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Arapahoe County appoints seven citizens to Open Space and Trails Advisory Board

The Board of County Commissioners Tuesday appointed seven citizens to serve on the County's first Open Space and Trails Advisory Board.

Last November, Arapahoe County voters approved a .25 percent sales tax for the preservation of open space in the county, which included the creation of a citizen advisory board. The seven-member advisory board will be responsible for reviewing proposed projects, making recommendations regarding the distribution of revenue collected from the sales tax and to the municipalities in the County, as well as performing other duties as permitted under the resolution approved by voters.

The Board of County Commissioners selected one citizen to represent each Commissioner district and two at-large candidates. Citizens appointed to the Open Space Trails and Advisory Board Tuesday include:

- Andrew Cole, District 1, *term expires Feb. 13, 2007*
- Thomas Cosgrove, District 2, *term expires Feb. 13, 2007*
- Gary Pratt, District 3, *term expires Feb. 13, 2007*
- Mike Rosser, District 4, *term expires Feb. 13, 2007*
- Ellen Belef, District 5, *term expires Feb. 14, 2006*
- Bob Legare, At large, *term expires Feb. 14, 2006*
- Barbara Sheffield, At large, *term expires Feb. 14, 2006*

"We are very pleased to have the energy, talent and expertise of our citizens volunteering their time to serve on the Open Space Trails Advisory Board, as well as all our boards and committees," said Commissioner Susan Beckman. "Our community benefits when citizens dedicate their time and talent to help make Arapahoe County a great place to live, work and play."

Open Space Trails and Advisory Board meetings have not been scheduled but will be open to the public. Arapahoe County is in the early stages of setting up the Open Space program. For more information, visit our web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us or call 720-874-6650.
