

**CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 14, 2012  
LARIMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LAKE ESTES ROOM  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Lori Bell, Andy Hawbaker, Ted Mioduski.

**Staff Present:** Rob Burdine, Brian Hayes, Debbie Eley.

**The public meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm.**

**Approval of the October 10, 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes:** Gale Bernhardt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Darren Pape seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**City Council Liaison Report.** Hugh McKean reported that the City expects water rates to increase due to major improvements required to the water system. The increases will be off-set somewhat by using excess revenues in the 2012 General Fund.

**Discussion/Action:**

- 1. Larimer County Regional Open Space Study.** Commission members participated in a joint regional open space summit prior to the regular commission meeting. Results of the citizen survey were presented and additional input was gathered.
- 2. River's Edge Natural Area Update – 95% Plans.** Staff submitted the Site Development Plan application to the City Planning Department on 11/13/12. A number of site features and amenities were shown in a short powerpoint, including fishing and boat access points, typical wetland enhancements, and the core area with parking, restrooms, shelters, and boardwalk.
- 3. Comprehensive Plan – Implementation Plan Update.** Planning Staff requested an update of the 2011 Implementation Plan. Open Lands goals were to develop management plans for the River's Edge and Wild properties, with restoration and public access components. Both of these objectives are underway, with completion expected in Q3 2013. Kathy Hartman made a motion to approve the update, Bill Zawacki seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Reports/Correspondence:**

- 4. Natural Areas Projects Report.** Several updates were given on the status of property acquisitions. Staff will continue to research options and discuss with property owners.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.