

**CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012  
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Lori Bell, Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Kathy Hartman, Andy Hawbaker, Steve McMillan, Ted Mioduski, Darren Pape, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison), Jim Roode (alternate).

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Brian Hayes, Gary Havener, Debbie Eley.

**The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.**

**Approval of the January 11, 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes:** Steve McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Gale Bernhardt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the October 11, 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes:** Gale Bernhardt made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Kathy Hartman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None present.

**City Council Liaison Report.** Hugh McKean reported that City Council members recently met with representatives from Cumberland & Western, new owners of the former HP/Agilent property, now known as the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology.

**Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Liaison Report.** Hugh McKean reported that OLAB heard presentations from Fort Collins, Johnstown and Windsor in January, with updates about each of their open lands programs. Hugh also reported that Berthoud's Heron Lakes project may continue in multiple phases, due to a lack of funding from GOCO.

**Discussion/Action:**

**1. Boards & Commissions Summit – March 1, 5:00-9:00 pm.** Commission members reviewed and approved the 2011 accomplishments and 2012 goals presented for inclusion in the program book for the annual summit. Several other goals were proposed: 1) open the Wild Property to public use; 2) evaluate the possibility of additional staffing to manage and maintain properties acquired, including public access (budget process March-May); 3) evaluate the possibility of a small grants program; 4) develop a relationship with the High Plains Environmental Center to productively work together; and 5) develop a system of checklists for management and maintenance of existing fee simple properties, with a schedule and work plan for each site. These goals will be discussed at future meetings with more information. Rick Brent and Darren Pape will represent OLAC at the B&C Summit.

**2. HP/Agilent Open Space Update.** The project website is active, with project information, updates, meeting notices, and a map and timeline available. The first public meeting will be held February 29 at the Chilson Senior Center from 6:30-8:30 pm. AECOM will present three design alternatives for public review and comment at the design workshop. A press release will announce the first public meeting and a comment form will be available online for 2

weeks before and after the design workshop. A railroad spur may be needed to access the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology, so the future use of the farmstead area will be dependent on this railroad easement.

**3. GOCO River Corridor Grant Update.** Loveland's Big Thompson River Project application will include several components, including property acquisitions, trail easements, development of the HP/Agilent Open Space, and trail construction. GOCO will only participate in property acquisitions at appraised value, and Loveland's open space sales tax funding can only be used to purchase property from willing sellers. If awarded grant funding, Loveland must complete the project components within three years.

#### **Reports/Correspondence:**

#### **4. Natural Areas Manager's Report.**

a. Coulson Conservation Easement. City Manager Bill Cahill met with Marcia Coulson. The Coulsons do not want to split the property and would like to complete the CE on the entire property.

b. Umbrella Wetland Bank. A draft conceptual plan has been completed, to treat stormwater runoff from the Madison Street outfall and create wetlands on the Brose site. EDM is preparing an application to submit to the Corps of Engineers.

#### **Commission Members' Discussion Topics:**

1. Kathy Hartman distributed two newspaper articles of interest. Kathy also noted that Joe Chaplin of Stormwater Quality would like to discuss the "adoption" of open lands sites for cleanup, water sampling, bank stabilization, habitat improvements, bird houses, etc. The City of Loveland annual spring waterway cleanup is scheduled for April 21.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.