OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thorman Conference Room – City 3 (801 Texas Ave.)
July 1, 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 3:00 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 Gertrud Konings-Dudin
Board Member Javier Rodriguez
Board Member Mike Gaglio
Board Member Kylie Rezendes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Board Member Alicia Rascon
Board Member Stephen Tures
Board Member Tod Grice

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.

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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

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3. **Discussion and Action:** Minutes for the April 15, 2025, Open Space Advisory Board Meeting
   Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov

   ACTION: Motion by Board Member Kylie Rezendes to **APPROVE APRIL 15, 2026, MINUTES**, seconded by Board Member Mark Wancho and unanimously carried.

   MOTION PASSED

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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.

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5. **Information and Discussion:** SUSC26-00001: Montecillo Unit Eleven Replat I - A replat of a portion of Vin Rambla Drive Rights-of-Way, Lot 1, Block 44, Montecillo Unit Eleven; Lot 19, Block 43, Montecillo Unit Eleven Replat C, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
Location: North of I-10 Hwy and West of Mesa
Existing Zoning: SCZ-T5 (Smart Code Zone, Transect 5) and SCZ-T40 (Smart BC-2050
 Code Zone, Transect 40)
Property Owner: EPT Montecillo I-10 Development, LLC
Representative: Brock & Bustillos Inc. District: 8
Contact: Ismael Segovia, Planning and Inspections, segoviaib@elpasotexas.gov

NO ACTION

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6. **Information and Discussion:** Update on the remediation efforts on the MLK open space property and the disposition of the 300 acres of the state park
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board

No update

NO ACTION

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7. **Information and Discussion:** The sale of the property originally intended for a future city tree farm proposed to be built next to the Keystone Heritage Park
Contact: Open Space Advisory Board

Emigdio Gonzalez confirmed the property added to the list of sale and in design stage

NO ACTION

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

Emigdio Gonzalez welcomed the new members. One to represent the Office of the Mayor and another to represent the Office of District 7.

NO ACTION

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9. **Information and Discussion:** OSAB Annual Report

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

Emigdio Gonzalez presented the annual report, the Open Space Advisory Board members requested modifications and to be included in a template to be submitted by August 1, 2026.

NO ACTION

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7. **Information and Discussion:** Observations from OSAB members of open space areas
   Contact: Emigdio Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation, GonzalezEX5@elpasotexas.gov

   - Board Member Javier Rodriguez mentioned Playa Drain Trail from Padilla to Riverside required immediate attention.
   - Board Member Mark Wancho mentioned all the large bollards were removed from MLK
   - Board Member Mark Wancho mentioned the sale of 300 acres at the Northwest area was completed and transferred to Hunt

   NO ACTION

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8. **Discussion:** Identify items for future agendas

   - Update on Item 6 - the remediation efforts at MLK open space property
   - Update on Item 4 – use, maintenance acquisition update
   - Update in regards the Bear Ridge Trail
   - Discussion regarding the protocol to remove vegetation
   - Update and discussion in regards the Playa Drain Trail
   - Update regarding the Mountain to the River Trail project
   - Update in regards the renovation of the Lost Dog Trail

   NO ACTION

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9. **Adjournment**

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

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Approved as to form:

Emigdio Gonzalez

Emigdio Gonzalez, Open Space Advisory Board Executive Secretary