

MOTION
MAY 12, 2025

Item: Discussion and action on Board and Commission cross functional team update as directed by City Council on January 22, 2025.

1ST MOTION – Main Motion

Motion made by Representative Fierro, seconded by Representative Limón to approve staff's recommendation.

Primary Amendment

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **AMEND** staff's recommendations as follows:

- Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAD) – accept staff's recommendation to reduce the membership from 18 to 9 however keep the same appointment process so that each member of Council has an appointee for each of those nine seats
- Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee – hold quarterly meetings instead of biannual
- Add a climate and sustainability purview to the City Plan Commission's objectives
- Open Space Advisory Committee - Consolidate with CPC instead of Parks and Recreation and accept staff's recommendation to align oversight of the 10% stormwater fund with Financial Oversight and Audit Committee

2ND MOTION – Divide the Question

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Canales, and unanimously carried to **DIVIDE THE QUESTION** so the vote on the Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) could be taken separately

3RD MOTION – First part of the Primary Amendment

Motion made by made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, to to **AMEND** staff's recommendations as follows:

- Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAD) – accept staff's recommendation to reduce the membership from 18 to 9 however keep the same appointment process so that each member of Council has an appointee for each of those nine seats
- Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee – hold quarterly meetings instead of biannual
- Add a climate and sustainability purview to the City Plan Commission's objectives

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Fierro

4TH MOTION – Second part of the Primary Amendment

- **CONSOLIDATE** the oversight portion of the Open Space Advisory Board with the City Plan Commission (CPC) instead of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and accept staff's recommendation to align oversight of the 10% stormwater fund with Financial Oversight and Audit Committee

AYES: Representatives Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Niño, and Fierro
Mayor Johnson broke the tie by voting “NAY”. THE MOTION FAILED.

Amendment to the Main Motion

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **REJECT** staff’s recommendation to reduce board membership from 9 members to 5 members on the following boards:

- City Accessibility Advisory Committee – reduce from 9 members to 5 members
 - Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee
 - Committee on Border Relations
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5TH MOTION – Secondary Amendment to Previous Amendment

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **EXCLUDE** the Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee from the amendment.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Fierro, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: None

6TH MOTION - Amendment

Motion made by Representative Limón, seconded by Representative Acevedo, and carried to **REJECT** staff’s recommendation to reduce board membership from 9 members to 5 members on the following boards:

- City Accessibility Advisory Committee – reduce from 9 members to 5 members
 - Committee on Border Relations
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7TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Limón, and carried to **ACCEPT** Option 2 for the Open Space Advisory Board and **AMEND** the recommendation so that it reads as follows:

Option 2: Retain and Redefine

- Update enabling Resolution to redefine intent and purpose
 - ~~Biannual~~ Quarterly meetings
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AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Fierro

8TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and carried to **TABLE** the item in order to receive legal advice in executive session

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Fierro

NAYS: Representative Canales

9TH MOTION

Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried to **TAKE** the item **FROM THE TABLE**

10TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Boyar Trejo, and carried to **DIRECT** the City Manager and City Attorney to engage the Women's Rights Commission with a presentation to gather their input on moving the commission under the Community and Human Development Department, redefining their scope, and moving the meetings to every other month instead of quarterly as presented.

AYES: Representatives Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Chávez, Fierro, and Limón

11TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously carried to **REQUIRE** for all boards, committees, commissions, and other bodies with an advisory function:

- the development of an annual report including a summary of activities and any recommendations to the City Council arising from the body's discussions throughout the year (which must be delivered to Council in writing by a prescribed deadline, and can be presented during a Council meeting by the membership if desired)
- at least annually a presentation from the staff attorney assigned to the body about that body's charge, purview, legal requirements, etc.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, Fierro, and Canales

NAYS: None

12TH MOTION

Motion made by Representative Acevedo, seconded by Representative Canales, and carried to

- create an Ad Hoc Bond Development Advisory Committee that meets during the development of future bonds
- to update the enabling resolution for the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee to redefine the intent and purpose, to require biannual meetings, and include the 2019-2022 bond projects and any future bond projects.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, and Canales

NAYS: Representative Fierro

13TH AND FINAL MOTION

Motion made by Representative Canales, seconded by Representative Limón, and unanimously to **ACCEPT** Staff's recommendations **AS REVISED** to:

- Develop and adopt a uniform Ordinance to standardize boards and commissions by addressing
 - Membership requirements and composition
 - Board terms
 - Responsibilities of board members to include a Code of Conduct agreement, handbook

- Clarification of operational and advisory roles
- Standardize boards to be enacted by Resolution instead of Ordinance
- Closed session guidelines
- Mandatory annual training for all board liaisons and relevant City staff
- Streamline directives, reports and communications from boards/commissions via City Manager's Office
- Requirement for all boards, committees, commissions, and other bodies with an advisory function:
 - the development of an annual report including a summary of activities and any recommendations to the City Council arising from the body's discussions throughout the year (which must be delivered to Council in writing by a prescribed deadline, and can be presented during a Council meeting by the membership if desired)
 - at least annually a presentation from the staff attorney assigned to the body about that body's charge, purview, legal requirements, etc.
- Consolidate Capital Improvements Advisory Committee with City Plan Commission
- Add a climate and sustainability purview to the City Plan Commission's objectives
- Reduce membership for Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board from 18 to 9 however keep the same appointment process so that each member of Council has an appointee for each of those nine seats
- Reactivate the Youth Advisory Board
 - Fill vacancies administratively process through the City Manager's Office
 - Expand eligibility
- Reinstate the Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee
 - reduce the membership to five
 - expand boundaries
 - hold quarterly meetings
- Reactivate the Committee on Border Relations with nine members
- Sunset the City of El Paso Health Facilities Development Corporation
- Sunset the Construction Board of Appeals
- Sunset the Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
- Create an Ad Hoc Bond Development Advisory Committee that meets during the development of future bonds
- Bond Overview Advisory Committee
 - Update the enabling resolution to redefine intent and purpose
 - Include 2019 and 2022 bond projects and future bond projects
 - Require biannual meetings
- Direct the City Manager and City Attorney to engage the Women's Rights Commission with a presentation to gather their input on moving the commission under the Community and Human Development Department, redefining their scope, and moving the meetings to every other month.
- Open Space Advisory Committee
 - Update the enabling Resolution to redefine intent and purpose
 - Require quarterly meetings.

AYES: Representatives Chávez, Acevedo, Maldonado-Rocha, Boyar Trejo, Niño, Limón, Fierro, and Canales

NAYS: None

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