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Study Session

October 24, 2016

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Study Session Topics

9:00 A.M. Calendar Updates (WHR)

Diana Maes
BoCC Administration Manager

9:30 A.M. Communication Services Update (WHR)

Andrea Rasizer, Director
Communications Services

10:00 A.M. BOCC Updates (WHR)

Board of County Commissioners

**11:00 A.M. Administrative Meeting - 2016 Department Director Review Discussion
(BoCC Conference Room)**

BoCC
Dusty Sash, Total Compensation Manager, Human Resources
Julie Weaver, Compensation Consultant, Human Resources
Patrick Hernandez, Director, Human Resources

1:00 P.M. * Drop In (WHR)

Board of County Commissioners

1. Great Outdoors Colorado Letters Of Support For Buckley Buffer Project And Agate Conservation Project

Discussion of a request from Open Spaces regarding Board of County Commissioner letters of support for two separate Great Outdoors Colorado grant applications for the Buckley Buffer Project (sponsored by the Trust for Public Land) and Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy Project (sponsored by the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust)

Request: Information/Direction

*Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager, Open Spaces
Shannon Carter, Director, Open Spaces and Intergovernmental Relations
Keith Ashby, Purchasing Manager, Finance
Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney*

Documents:

[BOCC_DI_GOCO_LOS.PDF](#)
[GOCO_BUCKLEY_LOS.PDF](#)
[GOCO_AGATE_LOS.PDF](#)

2. National Association Of Workforce Boards Annual Forum Travel Request
Discussion of local attendance at the upcoming National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) annual Forum and of funding sources in order to prepay many of the expenses and ensure fiscal responsibility

Request: Information/Direction

*Kelly Folks, Deputy Division Manager, A/D Works!, Community Resources
Joe Barela, Division Manager, A/D Works!, Community Resources
Don Klemme, Director, Community Resources
Todd Weaver, Budget Manager, Finance
Tiffanie Bleau, Senior Assistant County Attorney*

Documents:

[16 BSR 2017 NAWB FORUM STUDY SESSION.DOC](#)

1:20 P.M. * Executive Session (WHR)

Executive Study Session and County Attorney Administrative Meeting [Section 24-6-402 (4)(b)C.R.S.](As required by law, specific agenda topics will be announced in open meeting prior to the commencement of the closed and confidential portion of this session) (WHR)

Ron Carl, County Attorney

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WHR - West Hearing Room

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Board Summary Report

Date: October 13, 2016

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Shannon Carter, Open Spaces Department Director

From: Josh Tenneson, Grants and Acquisitions Manager

Subject: Request for Letters of Support for Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Applications

Direction/Information: Provide information and receive direction to obtain letters of support from the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) in support of two separate grant applications to Great Outdoors Colorado.

Request and Recommendation

Open Spaces staff recommends that the BoCC issue letters of support for the Buckley Buffer Project (sponsored by the Trust for Public Land) and Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy Project (sponsored by the Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust).

Background

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state’s parks, trails, wildlife, rivers and open spaces. GOCO’s independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters in 1992 by Constitutional Amendment, GOCO has committed more than \$917 million in lottery proceeds to more than 4,800 projects in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support.

GOCO is currently running a competitive open space/land conservation grant cycle, and GOCO requires that applicants obtain letters of support for their applications. Two applicants have requested letters of support from Arapahoe County.

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 recommends that the BoCC issue letters of support for the following two projects:

[Buckley AFB Buffer Project Letter of Support](#)

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has requested a letter of support for the Buckley Air Force Base Buffer Project. The Buckley Air Force Base compatible use buffer project is a collaborative effort between the Trust for Public Land, City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, U.S. Air Force, Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), and other partners to create a protected buffer around the base. The project will connect stream corridors, open space, and new trails with surrounding parks, recreation facilities, and environmental education centers. A planned soft surface trail will provide access for wildlife viewers, walkers and cyclists to experience nature close to home and develop an increased appreciation for the Great Plains landscape. TPL is requesting \$3 million from GOCO to help Aurora purchase 734 acres of land surrounding the base.

Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy Letter of Support

The Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) and ranchers involved in the second grant application are partnering to conserve 25,000-acres of working agricultural land in Elbert County. The project will protect three working cattle ranches, the Wilson Creek Ranch, the Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch, and the Basin Ranch, presenting a unique opportunity for landscape scale conservation at a relatively low cost. While the properties being conserved sit in Elbert County, the three ranching families all have strong ties to Arapahoe County. They have long been a part of the social fabric of the communities of Deer Trail and Byers, which is why Open Spaces staff recommends that the BoCC issue a letter of support. CCALT is requesting \$2.15 million from GOCO to conserve the three ranches.

Alternatives

Approve, modify or deny the request.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Attorney Comments

None

Reviewed By

Shannon Carter, Director
Intergovernmental Relations and Open Spaces

Tiffanie Bleau
Assistant County Attorney

Josh Tenneson
Grants and Acquisitions Manager

Janet Kennedy, Director
Finance

Attachments

Draft Buckley Buffer Project Letter of Support
Draft Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy Letter of Support

October 24, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board of Directors
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Buckley Air Force Base Compatible Use Buffer

Dear Members of the Board and Staff:

The Buckley Air Force Base (Buckley AFB) compatible use buffer project is a collaborative effort between the Trust for Public Land, City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, U.S. Air Force, Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), and other partners to create a protected buffer around the base. The project will connect stream corridors, open space, and new trails with surrounding parks, recreation facilities, and environmental education centers. A planned soft surface trail will provide access for wildlife viewers, walkers and cyclists to experience nature close to home and develop an increased appreciation for the Great Plains landscape.

The new recreational opportunities from these trail corridors will benefit thousands of service members and families who live on the base and more than 12,000 military and civilian personnel who commute to the base each day. They will also benefit over 30,000 people who live within in a 4-square mile radius of Buckley. This joint project is a creative and resourceful way to provide open space to the residents of Arapahoe County, Aurora, and Buckley AFB for public use. It will close critical gaps in existing trails, which connect to regional trails throughout the Front Range, while providing a tremendously important buffer from development adjacent to the Denver metro area's closest Air Force base.

Implementation of this ambitious project is already underway. Partners have protected nearly 200 acres of property surrounding Buckley AFB through the Buffer Initiative, and with the help of GOCO open space funds already awarded to Aurora for the Triple Creek Corridor, another 78 acres will be preserved by the end of 2016. An additional grant through GOCO's Protect Initiative will further leverage federal, state and local monies to complete the project. We strongly encourage GOCO to approve the Buckley Air Force Base Compatible Use Buffer application.

Sincerely,

October 24, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado Board of Directors
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy

Dear Members of the Board and Staff:

Thank you for your consideration of Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust's (CCALT) grant application to secure the remaining funding needed for the Agate Prairie Conservation Legacy Project. The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners would like to offer our support to CCALT and their partners in the effort to conserve 25,000-acres of working agricultural land in Elbert County.

The project will protect three working cattle ranches, the Wilson Creek Ranch, the Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch, and the Basin Ranch, presenting a unique opportunity for landscape scale conservation at a relatively low cost. While the properties being conserved sit in Elbert County, the three ranching families all have strong ties to Arapahoe County. They have long been a part of the social fabric of the community, which is why we offer our support today.

The owners of the Stacked Lazy 3 Ranch were named the 1998 conservationists of the year by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and won the 2016 Colorado Leopold Conservation Award. The owners of the Wilson Creek Ranch completed a GOCO-funded conservation easement on the 12,500 Middle Bijou Ranch in 2008 (most of the easement is within Arapahoe County).

Finally, all three ranches are a prominent part of the landscape visible from I-70. Despite being less than an hour east of Denver, the landscape is still dominated by agricultural uses and remains a viable part of the eastern plains ecosystem. It is important that we conserve these ranches now as development continues to move east from Denver to preserve a critical part of our agricultural heritage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Board Summary Report

Date: October 12, 2016

To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Donald A. Klemme, Director Community Resources Department
Joseph Barela, Division Manager of Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

From: Kelly Folks, Deputy Division Manager, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

Subject: Attendance at the 2017 National Association of Workforce Boards Forum

Request and Recommendation:

The purpose of this drop-in is to make the Board of County Commissioners aware of local attendance at the upcoming National Association of Workforce Boards Annual Forum and to discuss funding sources and relevance. As in previous years, staff would like to apprise the BOCC of conference attendance and to prepay many of the expenses to assure the best rates. Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, scheduled this drop-in to apprise the BOCC of conference attendance.

Links to Align Arapahoe:

1. Quality of Life: Approval will allow Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to represent the Arapahoe and Douglas Counties in determining additional ways to develop and implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) law throughout the region, enhancing the quality of life and ensuring the highest rate of return on public investment, while contributing to the Counties economic vitality.
2. Service First: Approval will allow Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to represent the Arapahoe and Douglas Counties in determining additional ways to develop and implement workforce development strategies within the region, which will position Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to ensure that the community receives best-in-class workforce development services that are responsive to their dynamic needs.

Background

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) advocates for Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) at the national level. NAWB works closely with policy makers in Washington, D.C. to influence national strategy and funding as it relates to WDBs and our partners in education, economic development, labor and business. NAWB represents approximately 600 WDBs and their 12,000 business members that coordinate and leverage workforce strategies with education and economic development stakeholders within their local communities, to ensure that state and local workforce development and job training programs meet the needs of employers and job seekers.

The annual NAWB Forum, held in Washington, DC is an opportunity for local WDB members and staff to learn of best practices, receive public workforce development education, board membership training, leadership development, professional development, and receive legislative updates; to advocate and educate the Colorado legislative delegation on the value of the workforce system. This investment in

workforce board development supports the creation of a comprehensive system to provide Arapahoe and Douglas Counties with a highly skilled workforce that competes in the global economy. The NAWB Conference is particularly relevant for the continuation of the rollout of WIOA, which was enacted in 2014 and the rules and regulations that took effect on July 1, 2015. It is imperative to have an active and engaged WDB as Colorado and the nation continue to make positive progress from the recession of 2008 and the upcoming changes that this new law will generate locally, statewide and nationally. The creation/retention of jobs and a skilled/available workforce to fill those jobs are critical to the economic vitality of our communities.

Discussion:

The next phase of WIOA implementation encompasses technical requirements as well as strategic considerations; however, WDB's are still required to address the needs of industry via sector strategies, to build a work-ready, skilled labor force, and to define strategies around legislative, community, and business challenges. All of this must be done within the context of dynamic labor markets while engaging in local and regional planning that ultimately increases the impact of investments in training, education, and business success. WDB members and staff are uniquely positioned to identify both the challenges inherent in this directive as well as shape the chosen opportunities that will best fulfill the promises of WIOA.

Building thriving communities can only be accomplished when businesses have the talent they need to compete. Attracting new companies and jobs to our regions is dependent on having both a workforce with the right skills and the educational infrastructure to develop a pipeline for future growth. Relationships between economic development, workforce development, and education are critical to fostering growth and increasing the impacts of investments in business success.

The benefit of Community Resource Department staff and WDB members attending the 2017 NAWB conference will be realized through national conversation that will offer representatives from our region an unparalleled opportunity to convene as leaders, learners, peers, and friends to generate ideas and determine how we will respond to our collective and individual challenges in a spirit of growth and collaboration.

Funding for attendance at the 2017 NAWB Forum will consist of grant dollars that Arapahoe/Douglas Works! receives. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will utilize performance incentive funds that were afforded through Arapahoe/Douglas Works! exceeding all of the performance standards for WIOA. These funds are to be utilized on capacity building and engagement activities, therefore Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will look to send a combination of no more than 8 Community Resource Department staff and WDB members, utilizing this funding stream.

In addition to the Community Resources Department staff that will be in attendance, Judith Emery, who offices at Arapahoe/Douglas Works! and is the Director of the Colorado Urban Workforce Association, will attend. Her expenses will be paid fully through her budget, which is funded by the membership regions.

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact to Arapahoe County Government is not anticipated as the funding for attendance for the 2017 NAWB Conference will be paid by Arapahoe/Douglas Works! grant funds.

Reviewed by/Concurrence

The initiative is supported by Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

Approved By:

Don Klemme, Community Resources Director
Joe M Barela, A/D Works! Division Manager
Tiffanie Bleau, Assistant County Attorney
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