



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

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| DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: September 13, 2016 |
| SUBJECT: Adams County's request to modify the grant award for the Clear Creek Trailhead Reconstruction project |
| FROM: Shannon McDowell, Open Space Program Manager and Renee Petersen, Open Space Grant Coordinator |
| AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Parks & Open Space |
| HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: N/A |
| AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of County Commissioners approves the modification request from Adams County for the Clear Creek Trailhead Reconstruction project. |

BACKGROUND:

On November 6, 2014, Adams County was awarded \$200,000 in Open Space Sales Tax funds for the Clear Creek Trailhead Reconstruction project. The project included improvements to drainage and redesign of the parking lot, installation of an entrance sign, and improved lighting for security.

The Clear Creek Trail has many access points and improvements were planned to one, Lafayette Park. After consulting the county's Transportation and Community and Economic Development departments, it was determined that the original plan to renovate the Lafayette Park Trailhead would cost much more than anticipated. Representatives from Adams County, the Clear Creek Watershed Foundation and the Colorado Department of Transportation mutually agreed to focus on restoring the property to an upland riparian condition and removing that trail access point.

To ensure adequate trail access for the Welby neighborhood, Adams County plans to make improvements to the Engineers Lake Trailhead, which is located less than one mile east of the Lafayette Park Trailhead. Improvements to the Engineers Lake Trailhead will include a new parking surface with landscaping, stormwater detention, signage and solar lighting.

Adams County would like approval to modify the project to include the restoration at Lafayette Park and the improvements to the Engineers Lake Trailhead with the awarded \$200,000. The Open Space Advisory Board voted unanimously in support of the modification on July 27, 2016. Staff recommends approval of the site modification in order to improve both trailhead locations along Clear Creek.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

Parks & Open Space Department

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Modification request from Adams County

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☒. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund: 28**Cost Center:** 6202

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| Current Budgeted Revenue: | | | 0 |
| Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget: | | | 0 |
| Total Revenues: | | | <u>0</u> |

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| Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure: | | | 0 |
| Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget: | | | 0 |
| Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure: | | | 0 |
| Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget: | | | 0 |
| Total Expenditures: | | | <u>0</u> |

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☒ NO

Additional Note:

Expenditure of the Open Space Sales Tax grant funds for the fall 2014 cycle was approved in Resolution 2014- 375.