



## AGENDA

### PUBLIC MEETING – Meeting #1

**Location:** Grant Elementary School

**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm - Brief Presentation starting at 6:30pm

1. Introduction
  - a. Welcome from the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department
  - b. City Staff and Design Team Introductions
  - c. Project Overview
  
2. Progress to date
  - a. Project Website – <http://coloradosprings.gov/abosmasterplan>
  - b. Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)
    - i. SAC Meeting #1 held February 5, 2019
  - c. Environmental Analysis
    - i. Vegetation Assessment
    - ii. Fragmentation Analysis
    - iii. Wildfire Risk Assessment
  - d. Trail Reconnaissance
  
3. Existing Base Map Overview
  
4. Plan Givens and Plan Goals were reviewed and consensus obtained at the #1 Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
  - a. Plan Givens
    - i. The properties will be collectively named and managed as **Austin Bluffs Open Space**. The uniquely acquired properties will be named and signed as Pulpit Rock Park at Austin Bluffs Open Space and University Park Open Space at Austin Bluffs Open Space.
    - ii. The City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is legally responsible for design, maintenance, operations and management of Austin Bluffs Open Space. All elements of the Austin Bluffs Open Space Master and Management Plan must conform to the Colorado Springs Parks Rules and Regulations Ordinances.



- iii. University Park Open Space at Austin Bluffs Open Space is subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Trails, Opens Space and Parks (TOPS) Ordinance.
  - iv. The planning process will respect the terms and conditions of the existing deed restriction on the University Park Open Space at Austin Bluffs Open Space.
  - v. The City Public Works Department and Colorado Springs Utilities will continue to be allowed access to the property and utility easements in order to monitor and maintain their infrastructure.
  - vi. Implementation of the Austin Bluffs Open Space Master and Management Plan will occur as funding allows. Funding opportunities may or may not align with implementation priorities.
  - vii. Groups and individuals interested in the property are encouraged to help develop the best possible Master and Management Plan; all voices will be equal in the decision-making process.
  - viii. Only non-motorized recreational uses (i.e. hiking, biking, and equestrian) shall be allowed within the Austin Bluffs Open Space.
  - ix. The recommended Austin Bluffs Open Space Master and Management Plan will be submitted to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board for approval.
- b. Plan Goals
- i. Explore partnership and connection opportunities with University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Campus.
  - ii. Explore partnership and connection opportunities with surrounding neighborhoods.
  - iii. Balance wildlife and cultural resources with management practices.

## 5. Stations Overview

- a. Plan Givens and Plan Goals
- b. Survey 1-2-3
- c. Uses and Desired Outcomes – Map exercise

## 6. Schedule

- a. Milestones
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting – Tuesday, July 16, 2019



- ii. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Presentation – Anticipated July, 2019
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting / SAC #4 – Tuesday, November 12, 2019
- iv. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Presentation – Thursday, November 14, 2019
- v. Plan completion December 2019 / January 2020