



**Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)  
Meeting Summary February 25, 2019  
6954 South Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112**

**Call to Order**

Beverly Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Attendance**

OSTAB Members: Beverly Bradshaw, Linda Strand, Russell Stewart, Sharon Powers, Grider Lee (arrived at 5:45pm). Dala Giffin absent and excused.

Staff: Shannon Carter, Tiffanie Bleau, Glen Poole, Josh Tenneson, Roger Harvey, Sandra Bottoms, Lindsey Miller, Ray Winn, Jenifer Doane.

**Items of Interest from the Public**

None.

**Meeting Summary**

Sharon Powers moved to approve the December 3, 2018 OSTAB meeting summary as presented. Linda Strand seconded the motion. The motion passed. (4-0, 2 absent and excused)

**General Discussion**

**City of Aurora – Triple Creek Trail Construction Joint Project**

Tracy Young presented a joint project funding request for the Triple Creek Trail Construction project. This joint project will construct approximately three miles of trail from Aurora Sports Park to Gun Club Road along the Triple Creek Corridor. A consultant team and staff from a number of Aurora departments have defined the trail alignment and details, and construction documents are approximately 75% complete. The final bid package will be reviewed and ready for advertisement as early as May 2019, but it will be held until full funding is in place. Funding for this project would be comprised of \$500,000 from Aurora (currently available), \$500,000 from Arapahoe County Open Spaces Joint Project Funds (current funding request), and \$2,000,000 from a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Grant. The GOCO Connect Grant concept papers are due in April, with final award notification in the Fall of 2019.

Russell Stewart motioned to recommend to the BOCC approval of the expenditure of \$500,000 from the Open Spaces Acquisition and Development fund for the Triple Creek Trail Construction Project. Sharon Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed. (5-0, 1 absent and excused)

#### **Sheridan Community Park Grant Update and Reallocation of Funds**

Sandra Bottoms presented the Sheridan Community Park Grant Update and Reallocation of Funds to OSTAB. Sheridan Community Park is located on land that is leased from Sheridan School District #2. The current lease expires in 2027; however, at the time of the grant award, SSPRD was in negotiations with the school district to extend the lease an additional 11 years, through 2038. The grant application included a letter from the school district expressing support for the proposed project. After six months of negotiations between SSPRD and the school district regarding the lease extension, the school district has denied SSPRD's request to extend the lease and SSPRD has formally relinquished the grant funds. Staff recommends reallocating the \$500,000 in unspent grant funds awarded for the Sheridan Community Park Court Renovations project to the 2019 Open Space Grant cycle.

Linda Strand motioned to recommend to the BOCC reallocation of \$500,000 in relinquished grant funding from the 2018 Sheridan Community Park Court Renovations project to the 2019 Open Space Grant cycle, bringing the total available funding for 2019 to \$4.5 million. Grider Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed. (5-0, 1 absent and excused)

#### **Cherry Creek Trail Improvements at Iliff Update**

Josh Tenneson presented the Cherry Creek Trail Improvements at Iliff update to OSTAB. Josh provided a status update to OSTAB on this partnership project between Arapahoe County Open Spaces and Arapahoe County Public Works for pedestrian and environmental improvements along the Iliff Corridor that will benefit the High Line Canal and Cherry Creek Trails.

#### **Completed Open Space Projects Presentation**

Sandra Bottoms presented a slideshow of completed Open Space grant and joint projects to OSTAB.

#### **Social Media Updates**

Jenifer Doane presented social media updates to OSTAB.

#### **Managers' Report**

Shannon Carter presented the Managers' Report to OSTAB. Shannon reported that Open Space sales and use tax revenues are up from last year.

#### **Executive Session-Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (a)**

None.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Upcoming events were reviewed.

#### **Board Member Comments**

Board member comments were discussed.

#### **Adjournment**

Russell Stewart motioned to adjourn. Sharon Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0, 1 absent and excused). The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.