



**Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB)  
Meeting Summary April 22, 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, Dala Giffin, JD Key.

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**

Russell Stewart moved to approve the February 25, 2019 OSTAB meeting summary as presented. JD Key seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

**General Discussion**

**High Plains Trail and Cherry Creek Trail Connection Project**

Josh Tenneson presented a proposal requesting design and construction funding for the High Plains Trail/Cherry Creek Regional Trail Connection. The request was for \$1,000,000 of Arapahoe County Open Space Acquisition and Development fund dollars, which will be used to complete 100% design on Segments I, II, and IV and to construct the project. Funding for the design and construction of the southern connection of this new regional trail to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail, including the overpass of Parker Road, is a joint effort between Arapahoe County, Parker, Aurora, and Douglas County ("Partners Group"). The E-470 Authority has committed \$438,000 towards the construction of the project, DRCOG awarded \$2,000,000 to the project, and the Partners Group requested \$2,000,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to construct the connector trail. The Partners Group has already completed 30% design of Segments I, II, & IV of the Connection Project, which was paid for by the Town of Parker and Arapahoe County Open Spaces. The goal of the Partners Group is to be at 100% design for Segments I, II, and IV of the connection project by February 2020. It's estimated that Segments I, II, & IV will cost approximately \$7-8 million to design and build. The Partners Group will need to seek funding from multiple sources to fund the project.

Sharon Powers motioned to recommend to the BoCC approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 of Arapahoe County Open Space Acquisition & Development funding to design and construct the High Plains Trail/Cherry Creek Regional Trail Connection Project. Dala Giffin seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0).

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**2019 Grant Round Overview**

Sandra Bottoms presented the 2019 grant round overview to OSTAB. Open Spaces received a total of 17 applications (14 standard, 2 small, 1 planning) requesting a total of \$6,072,344.

**2019 Budget Presentation**

Shannon Carter presented the 2019 Budget to OSTAB.

**Shareback Overview**

Josh Tenneson discussed the Shareback Overview with OSTAB.

**Managers' Report**

Shannon Carter presented the Managers' Report to OSTAB. Shannon reported that Open Space Sales and Use Tax revenues are similar to 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**

Grider Lee motioned to adjourn. Russell Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.