



Board Summary Report

Date: March 14, 2019
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Shannon Carter, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations Director
From: Josh Tenneson, Grants & Acquisitions Manager
Subject: **Lone Tree Creek Trail Easement Request**

Direction/Information

To provide information regarding the request from the City of Centennial for a temporary construction easement and permanent trail easement for the Lone Tree Creek Trail, which passes through county property on the west side of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Administration Building along Lone Tree Creek.

Request and Recommendation

Staff requests approval from the Board of County Commissioners ("BoCC") to grant a temporary construction easement and permanent trail easement to the City of the Centennial across county property for the purposes of constructing a regional trail. Staff also requests that the Board of County Commissioners authorize Shannon Carter, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations Director, to sign the easements upon approval as to the form by the County Attorney's Office.

Background

Arapahoe County Open Spaces collaborated with the City of Centennial to fund a trail alignment study for the Lone Tree Creek Trail. The study determined that the trail, which will run between Broncos Parkway and Cherry Creek State Park along Lone Tree Creek, will have to pass through county-owned property on the west side of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Administration Building (see the attached survey and map for further details). The trail will be constructed, owned, and managed by the City of Centennial. Arapahoe County needs to grant a permanent trail easement and temporary construction easement to the City of Centennial before the City can construct the trail later this year.

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Increase Intergovernmental Cooperation
Increase Community and Regional Partnerships
Improve Park, Trail and Open Space Opportunities
Optimize Use of Resources
Enhance Quality of Life

Discussion

Open Spaces staff have evaluated the easement requests and will work with the County Attorney's Office as to the form of the easements. Furthermore, Open Spaces reached out to the Facilities and Fleet Management Department and both the former and current Sheriff's Office administrations to make them aware of the project plans. Centennial desires to begin constructing the trail in mid-2019.

Alternatives

Approve, delay, modify, or deny the request.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Attorney Comments

None

Reviewed By

Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager

Shannon Carter, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations Director

Tiffanie Bleau, Assistant County Attorney

Janet Kennedy, Finance Director

Attachment

1. Permanent Easement Survey
2. Aerial View