



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

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Arapahoe County

Board of County Commissioners Study Session

Meeting Minute Summaries

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Virtual Meeting (details in agenda)

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Study Session Topics

12:00 PM Administrative Meeting - Citizen Boards and Committees Appointments
Follow-Up Discussion

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

Discussion and review of citizen applications for various Boards and Committees vacancies
<<https://www.arapahoegov.com/268/Citizen-Boards-and-Committees>>

1:00 PM *Allocation of Community Development Block Grant - COVID 19 (CDBG-CV)
and HOME Investment Partnership Funds (HOME)

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)

Linda Haley explained the purpose of the allocations of these funds and reviewed programs that staff recommended for funding.

There was discussion regarding statistics related to funding for rent assistance.

There was discussion regarding highly impacted youths and Family Promise related to internet and Wi-Fi access.

The Board agreed with the recommended allocations.

The purpose of this Board Summary Report is to review the funding recommendations for Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds, as well as Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and to seek direction from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the plan to utilize these funds and to submit amendments to the 2019 and 2020 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval.

Break

2:30 PM *Update on Eastern Open Spaces and Integration of CSU Extension into the Open Spaces Department

Attachments: [Board Summary Report](#)
[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Commissioner Holen were not present for this discussion.

A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

There was discussion regarding the current projects taking place in the central portion of the eastern plains of Arapahoe County:

- Kiowa Creek South
- Kiowa Creek North
- Bijou Basin Open Space
- Mule Gulch Open Space
- Richmil Ranch

Conservation easements on the eastern plains were discussed.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of bringing Bison to Arapahoe County open space.

There was discussion regarding the integration of the CSU Extension office into the Open Spaces Division.

The purpose of CSU Extension and programs offered were reviewed.

The new Open Spaces Department organizational chart was displayed.

The Commissioners thanked staff for the hard work and all the projects.

Open Spaces staff will present information to update the Board on the status of properties in the eastern portion of the County, review of site operations, site development efforts, and the integration of the CSU Extension into the Open Spaces Department.

This item is to inform the Board about the status of operations, programming, and development efforts on County owned properties east of E-470 and to present a brief overview of the CSU Extension integration into the Open Spaces Department. Various staff will be available to answer questions the Board may have on these properties and their connection to CSU Extension programming.

***To Be Recorded By Law**