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**STUDY SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY
May 10, 2016**

ALL TIMES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

11:00 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jeanne Shreve / Kevin Doran
	ITEM:	Legislative Working Group
11:30 A.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jeanne Shreve
	ITEM:	Intergovernmental Relations Office Projects / Updates
12:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Jim Siedlecki
	ITEM:	Website Presentation
12:30 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Nathan Mosley / Shannon McDowell / Renee Petersen
	ITEM:	Open Space Sales Tax Grant Award Recommendations
1:00 P.M.	ATTENDEE(S):	Todd Leopold
	ITEM:	Administrative Item Review / Commissioner Communications

(AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH MAY ARISE)

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STUDY SESSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 10, 2016
SUBJECT: Open Space Sales Tax grant award recommendations
FROM: Nathan Mosley, Parks and Open Space Director, Shannon McDowell, and Renee Petersen
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks and Open Space
ATTENDEES: Nathan Mosley, Shannon McDowell, Renee Petersen, Open Space Advisory Board members
PURPOSE OF ITEM: Present the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners to understand whether there is concurrence prior to presenting awards in public hearing.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of County Commissioners accepts the Open Space Advisory Board's recommendations for funding

BACKGROUND:

On February 1, 2016, the Open Space Program received seventeen grant applications, including eleven passive grant applications, three active grant applications, and three mini-grant applications. The total amount requested was \$5,470,330 which included \$4,834,070 for passive projects, \$627,874 for active projects, and \$8,386 for mini-grants. The total amount available for distribution was \$6,070,399.14.

The Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) recommended full funding of all seventeen applications for a total of \$5,470,330.

If the Board of County Commissioners follows the OSAB's recommendations, there will be a balance of \$600,069.14 available. The recommended funding decreases the level of overall active funding from 28.93% to 28.03%.

Detailed information about each grant and the OSAB's recommendations are below. The projects are listed according to their ranking, with mini-grants listed first.

Mini Grant: Adams 12 STEM Launch Niver Nature Heritage Trail Collaboration Project- City of Thornton

Project Summary: This project involves students from the Adams 12 STEM Launch school for the construction and installation of bird and bat houses in the natural areas, adding decoratively painted trash cans, and painting the bridge wing walls along the trail. The project site is located at 9402 Inca Court.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 69.9% of the total project costs, up to \$711

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$711

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments: None

Mini Grant: Clear Creek Valley Park Pollinator Habitat Project- Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District (Sponsored by City of Westminster)

Project Summary: This project will partner with the Butterfly Pavilion to create a Pollinator Garden to the west of the Clear Creek Valley Park community gardens. The garden will include raised bed lots for residents to grow food or flowers. Clear Creek Valley Park is located at 5902 Tennyson Street.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 54.8% of the total project costs, up to \$5,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$5,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments: None

Mini Grant: Lake Appreciation Day 2016- Barr Lake State Park (Sponsored by Adams County)

Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to bring public awareness to water quality and issues through the participation of 250 volunteers performing shoreline cleanup, eradicating noxious weeds, and staining boardwalks. The event is followed by lunch and educational activities for the volunteers. Barr Lake State Park is located at 13401 Piccadilly Rd.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 23.9% of the total project costs, up to \$2,675

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$2,675

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments: None

Metzger Farm Farmstead Improvements Project- City of Westminster

Project Summary: This project involves the final step in the preservation of the farmstead at Metzger Farm. This phase includes building stabilization and interpretive signage to allow future public access. Metzger Farm is located at the northeast corner of 120th Avenue and Federal Boulevard.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 58% of the total project costs, up to \$379,751

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$379,751

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- If possible, I would like to see the common carp removed from the ponds, since they tend to inhibit native aquatic plant growth.
- Metzger Farm House Improvements are part of an overall excellent project with great regional appeal and preservation effort. I commend the trail connectivity. I encourage trail construction with soft surface walking/running space next to or near concrete construction. I think these trails offer more choices to a wider range of trail users.
- If the buildings continue to deteriorate the cost of repair will escalate, probably saves money to attend to now.
- Completion of the farm will provide opportunity for a history lesson as well as life on a farm.
- Prairie dogs are present and are not welcome on a working farm, so some wildlife will be eliminated.
- I think the farm will explain its history to loads of school children and many adults will remember their years on farms. Preservation of this farm is a great feat.
- It is important to stabilize the farm buildings as they are part of the area's history.

Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade Project- City of Westminster

Project Summary: This project will upgrade approximately 1.3 miles of the Big Dry Creek Trail between 112th Avenue and 120th Avenue. The trail is currently 8' wide crusher fines and will be upgraded to 10'

wide concrete with 4' aggregate for snow plowing and increased safety of trail users. Big Dry Creek Trail is located between 112th- 120th Avenues and Federal and Sheridan Boulevards.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 65.4% of the total project costs, up to \$300,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$300,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This is an excellent project to improve connecting trails along the Big Dry Creek, a major water way through Adams County. I especially commend the soft and hard surface trail construction combo. I think that appeals to a wider variety of trail users.
- As a project ranked second priority by the applicant, I would recommend funding if funds allow.
- This upgrade will allow all season use of the trail. Bikes, wheelchairs along with walkers and runners, it will benefit the community.

Bromley- Hishinuma Farm Interiors Project- City of Brighton

Project Summary: This project will rehabilitate the interiors of the Migrant Workers House and the first and second floors of the Farm Main House. The project includes architectural design and rehabilitation of the floors, walls, trim, stairs, windows, and doors of both houses. The Bromley- Hishinuma Farm is located at 1594 East Bromley Lane.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 41.9% of the total project costs, up to \$275,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$275,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- What consideration has been given to how people with mobility limitations access and use the property inside and around the various buildings?
- Landscaping and agricultural use of farm land soils may attract bird wildlife.
- The Bromley-Hishinuma Farm House project, when completed and opened to the public, will be a historical asset to the Brighton community. The farm acreage offers a variety of options for 21st Century small acre high value farming activities that will be a complement to the B-H Farm House and other farm buildings.
- Brighton has a commendable historic preservation area that should be a showcase for others to pattern after.
- The historic buildings need to be rehabilitated so they will be preserved for the purpose of giving a history of the Bromley Hishinuma Farm and the farming community.

CFRT(Colorado Front Range Trail)- Veterans Park Missing Trail Link- City of Brighton

Project Summary: This project will create a safe new access for trail users adjacent to Highway 7 and through Veterans Park. It will connect Downtown Brighton through the Adams County Fairgrounds to Denver going south and in the future will connect to Longmont and Fort Collins going north. It will create 1,775 linear feet of 10' wide trail, a 50 foot bridge, 540 feet of trail over a stormwater pipe, engineering and design, as well as revegetation. Veterans Park is located at 405 West Bridge Street.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 60% of the total project costs, up to \$226,115

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$226,115

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- The Veterans Park trail connection to CFRT and downtown Brighton is a very important linkage to complete. The area also has good wildlife habitat along the South Platte into the Morgan Smith Nature Area. I encourage the City to consider using a combination of soft and hard surfaces in trail construction. The soft surface trails are easier on the body of runners and walkers.

- Trail safety along Hwy7 into and out of Brighton, in my opinion, is a growing concern. The trail project will be safer. I continue to have questions about safely connecting downtown Brighton to the west side of Hwy 85 for people to access the CFRT. Has the City considered working with CDOT to have slower HWY 85 speeds to 55mph between CO Rd 2 and 144th Ave.? Also will there be a stoplight installed at HWY 7 & Miller Ave to slow traffic entering into the roundabouts? Has another pedestrian bridge been considered or some pedestrian crossing with signal lights across HWY 85?
- There is a need to complete this important trail segment.
- This trail will provide a safe new access for trail user adjacent to Highway 7 and through Veterans Park.

Kiowa Creek Trail Engineering Phase II- Town of Bennett

Project Summary: The Town of Bennett is requesting funding for the Colorado Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration approvals to construct the Interstate 70 segment of the Kiowa Creek Trail. The trail is located at I-70 and Kiowa Creek.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 21.3% of the total project costs, up to \$17,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$17,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This is a needed project I70 cuts from the area and makes dangerous crossings.
- A trail along Kiowa Creek will add enrichment for the people of Bennett. Before the trail can be built a Categorical Exclusion is required regarding potential environmental, cultural and related impacts.

Sand Creek Park Improvements Project- City of Aurora

Project Summary: The City of Aurora plans to construct a shelter and nature based playground as well as walkways to improve circulation at the Sand Creek Park. Sand Creek Park is located at 2700 North Peoria Street.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 49.4% of the total project costs, up to \$325,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$325,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This project is designed to keep some of the play area away from Sand Creek waterway where more wildlife is likely to be.
- RTD will fund some of the western parking lot but no definite number is known
- Creative play structures for younger aged children lends itself well to the Sand Creek corridor. Light rail users and others will have shelter and playground once Light Rail opens in the area.
- The change of placement of the light rail has been a challenge for Sand Creek Park and Aurora has met the change with ingenuity.
- The Sand Creek Park will have the light rail. A small shelter and playground will be a benefit to the people using the light rail and the community.

Pedestrian Underpass at York Street on Clear Creek- Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County plans to construct a pedestrian underpass below Highway 224 along York Street in order to create greater connectivity to the Clear Creek Regional Trail and provide a safer route for trail users. The project site is located at York Street and Clear Creek.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$950,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$950,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- There is a high need for a safe passage way for pedestrians and bikers to access the Clear Creek Regional Trail
- Safety across a busy CO highway is being addressed. When possible I think a combination of soft and hard surface trail constructions would be a better choice for a wider variety of trail users.
- It is clear pedestrians face danger on York Street with heavy traffic and no sidewalks. This is a needed project.
- Because of the traffic along Highway 224 it is dangerous for people to cross over to the trail on the south. The underpass will provide safe passage.

Clear Creek Trail Replacement- Adams County

Project Summary: Adams County is requesting funding for the repair and upgrade to a section of the Clear Creek Trail that runs along the Lower Clear Creek and Colorado Agricultural ditches. This includes 900 feet of trail replacement, stabilization of the ditch bank and a 2' shoulder added to the trail. The project site is located along the Clear Creek Trail between the LCC Diversion Dam & Kalcevic Gulch.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$220,500

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$220,500

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- With the development that is taking place in this area, this trail needs to be repaired in a timely manner.
- This is a needed trail repair that will include soft and hard surface trail construction from which a wide range of trail users can benefit.
- The Clear Creek Trail is in need of repair near 68th and Huron. Without repair there is a possibility the trail will be unusable.
- When concrete starts to heave and water is undermining it, replacement should be as soon as possible before it continues to degrade.

Martinez Property Acquisition- City of Commerce City

Project Summary: The City of Commerce City is requesting support to fund the acquisition of a residential lot adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Park and the Commerce City Recreation Center. The project also includes demolishing the existing house, grading, and installation of irrigation and sod on the site. The property is located at 6023 Forest Drive.

Type: Active

Grant Request: 49.9% of the total project costs, up to \$90,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$90,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- A piece of property to expand the park space has become available for purchase. With purchase of the property the recreation center can expand parking or other needs as identified by park users.
- The property is surrounded by the park. Purchasing this property will unify the park.

Moorhead Splash Pad- City of Aurora

Project Summary: The City of Aurora is requesting funding towards the construction of an aquatics spray ground as part of the renovations to the Moorhead Recreation Center. Providing a splash pad feature for younger children will allow the recreation center to serve a wider range of users within the community. The Moorhead Recreation Center is located at 2390 North Havana Street.

Type: Active

Grant Request: 2% of the total project costs, up to \$160,000

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$160,000

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This is a vital piece of recreation for this neighborhood. It is an area that needs outlets for the children.
- Development for housing is hemmed in and the children need a place to gather.
- The pool area that young children and families use will be removed in the building of the new recreation center. A splash pad area for toddlers and young children is needed for this age group.
- A safe splash pool for children is important for their safety.

Construction of FasTracks Neighborhood Connections & Pedestrian Underpass Project- City of Thornton

Project Summary: This project funds construction of neighborhood connections to four North Metro FasTracks stations scheduled to open in 2018, the purchase of five right-of-way parcels to accommodate the connections, as well as the design and construction of a pedestrian and bicycle underpass at the 88th Avenue FasTracks station. These connections will improve safety issues and help integrate the stations within the neighborhoods. These sites are located throughout the City of Thornton.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 50% of the total project costs, up to \$1,514,139

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$1,514,139

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- As traffic becomes more dense the need for underpasses becomes more vital.
- This project provides a safer means of trail connections for people to access Light Rail service when this North Metro FasTracks station opens in 2018. While not so applicable in this project, I recommend combining soft and hard surfaces into trail construction when possible for a wider variety of trail users.
- The neighborhood connections to FasTracks will provide a safe entrance to the station

Engaging Adams County Residents/ Visitors in Open Spaces with Environmental Education- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Sponsored by Adams County)

Project Summary: This grant will provide funding to support environmental education and programming through educational staff, volunteer coordination, and scholarships for program participants. Bird Conservancy of the Rockies is located at 14500 Lark Bunting Lane.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 39.7% of the total project costs, up to \$190,854

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$190,854

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This project involves connecting people to the land through trained staff and volunteers on the natural resource and cultural/historic resources in parks and open space locations.
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies continues its high quality environmental education services to engage a variety of people in the natural world around them; to help instruct students on CO Dept of Education's environmental education curriculum; to offer financial support to people that helps them get out into the natural world and experience a world where humans aren't necessarily the dominant species.
- At some point in time the open space sales tax should not be expected to continue paying for salaries for this program. I feel they should look to bird seed companies and other mentors of birds.
- Scholarship money will provide an opportunity for children to experience education at the Bird Conservancy. Other money will enrich programs and provide training for volunteers.

Woodglen Brookshire Community Park Restrooms Project- City of Thornton

Project Summary: The City of Thornton is requesting support for the design and construction of restrooms at the Woodglen Brookshire Park. The project includes the tap, testing, water line, sewer line, electrical, plumbing, landscape restoration, and associated items. Woodglen Brookshire Park is located at 11730 Saint Paul Street.

Type: Active

Grant Request: 60% of the total project costs, up to \$377,874

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$377,874

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- This is a much needed bathroom facility that park users will appreciate.
- Restrooms are expensive and if there is enough money to fund construction I would approve it, but other active needs would be a priority over restrooms.
- Citizens have requested flush toilets at the community level parks. I agree this is a necessary addition for the users of the park.

Westgate Community Environmental Campus- Construction Phase I- Westgate Community School (Sponsored by City of Thornton)

Project Summary: This grant request involves site preparation, a public pavilion, grassy open space area, shade trees, shade structures, sloped embankments, a social plaza with benches and tables, a grassy amphitheater with terraced boulders, landscape and irrigation. The project also includes the addition of a K-5 playground funded by GOCO. Westgate Community School is located at 12500 Washington Street.

Type: Passive

Grant Request: 62.8% of the total project costs, up to \$435,711

Previous Grant Request: Yes No

OSAB Recommendation: Full funding, \$435,711

OSAB Vote: Motion for full funding passed 5-0

OSAB Comments:

- The project over time has been better planned and described. It is an ambitious project that has much potential.
- I am concerned as phase one is for \$435,711 and I think I saw that there would be future development needed to finish the 10 acres. This is expensive for only partial access to the public.
- I would not support a long term need for funding if this is the beginning of that thought process.
- The Westgate School will be the primary user of the facilities. It is my hope the community also will use the facilities.
- Due to the number of times this grant request has come before us, its merits, the GOCO grants, and the needs of the greater community, it needs to be funded now.
- I would recommend having inviting signs placed in many locations, inviting the community in when school is not in session.
- I lowered my support because of the grant request being high compared to the matching funds, as I prefer less than a 60% request.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Open Space Advisory Board, Applicants

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Worksheet summarizing grant recommendations
OSAB meeting minutes from April 27, 2016

FISCAL IMPACT:

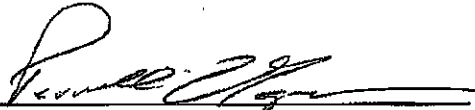
Either mark X if there is no fiscal impact or provide the following information for the recommended action:

Fund(s)	28
Cost center(s)	6202
Self-generated / dedicated revenues:	\$
Annual operating costs:	\$
Annual net operating (cost) / income:	\$
Capital costs:	\$5,470,330
Expenditure included in approved operating budget:	\$
Expenditure included in approved capital budget:	\$5,470,330
New FTEs requested:	0

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

APPROVAL OF FISCAL IMPACT:


Todd Leopold, County Manager


Budget / Finance


Raymond H. Gonzales, Deputy County Manager

Ed Finger, Deputy County Manager

**Adams County Open Space Grant Program
Spring 2016 Grant Cycle - February 1, 2016**

Ranking	Score	Applicant	Project Name	Priority	Active Request	Active Recommended Funding	Passive Request	Passive Recommended Funding	OSAB Recommendation by Project	% of Funding (as requested)	% of Funding (as recommended)
Mini		City of Thornton	Adams 12 STEM Launch Niver Nature Heritage Trail Collaboration				\$711.00	\$ 711.00	\$711.00	69.9%	69.9%
Mini		Hyland Hills Park & Recreation District	Clear Creek Valley Park Pollinator Habitat				\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	54.8%	54.8%
Mini		Barr Lake State Park	Lake Appreciation Day 2016				\$2,675.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$2,675.00	23.9%	23.9%
1	18	City of Westminster	Metzger Farm Farmstead Improvements	1			\$379,751.00	\$ 379,751.00	\$379,751.00	58.0%	58.0%
2	18	City of Westminster	Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade	2			\$300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$300,000.00	65.4%	65.4%
3	18	City of Brighton	Bromley- Hishinuma Farm Interiors	1			\$275,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$275,000.00	41.9%	41.9%
4	18	City of Brighton	CFRT- Veterans Park Missing Trail Link	2			\$226,115.00	\$ 226,115.00	\$226,115.00	60.0%	60.0%
5	18	Town of Bennett	Kiowa Creek Trail Engineering Phase II	1			\$17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$17,000.00	21.3%	21.3%
6	18	City of Aurora	Sand Creek Park Improvements	1			\$325,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$325,000.00	49.4%	49.4%
7	18	Adams County	Pedestrian Underpass at York Street on Clear Creek	1			\$950,000.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$950,000.00	50.0%	50.0%
8	18	Adams County	Clear Creek Trail Replacement	2			\$220,500.00	\$ 220,500.00	\$220,500.00	50.0%	50.0%
9	18	City of Commerce City	Martinez Property Acquisition	1	\$90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00			\$90,000.00	49.9%	49.9%
10	18	City of Aurora	Moorhead Splash Pad	2	\$160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00			\$160,000.00	2.0%	2.0%
11	17	City of Thornton	Construction of FasTracks Neighborhood Connections & Pedestrian Underpass	1			\$1,514,139.00	\$ 1,514,139.00	\$1,514,139.00	50.0%	50.0%
12	17	Bird Conservancy of the Rockies	Engaging Adams County Residents/Visitors in Open Spaces with Environmental Education	1			\$190,854.00	\$ 190,854.00	\$190,854.00	39.7%	39.7%
13	17	City of Thornton	Woodglen Brookshire Community Park Restrooms	2	\$377,874.00	\$ 377,874.00			\$377,874.00	60.0%	60.0%
14	16	Westgate Community School	Westgate Community Environmental Campus- Construction Phase I	1			\$435,711.00	\$ 435,711.00	\$435,711.00	62.8%	62.8%

Total					\$627,874.00	\$627,874.00	\$4,842,456.00	\$4,842,456.00			
Total Funding Recommended									\$5,470,330.00		
Grant Fund Balance (before recommendations)									\$6,070,399.14		

Total \$ Available	\$600,069.14
Grant Requests	\$5,470,330.00
Funds Remaining if Funded in Full	\$600,069.14
Funding Recommendation	\$5,470,330.00
Funding Difference	\$0.00

	Active %	Passive %
Recommended + Previous Funded	28.03%	71.40%
Requested (this cycle)	11.48%	88.52%
Previous Funded	29.11%	70.89%
Requested + Previous Funded	28.03%	71.40%

Adams County Open Space Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Adams County Regional Park

OSAB Members in Attendance:

Christy Dowling

Gloria Rudden

Ed Hickel

Karen Dunn

Ann Merkel

Parks & Open Space Staff in Attendance:

Shannon McDowell

Renee Petersen

County Attorney in Attendance:

Doug Edelstein

Introductions

Ms. Merkel called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Open Space Advisory Board members and County staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2016 and February 24, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Dowling and seconded by Ms. Dunn to **Approve the minutes** for the February 20, 2016 and February 24, 2016 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Fund Balance

Ms. Petersen informed the Board that there is \$6,070,399.14 available to award and \$5,470,330 is being requested in the current grant cycle.

Ms. Petersen then asked Tracy Young and Kendall Koca from the City of Aurora to speak to the OSAB about an update to the Moorhead Splash Pad grant application. They explained to the OSAB that initially the project had been split into two phases. Phase I would be the renovation to the recreation center with some improvements to the pool, and phase II would be the pool enclosure. When bids came in so favorably, at about \$2 million less, Council decided to do both phases together. As a result of that, they want to still incorporate the spray features into the enclosed area in order to appeal to all user groups and would like their application to remain.

Question/Answer Period

Ms. Dunn asked the City of Aurora if based on the update to their project, if the pool would then be a year round amenity. They responded that yes, that would be accessible year round at the center.

Ms. Rudden asked if the splash pad being inside the enclosure would create moisture issues. Ms. Koca replied that a new ventilation system would be installed as part of the renovation to account for the moisture.

Mr. Hickel asked what Westgate was planning in order to encourage residents to utilize the area being designed. Ms. Collins from the Westgate School explained that the students had surveys the nearby residents and planned to invite them to grand opening, and were visiting the local schools and offering for them to use the outdoor area for education as well. Mr. Hickel then asked about signage being posted to invite the community in. Ms. Collins stated they would have signs to welcome the community and were also working with 4H to create awareness of the school.

Ms. Rudden asked about vandalism being an issue for the Westgate School. Ms. Collins explained that they have been lucky to not experience those issues yet. They also planned to install cameras to monitor the area and felt that the best way to decrease that possibility was to have the area widely utilized. With more use and visitation, vandals will be deterred from the area. With the location also so close to Washington and that traffic it also helps the property be more visible.

Grant Funding Recommendations

City of Thornton- Adams 12 STEM Launch Niver Nature Heritage Trail Collaboration

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Mr. Hickel to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$711. The motion passed unanimously.

Hyland Hills Park & Recreation – Clear Creek Valley Park Pollinator Habitat

A motion was made by Mr. Hickel and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Barr Lake State Park- Lake Appreciation Day 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Dowling to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$2,675. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Westminster- Metzger Farm Farmstead Improvements

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Ms. Dowling to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$379,751. The motion was passed unanimously.

City of Westminster- Big Dry Creek Trail Upgrade

A motion was made by Ms. Dowling and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$300,000. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

City of Brighton- Bromley- Hishinuma Farm Interiors

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Ms. Dowling to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$275,000. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

City of Brighton- CFRT- Veterans Park Missing Trail Link

A motion was made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$226,115. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Town of Bennett- Kiowa Creek Trail Engineering Phase II

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Mr. Hickel to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$17,000. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

City of Aurora- Sand Creek Park Improvements

A motion was made by Mr. Hickel and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$325,000. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Adams County- Pedestrian Underpass at York Street on Clear Creek

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Mr. Hickel to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$950,000. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

Adams County- Clear Creek Trail Replacement

A motion was made by Ms. Dunn and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$220,500. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

City of Commerce City- Martinez Property Acquisition

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Ms. Dowling to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$90,000. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Aurora- Moorhead Splash Pad

A motion was made by Ms. Dowling and seconded by Ms. Dunn to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$160,000. The motion passed unanimously.

City of Thornton- Construction of FasTracks Neighborhood Connections & Pedestrian Underpass

A motion was made by Mr. Hickel and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$1,514,139. The motion passed unanimously.

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies- Engaging Adams County Residents/Visitors in Open Spaces with Environmental Education

A motion was made by Ms. Dowling and seconded by Ms. Dunn to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$190,854. The motion was passed unanimously.

City of Thornton- Woodglen Brookshire Community Park Restrooms

A motion was made by Ms. Rudden and seconded by Ms. Dunn to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$377,874. The motion passed unanimously.

Westgate Community School- Westgate Community Environmental Campus- Construction Phase I

A motion was made by Ms. Dowling and seconded by Mr. Hicel to **Approve the request** in the amount of \$435,711. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

The applicants expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the recommendations for funding that were made.

Ms. Rudden wanted to comment on how great the program is and how much the tax has done for Adams County.

Ms. Dowling wanted to comment on the great efforts of volunteers within the county and the quality of education being offered

Matters from the Parks Staff

Ms. McDowell indicated the balance after the current funding recommendation is approximately \$600,000 and that the active percentage would be at 28.03%. That meant that within the past two grant cycle we have accomplished the goal to get back to the 28% limit and we could now regulate that with a more concrete amount in the following grant cycles. She mentioned that the study session date for the current cycle was scheduled for May 10th to provide input and comments on the funding recommendations. We would then plan to have public hearing on May 24th for the formal awards.

Ms. Mc Dowell then mentioned that the Open Space staff was scheduling meetings with the applicants throughout the month of May to touch base with them on any feedback in relation to current policies and procedures as well as initiating the topic of renewal of the tax.

Matters from the Board

A motion was made by Mr. Hicel and seconded by Ms. Rudden to **Adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.