho regarding the fence in MLK Mark Wancho and an update regarding the disposition of the 300 acres of the state park.

NO ACTION.

11. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas

- Update on Item 6 - the remediation efforts at MLK open space property
 - Update on Item 7 – acquisition update
 - Item related to the sale of the property originally intended for a future city tree farm proposed to be built next to the Keystone Heritage Park
 - Item regarding the disposition of the 300 acres of the state park – MLK
 - Update on Item 9 – Open Space Advisory Board, new appointees
 - Discussion on Annual Report- template to be provided
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12. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion made by Board Member Mark Wancho, seconded by Board Member Alicia Rascon and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN**.

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Approved as to form:



Emigdio Gonzalez, Open Space Advisory Board Executive Secretary