



AGENDA FOR THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY MEETING

April 01, 2026

**THORMAN CONFERENCE ROOM , 801 TEXAS - BASEMENT AND VIRTUALLY
3:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board will be conducted on the above date and time.

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A sign-up form is available outside the Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor for those who wish to sign upon the day of the meeting. Requests to speak must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board members must be present and participate in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ROLL CALL

AGENDA

1. **Discussion and Action:** Changes to the Agenda [BC-1562](#)
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.* [BC-1568](#)
3. **Discussion and Action:** Minutes for the January 7, 2025, Open Space Advisory Board Meeting
Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov [BC-1893](#)
4. **Information and Discussion:** Update on trailheads proposed by Hunt
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board [BC-1901](#)
5. **Information and Discussion:** Bear Ridge and Mountain to River Trailheads
Contact: Gilbert Guerrero, Capital Improvement, GuerreroGX@elpasotexas.gov [BC-1899](#)
6. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the remediation efforts on the MLK open space property
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board [BC-1900](#)
7. **Information and Discussion:** El Paso Water (EPWater) Quarterly financial report on the 10% annual drainage utility fee revenue and expenses
Contact: Jonathan Persall, El Paso Water, jpersall@epwater.org [BC-1895](#)
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 [BC-1911](#)
9. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the appointments to the Open Space Advisory Board
Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov [BC-1903](#)
10. **Information and Discussion:** Observations from OSAB members of open space areas
Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov [BC-1904](#)
11. **Discussion:** Identify items for future agendas [BC-1905](#)

ADJOURN

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Posted this the 24th day of March, 2026.



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Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda



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OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
2nd Floor, Main Conference Room
January 7, 2025
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 MEMBERS ABSENT:

AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Kevin Smith, Assistant Director of Planning, 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 October 22, 2025, Open Space Advisory Board Meeting
Contact: Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Rascon to **APPROVE OCTOBER 22, 2025 MINUTES**, seconded by Board Member Tures and unanimously carried.

Motion Passed.

- 4. **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.

- 5. **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.

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

Chair Garibay gave an update on the trailheads

NO ACTION.

- 7. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the remediation efforts at Castner Range
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board

Board Member Mark Wancho and Chair Garibay gave update regarding North of Castner Range (not the national monument).

NO ACTION.

- 8. **Information and Discussion:** Overview of the City of El Paso Unified Bylaws
Contact: Russell Abeln, City Attorney's Office, abelnrt@elpasotexas.gov

Russell Abeln, City Attorney's Office, 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: Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections, SmithKW@elpasotexas.gov

NO ACTION.

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

Contact: Kevin Smith, Planning and Inspections, smithkw@elpasotexas.gov

- Joe Garibay brought up Parks looking for input from OSAB members for 10 year upgrade to existing Parks Master Plan.
- MLK Property goes to City Council for the second reading on January 20, 2026.
- Mark Wancho discussed ordinance found undetonated in Castner Range area.

NO ACTION.

11. Discussion: Identify items for future agendas

- Action on Item 6 - on trailheads proposed by Hunt
- Update on posting for Item 7 - the remediation efforts of land west of MLK
- Item on transition of board from Planning and Inspections to Parks and Recreation
- Item in Closed session on Real Estate acquisition status
- Struck off Properties List – brought up by Board Member Mark Wancho
- Discussion on Annual Report to Council

CLOSED SESSION

The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.

- SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
- SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
- SECTION 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
- SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
- SECTION 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
- SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

12. Adjournment

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Approved as to form:



Kevin W. Smith, Open Space Advisory Board Executive Secretary



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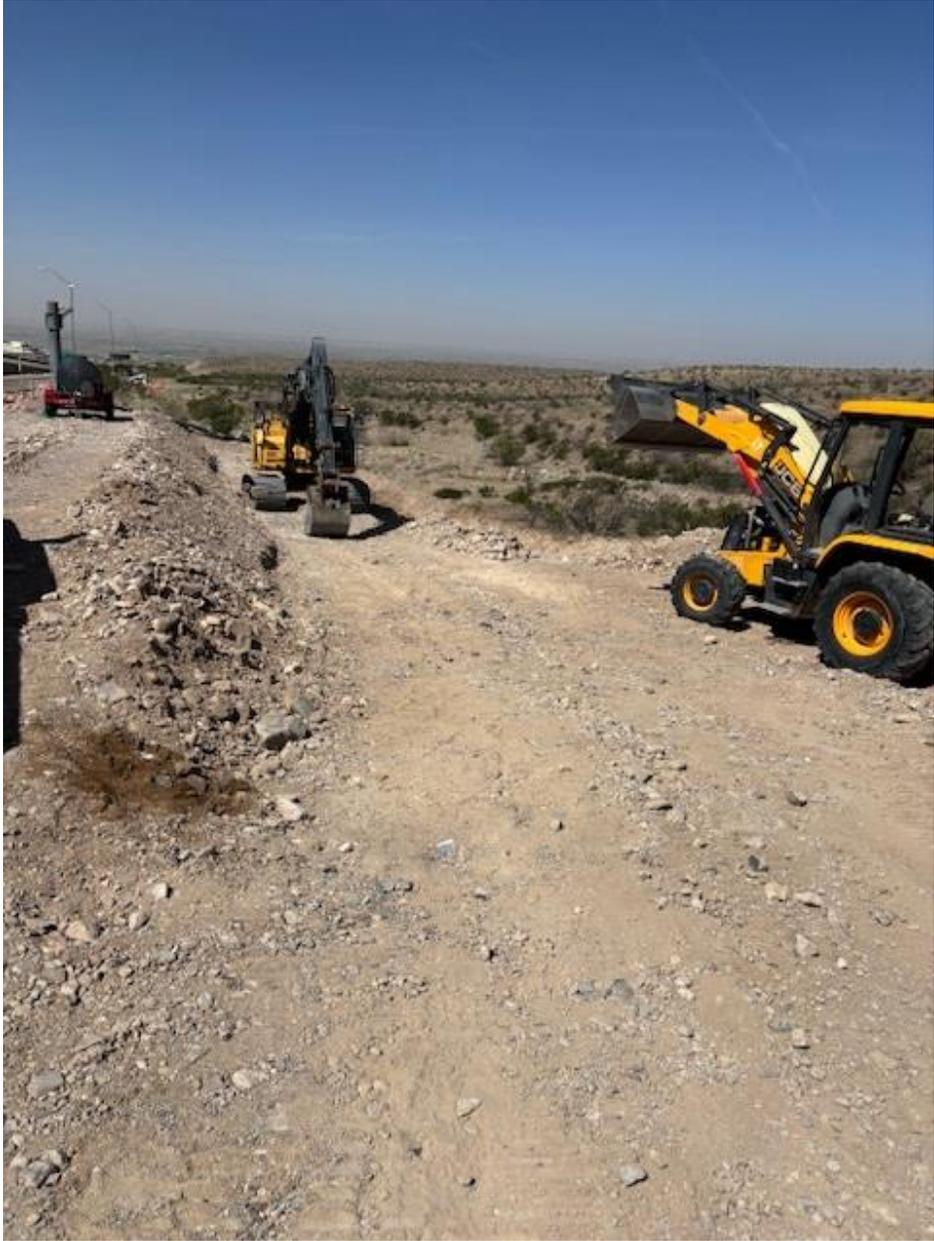
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