

**CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2012
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Lori Bell, Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Kathy Hartman, Andy Hawbaker, Bill Zawacki, Jim Roode (alternate).

Commissioners Absent: Steve McMillan, Ted Mioduski, Darren Pape, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

Staff Present: Brian Hayes, Gary Havener, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Janet Meisel-Burns, Debbie Eley.

The public meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

Approval of the March 14, 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes: Approval of the minutes was tabled until the May meeting, when a revised version will be presented to the commission.

Public Comment:

1. Gay Ann May, 1615 Tabeguache Mountain Dr., Loveland 80538. Ms. May requested that a lake at HP/Agilent Open Space be designated for dogs to swim and be permitted off leash.
2. Amy Hahn, Legacy Land Trust. Ms. Hahn presented a short video and invited OLAC to attend Legacy Night on April 25.

City Council Liaison Report. Not present.

Discussion/Action:

1. HP/Agilent Open Space Design Update – Presentation of Draft Preferred Plan.

Jana McKenzie of AECOM presented the draft preferred plan which was developed based on feedback from stakeholders, OLAC, staff and the public on the three draft alternatives. Consideration of the site's natural features, biodiversity, and ecological zones were prominent in the preferred plan design. The draft preferred plan was approved with AECOM to make slight revisions to the plan for the public Open House scheduled for April 26. Staff will develop a comment/feedback form to gather public input regarding the preferred plan and management issues such as fishing, boating, and dogs. Suggestions for a new name for the open space will also be solicited. The form will be available at the open house and online. Open Lands can collaborate/cooperate with the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission/Loveland Historical Society upon review of the proposal to be provided by these entities by June 1 regarding all of the farm structures.

2. GOCO River Corridors Initiative Update – PowerPoint Presentation. Janet Meisel-Burns presented the *Big Thompson River Open Space and Trails Project* PowerPoint that was presented to the GOCO Board, staff and peer reviewers on April 10. The Presentation was well-received by GOCO. Grant awards will be announced on June 19.

3. Coulson Conservation Easement (*addition to agenda*). The commission reconfirmed their interest in acquiring a Conservation Easement on the Coulson's 118-acre property in the Fort Collins-Loveland separator area. Plan is to determine continued landowner interest and move ahead with appraisal of the property.

Reports/Correspondence:

4. Umbrella Wetland Banking Update. Staff reported that only passive water rights, such as seepage or groundwater, can be used as a water source for wetland mitigation banks, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) interpretation of the 2008 rules. The wetland consultant, Amy Dean of EDM, will provide a status report on the feasibility of using the Brose site or other area as an "initial mitigation bank site."

5. Adopt-a-Waterway Program. Staff distributed a flyer from the Stormwater Division about the annual Spring Waterway Cleanup scheduled for April 21. Kathy Hartman offered to meet at the commission's adopted site, Morey Wildlife Reserve, at 9 am for the cleanup.

Commission Members' Discussion Topics:

6. Larimer County Open Lands Maintenance Fund. Staff reported that the financials provided by Larimer County for a discussion in January were incorrect. Correct financials will be redistributed when available.

7. Speakers List. Kathy Hartman distributed a list of possible speakers for future OLAC meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.