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LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 13, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

5:00 PM

LARIMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
CARTER/BOYD LAKE HEARING ROOM – 1ST FLOOR
200 WEST OAK STREET
FORT COLLINS, CO 80521

Notice of Meeting Posted

Northern Colorado Regional Open Space Meeting (5:00-7:45 pm – agenda attached)

Call to Order

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes (July 10, 2013 and October 9, 2013)

City Council Liaison Report – Hugh McKean

Discussion/Action:

1. CDOT Right of Way Acquisition at Long View Farm OS

Reports/Correspondence:

2. Master Plan Update – Joint Commission Meeting with MIG – December 4th, 5:30-7:30 pm

3. OLAC Member Term Expirations (2) – Application deadline November 22nd

Commission Member Discussion Topics

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting Date: December 11, 2013

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NORTHERN COLORADO REGIONAL OPEN SPACE MEETING

November 13, 2013

5:00pm – 7:45pm

Carter/Boyd Lake Hearing Room (1st floor), Larimer County Courthouse Offices

200 W Oak St. Fort Collins

AGENDA

Purpose of Meeting: To celebrate the completion of the regional study, hear how agencies are moving forward with master planning, and discuss future sales tax considerations. The meeting will also provide a networking, collaboration and information sharing opportunity for board members and staff of individual programs.

5:00 – 5:30	Dinner and networking
5:30 – 5:40	Introductions and Welcome – Peter Kast, Chair, Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board
5:40-5:45	Celebrate OLOF completion – hand out Executive Summaries
5:40 – 6:00	Master Plan updates (for those that have them): Larimer, Fort Collins, Loveland – others?
6:00 – 6:10	Review future Help Preserve Open Space tax considerations, timeline – Larimer County
6:15 – 6:40	Trust for Public Land - what is their role, what do they offer, where do we go from here?
6:40 – 7:25	Breakouts – Participants will break into 3 table areas, spending 15 minutes at each table to address three discussion topics
7:25-7:30	Report backs – A staff person at each table summarizes and reports back to group
7:45	Transition to separate board meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board – Boyd Lake• City of Fort Collins Land Stewardship Board – Lake Estes (3rd floor)• City of Loveland Open Lands Advisory Commission – Jewell Lake (4th floor)



CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2013

River's Edge Natural Area, 960 W. 1st Street

Commissioners Present: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Ross Livingston, Steve McMillan, Darren Pape, Jim Roode (alternate), Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

Commissioners Absent: Lori Bell, Andy Hawbaker, Ted Mioduski, Bill Zawacki.

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

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

Approval of the April 10, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes: Tabled until a quorum is present.

Approval of the June 12, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes: Tabled until a quorum is present.

Council Liaison Report: Hugh McKean reported that 3,000+ signatures have been received on a petition for a moratorium on fracking to be placed on the fall ballot. Also, a revised GMA with Johnstown received Planning Commission approval.

Reports/Correspondence:

1. Parks & Rec Master Plan Update. Intercept events are planned to engage the public in the master plan process, at the Loveland Loves BBQ event, the Cherry Pie Festival, and the Loveland Library. The consultant, MIG, will contact OLAC members who did not attend the June 19 special meeting for their input regarding open lands for the update.

2. Open Lands Projects Report:

a. Cedar Valley Drive Property. The City closed on the purchase of 50 units of CBT water on June 28. A new Boundary Line Adjustment will include acquisition of the Cedar Valley Drive ROW to the west end of the parcel, for a total acquisition of 5.7 acres, to ensure access to the property regardless of the future status of the road.

b. 57th & Taft Property. Staff will present two scenarios for a Regional Trail connection to the landowner, who has indicated that he will consider a trail easement purchase that does not bisect the property. Ross Livingston noted that this site satisfies 8 of 12 Open Lands evaluation criteria, as well as priorities identified in the regional study including trails and connecting trail segments. The property may also provide a location for an initial wetland banking site.

- c. **Marketing Subcommittee.** Staff met with the subcommittee to discuss possible logo designs and several concepts are being developed.
- d. **Swartz Farmstead.** Open Lands and Planning staff met to determine a design concept for the farmstead area. Staff will refine the conceptual plan and representatives from OLAC and HPC will meet to discuss. The Historic Preservation Commission submitted an application for designation of all of the structures on the City of Loveland Historic Register.
- e. **Nicholson Property.** The property owner and his attorney continue their efforts to resolve the existing lien on the property.
- f. **Annual Report.** 2012 Open Lands Annual Report will be completed soon and posted online and on social media outlets.
- g. **Big Thompson Canyon property.** Staff continues to investigate options for access, trails, regional trail connection, and development and long-term management costs. The Forest Service will support a regional trail connection through their property, citing a significant deficiency in foothills trails open to the public. Commission members reiterated their interest in the property, regardless of a regional trail connection. A joint Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park and Open Space property would provide both types of access and recreation.

3. South Ryan Gulch Initial Property Review. Staff presented information about an acquisition opportunity in Ryan Gulch of approximately 280 acres. Rick Brent made a motion that staff continue to pursue acquisition of approximately 185 acres of the property, subject to due diligence, with the landowner and trustee. Gale Bernhardt seconded and the motion carried.

Commission Member Discussion Topics: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.



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CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013

500 E. Third Street, Suite 200, Loveland

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

Commissioners Absent: Rick Brent.

Staff Present: Rob Burdine, Debbie Eley.

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

Approval of the July 10, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes: Tabled until a quorum is present.

Approval of the September 11, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes: Bill Zawacki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lori Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

City Council Liaison Report: Councilor McKean presented the *Water & Power Infrastructure Update – Flood 2013* slideshow created by Water & Power.

Reports/Correspondence:

1. Big Thompson River Flood Update. Staff presented a PowerPoint update on the status of seven Open Lands sites damaged by the flood: Wild, Morey, River's Edge, Jayhawker, Namaqua, RFJY/CTM, and Brose. Extensive damage at River's Edge and Morey will require significant restoration and reconstruction, with input from the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. Other sites will need cleanup, fence reconstruction, and minor restoration/revegetation/weed control. Volunteer cleanups are planned for several sites. The Swartz Farmstead is in the demolition process due to flood damage. Assessment and documentation for FEMA and CIRSA (insurance) are ongoing at all sites, as water recedes and sites become more accessible.

2. Open Lands Projects Report.

Big Thompson Canyon – This property is currently inaccessible due to the flood, but members recommended keeping a “placeholder” and collaborating with partners so that an opportunity is not missed when the property becomes available.

57th and Taft Property – Staff plans to meet with Larimer County and Fort Collins to gauge interest in a partnership/collaboration/GOCO grant for this property. The site does provide for regional trail connectivity from the Loveland Recreation Trail to Fort Collins’ trail system, along Taft Avenue.

Jayhawker Annexation – City Planning staff is in contact with Larimer County regarding code violations at the 1.5-acre enclave to the east of Jayhawker Ponds. Staff continues to negotiate with Landowners.

Municipal Code Amendment (Weed Control) – An ordinance on the 10/15 City Council agenda amends the Weed Control ordinance as follows: 1) aligns Loveland City Code with County Weed District and State Weed Act; 2) maintains P&R Director's ability to designate "Natural Areas;" and 3) adds the State Constitutional Amendment for *Cannabis sativa*.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update – Staff and MIG continue to refine the Open Lands Analysis in order to develop the Needs Assessment and identify future priorities. A joint meeting with MIG and the Parks & Recreation Commission is planned for December.

Discussion/Action:

3. Lazy J Bar S Conservation Easement Amendments. The parties (City and property owners Jon and Susanne Stephens) wish to amend the Conservation Easements under the following terms:

- The owner will pay 100% of the water assessments (previously split 50/50)
- Limited paving will be allowed in the Building Envelopes and Headquarters Area (inadvertently omitted from original easements)
- A nursery will be an allowed use (previously prohibited by GOCO)

Staff has received preliminary approval from Legacy Land Trust (easement co-holder) and GOCO (provided grant funding), as required by the terms of the CEs. Steve McMillan requested that staff confirm that the Building Envelopes are still allowed in the Conservation Easements, and that additional buildings can be approved through the County and City. Andy Hawbaker made a motion to recommend approval of the Lazy J Bar S Conservation Easement amendments with language clarifying the above issues if necessary. Darren Pape seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commission Member Discussion Topics: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.



LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM: 1

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2013

DESCRIPTION: CDOT Right of Way Acquisition at Long View Farm OS

SUMMARY:

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is in the process of planning a project for improvement of the existing intersection of US Highway 287 and State Highway 392 (Carpenter Road), in order to provide for a more efficient turning radius within the intersection, for turning right on to Hwy 392 from Hwy 287 and turning right on to Hwy 287 from Hwy 392. Current design for this project includes the relocation of a bus stop, upgrading drainage facilities, pedestrian signalization improvements, and ADA access improvements. Design has progressed to a point that CDOT has determined that it will need to acquire a small part of Long View Farm Open Space to complete the project.

Long View Farm Open Space is managed by Larimer County Open Lands and is currently leased for dryland wheat farming. Larimer County purchased the property along with the City of Loveland and the City of Fort Collins in 1997 as a separator open space property. Loveland's contribution and ownership is 16%.

Staff has reviewed the attached plans and attended a site meeting with representatives of CDOT, Fort Collins and Larimer County. The small portion of land to be purchased will allow CDOT to expand the existing drainage pipe to allow for widening of the ROW for turn lanes and a safer intersection. This acquisition will also require the approval of Legacy Land Trust and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The improvements to the intersection are scheduled to start on April 1, 2014.

The City received an offer from CDOT to purchase the property on October 31, 2013. The identified parcels are:

Right of Way 1 (RW-1), containing 3,098 square feet

Temporary Easement 1 (TE-1), containing 1,328 square feet, for the construction of the highway and drainage improvements

CDOT's offer for Parcel 1 (RW-1 and TE-1) is \$1,270 (total).

Commission Discussion/Action Recommended: Review and recommend approval of the ROW acquisition by CDOT at Long View Farm Open Space as described above.



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Right of Way Plans

Ownership Sheet

Project Number: FSA 392A-016
Project Location: U.S.287 Resurface & S.H.392 Intersection

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