



Board Summary Report

Date: May 17, 2019
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Shannon Carter, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations Director
From: Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager
Subject: Lone Tree Creek Trail Easements

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 attached to this BSR, which have been approved by the County Attorney’s Office.

This item was heard and approved by the BOCC at a drop-in session on March 25, 2019.

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.

Links to Align Arapahoe

- 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 has evaluated the easement requests and has worked 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, modify, or deny the request.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Concurrence

None

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

Attachments:

1. Permanent Easement Survey
2. Aerial View
3. Permanent Trail Easement
4. Temporary Construction Easement

RESOLUTION NO. _____ It was moved by Commissioner _____ and duly seconded by Commissioner _____ to 1) approve the grant of 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, and 2) authorize Shannon Carter, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations Director, to execute the easements on behalf of Arapahoe County.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, ___; Commissioner Conti, ___; Commissioner Holen, ___; Commissioner Jackson, ___; Commissioner Sharpe, ___

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.