Meeting Summary
OSTAC members received a presentation on the North Area Tanks - Water and Reuse located at 3353 West 152nd Avenue, South of the Anthem Filing No. 24 (Anthem Reserve) Neighborhood Project as well as an overview on the Open Lands (Parks and Open Space) and Trail System in the Baseline Neighborhood. Other updates such as upcoming events, development proposals and introduction of the new bike station were also covered.

OSTAC (Open Space and Trails Advisory Committee)
Present:
Renae Stavros, Vice-Chair
Teng Keng (TK) Vang
Scott Whitmore
Chris Petrizzo
Patrick Tennyson
Alexis Sweet
Madeleine Fernandez (Youth Member)
River Paranto (Youth Member Alternate)

Absent:
Michael McLane, Chair
Councilmember Todd Cohen
Mayor Pro-tem Stan Jezierski

Interested Citizens:
Roxie Juul

Other staff, presenters, and consultants in attendance:
Kristan Pritz, Open Space and Trails Director
Peter Dunlaevy, Open Space and Trails Manager
Lexi Brewer, Open Space and Trails Specialist
Beverly Burbach, Open Space and Trails Administrative Analyst
Chloe Chalekian, Open Space and Trail Technician
Ronda Jo Ackerman Alford, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Manager
Shelby Jablon, Senior Planner
Katie Allen, Co-Director of Community Development/City & County Engineer
Ken Rutt, Director of Public Works
Michael McBride, Project Manager, Land Development, McWhinney
Lynn Merwin, Planning Manager
Don Davis, Deputy City and County Manager
Agenda Minutes

1. Call to Order by Renae Stavros at 6:03 p.m. for the meeting.

Renae called the meeting to order and welcomed any members from the public. She also gave an overview of OSTAC Meeting Public Comment Process.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None

3. Presentation and Request for OSTAC Comments on the North Area Tanks - Water and Reuse located at 3353 West 152nd Avenue, South of the Anthem Filing No. 24 (Anthem Reserve) Neighborhood

Rhonda Jo Ackerman, Capital Improvements Program Project Manager, introduced herself and her team, Katie Allen (City Engineer and Co-Community Development Director), Ken Rutt (Director of Public Works), and Shelby Jablon, (Senior Planner). She gave an overview of the North Area Tank project, the need for this project, the location chosen and why. Shelby discussed where the city is in the process of the project as well as next steps. Rhonda also showed the committee maps of the location, discussed the charter requirement, site plan, elevation mock ups, and the size of the project. She also went into depth on the site plan lighting, overlook, parking lot, trailhead, and landscaping. Landscaping will be planted to screen the pump house and tanks overtime and efforts will be made to relocate existing trees. Rhonda presented the expected timeline after council approval; with council approval pending in late fall, construction is expected to begin early 2024 and is expected to last for 24 months. Rhonda Jo requests recommendations from OSTAC for the area near the Trailhead with the pump station, in particular.

Rhonda Jo and Renae opened the floor for discussion. Kristan mentioned that there is a handout for items to potentially comment on.

Scott, the main issue seems to be the overlook, and an impediment to the 360 degrees views, can we discuss that?

Rhonda, yes, we heard from OSTAC that they wanted to provide input on the trails. But I also heard from OSTAC that this may be best accomplished after construction is completed. Yes, we will be obstructing the existing 360 degree view. The main views are to the north and west. We are hoping members could come to comment on placement of benches and rocks after construction is complete. We plan to store the existing rocks and benches and then return them to the site.

Scott, another issue on location is topography. Also, the dirt will have to be removed, can we improve the views when replacing the dirt to benefit the overlook’s views?

Rhonda Jo, Yes, we were trying to be aware of the slope. Yes, the tanks are 32 ft deep and there will also be a concrete foundation. It will be a large area that we will be removing the dirt from. We can probably raise the overlook a couple of feet without impacting the slopes and grades and we will work on that if OSTAC would like.

Scott, yes I would like to encourage that as much as possible and use as much dirt as you can to benefit the views from the overlook.

Rhonda, yes we hear the concern and are being mindful about distances from the homes as well.

Renae, would animals trigger the motion sensor lights?

Rhonda, many backyards probably have motion sensors as well. We try to have the motion sensors point into the tank area to mitigate false triggers. Planning said that the fence will be an ornamental fence that curves up to try to deter entry; it cannot be barbed wire.

Renae, is the overlook higher or lower than the top tank?
Rhonda, when you turn around you will be looking into the tank, not over it. 
Renae, there were a few comments about the trails around the parking lot. 
Rhonda, we will have to have a detention area, pond, somewhere off of Lowell. We hope to show you more at the next submission. 
Renae, vegetation should screen the pump station? 
Rhonda, Yes. 
Scott, generators are just for backup power in case of an outage? 
Rhonda Jo, Yes. 
Scott, will the kiosk be handicap accessible? 
Rhonda, yes 
Renae, is this a crusher fines trail? Not to be driven on? 
Rhonda, yes and we will try to avoid it being driven on. 
Roxie, maybe add the note about running the generators weekly to your presentation to help with people who may have noise concerns. 
TK, will the houses hear the generators or how far out will the noise be heard? 
Rhonda, the parking lot will be about where you hear the generators and as for the pumps themselves, that is double walled so there may be a hum heard when near the facility.

4. Presentation and OSTAC Comments on the Open Lands (Parks and Open Space) and Trail System in the Baseline Neighborhood located South of State Highway 7, East of Community Ditch, west of Interstate I-25, and generally in the vicinity near the Northwest Parkway and adjacent to W. 160th Avenue

Michael McBride introduced himself and his team: Ty Sturgeon, Wenk Associates, Kyle Harris-Senior Vice President Community Development and Baseline General Manager and Lynn Merwin, Planning Manager. He then gave an overview of the Baseline project and went into depth about the Parklands. Michael discussed the guiding principles of the project, the phases, and the trail system within the project. He highlighted the importance of connecting Baseline trails to regional trails and already existing Broomfield trails. 
Michael went over the reroute of Huron Street and described the future for the road. He also highlighted the walkability of the Baseline neighborhoods due to interconnected green spaces and parkways. Ty discussed the first phase of the project: the Big Green. He discussed the trees, grasses and shrubs used in the project, including the Baseline approved planting list. Michael discussed the land dedications and public access easements associated with the project. He also gave an overview of the Butterfly Pavilion and the STEM school location and plans for incorporating nature-based play into the STEM curriculum due to the proximity of the Butterfly Pavilion.

Chris, where does Preble Creek start? 
Michael, it starts at W. 160th Avenue on Broomfield open land and goes through the UHealth campus close to State Highway 7.

Chris, what is the length of the trail from 160th to Hwy 7? 
Michael, 1 ½ miles.
Renae, are the dedicated open lands park (irrigated turf) or more similar to open space? 
Michael, it is mostly open lands and trails, there is a parkland section, but mostly native shrubs and cottonwoods.

Scott, the creek is not always full, correct? 
Ty, there is a little water there usually, but it should increase. 
Michael, it is engineered for large flows, but there is a consistent flow to it. 
Scott, where is the water from? 
Ty, it is run-off from the Northwest Parkway.
Roxie, can you tell me how wide it is from the houses at the narrowest point (between Sheridan Blvd. and the drainage area). It looks very narrow when viewed in person. Ty, 300 ft.
Lexi, do the other phases have these same goals and phases?
Michael, all phases have the same goals and phases which are establishing grasslands, creating regional trails and parks, planting pollinator plants and connecting neighborhoods.

TK, timeline is fluid, but conservative estimate for phase one?
Michael, phase one is locked down and will begin in September 2023.
Kristan, there will be a regional trail from Anthem Highlands to the northeast corner of the Baseline project along State Highway 7. There will also be a BRT stop with connectivity through Baseline.

5. Request for Approval of the Minutes of OSTAC Meeting, February 23, 2023.
Renae requested a motion to approve the OSTAC February 23, 2023 minutes. Chris motioned and Patrick seconded; Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. OSTAC Updates

- Update on the Siena Reservoir Pump Station Project at Anthem Community Park, 15600 Lowell Boulevard - Pete Dunlaevy
  - Chris, how is it being emptied?
  - Pete, it is just draining, slowly over about 6 weeks now. Once the water is lower than the outlet structure the water will be pumped out.
  - Scott, there is some debris that is starting to surface in the SW.
- Broomfield Trail Adventure, June 3, Spano Park, Route Review - Pete Dunlaevy
- Vive Eagle Monitoring Plan-Approved
  - Kristan, the eagle nest will not be productive this year.
  - Chris, do we know why or if they laid eggs?
  - Kristan, we don’t really know. As far as we know no one has actually seen any eggs, but we have confirmed unfortunately that this year, the nest will not be productive. Monitoring reports are posted on our website.
- Wadsworth Junction Site Development Plan and Trail - Approved
- Harvest Hill Workforce Housing Site Development Plan - Approved
- Northmoor Income Aligned Housing (proposed project)
- NOVEL-Flatiron Crossing (proposed project)
- Watermark (proposed project)
- Pollinator News: New Bee Hive and Opening of the Restored Honey House at the Depot Museum - Kristan Pritz
- Postponed to October 11 Tribal Visit-Tour of Open Space Properties, Soil Exchange, and Naming of a potential Open Space Site; OSTAC representatives are requested - Kristan Pritz
- Events - Kristan Pritz
- Broomfield Trail in Anthem Community Park is Built! - Kristan Pritz
  - Scott, is that the east side of the park correct?
  - Roxie, there is no way to get from the pump track to the bathroom without crossing the ditch, and it takes a very long time to walk around on the sidewalk.
  - Pete, there will be a pedestrian bridge so that you can easily cross the ditch.
- Spano Park Bike Station - Lexi Brewer
  - New bike repair station has been installed at Spano Park. JAX is also going to sponsor a new station at the Broomfield Community Center.
- Bobcats Article by Wildlife Masters Sheri Hoffman and Jonnie - Lexi Brewer, Open Space and Trails Specialist - Lexi Brewer
Wildlife Master volunteers created a new handout of information on Bobcat information and coexistence best practices for living with bobcats. This is on the OST CCOB website.

- Reminder: Joint Open Space, Parks, Recreation, & Trails (OSPRT) Plan Refresh, Meeting May 4 and no second meeting in May.

7. Other Topics as Desired by the Public
   None

8. Other Topics as Desired by OSTAC
   None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Minutes were prepared by Beverly Burbach.