



## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

APRIL 9, 2014, 5:30 PM

#### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Parks & Recreation Conference Room, Suite 200  
500 E. Third Street, Loveland, CO 80537

#### Notice of Meeting Posted

#### Call to Order

#### Public Comment

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 12, 2014)

#### City Council Liaison – Hugh McKean

#### Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Report

OLAB Agenda/Minutes online: [http://larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands\\_advisory\\_board.cfm](http://larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm)

#### Discussion/Action Items:

1. River's Edge Interim Redevelopment Plan, Schedule, Budget (5:45 – 6:15 pm)
2. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update/Discussion (6:15 – 6:45 pm)
3. Big Thompson River Property Initial Reviews (2) (6:45 – 7:15 pm)

#### Reports/Correspondence:

4. Open Lands Projects Report
5. Spring Waterway Clean-up – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

#### Commission Member Discussion Topics

#### Adjournment

**Next Meeting Date:** May 14, 2014

Wi-Fi: COLGuest Access Code: *accesswifi*

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### CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2014

Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. Third Street, Loveland, CO 80537

**Commissioners Present:** Lori Bell, Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Ross Livingston, Ted Mioduski, Darren Pape, Jim Roode, Bill Zawacki, Kerri Rollins (Larimer County Liaison).

**Commissioners Absent:** Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

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

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

**Approval of January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** Bill Zawacki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Rick Brent seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Approval of February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes:** Rick Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross Livingston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**City Council Liaison Report:** Gale Bernhardt relayed the following update provided by Councilor McKean: 1) The Loveland Planning Commission discussed the Jayhawker Annexation, including the adjacent enclave property, at their March 10 meeting and tabled the discussion for 60 days. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 15 regarding the code violations on the private property. 2) Loveland requested that Larimer County apply for a GOCO grant for a pedestrian bridge at Cedar Cove. 3) Loveland recommended that Larimer County use the concept of a recreation trail on Hwy 34 from Loveland to Estes Park to promote an incremental tax increase for the Open Space Tax renewal. Kerri Rollins added that the Trust for Public Land will conduct public polling to recommend a tax percentage and allocations, timeframe (perpetual vs. sunset), and ballot language to be certified and submitted by September 5.

#### **Reports & Correspondence:**

**1. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update.** Staff presented the draft Open Lands opportunities map, which was created using a combination of 2003 Priority Areas, 2008 *Natural Areas Sites* data, *Our Lands – Our Future* study results and the Big Thompson River 100-year floodplain. Commission members requested the acreage of opportunity areas within the GMA, in comparison to the 2003 priority areas, as well as a timeline of funding availability using an average acquisition cost per acre.

**2. Priority-based Budgeting Meeting Report.** Bill Zawacki reported that the meeting was productive and informative. The goal of priority-based budgeting is to match available resources with community priorities, i.e. do the “important” things well, and cut back or let others do the things they can do

better. Budgets will be prioritized by ranking individual program areas against result areas, providing checks and balances across the city. Commission members also noted the value of partnerships and leveraging funds to meet Open Lands objectives.

**3. Boards & Commissions Summit Report.** Andy Hawbaker reported that he attended the annual summit and gave a short presentation on OLAC's 2013 successes and future plans.

**4. Open Lands Projects Report.** Rob Burdine reported on the status of flood-related projects, including River's Edge Natural Area and Morey Wildlife Reserve. At River's Edge, the parking lot/core area will be redesigned, preferably using Logan Simpson Design and Ayres Associates, the original designers. Staff will meet with LSD and Ayres on March 13 and will work with FEMA to determine eligibility. Also, approximately 100 volunteers from Comcast will help build the south pedestrian trail connecting to the Thompson R2-J parking lot on April 26. The culvert across the Big Thompson Ditch will be replaced this spring, providing a connection from the north to the new trail. At Morey, Anderson Consulting Engineers are modeling spring runoff to design long-term improvements for flood attenuation, using FEMA reimbursement funding for the restoration efforts if possible.

**5. Open Lands Financial Report.** The 2013 Actual and 2014 Budgeted Open Lands Revenues and Expenditures were presented. Major capital expenditures in 2013 included acquisition of the Ward Trust 1 property and water rights, and development of River's Edge. The flood recovery supplemental for 2014 is estimated at \$1.014M.

**6. Spring Waterway Clean-up – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – Morey Wildlife Reserve.** OLAC has adopted Morey Wildlife Reserve as part of the City's Adopt-a-Waterway Program. Staff requested that members participate in the annual spring cleanup at Morey. The majority of flood debris has been removed, but a final cleanup before spring runoff will be beneficial. Signup information and directions will be provided to members.

#### **Commission Member Discussion Topics:**

**7. (Executive Session) Open Lands Properties Discussion.** Gale Bernhardt made a motion that the Open Lands Advisory Commission convene an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing potential open lands acquisitions. Bill Zawacki seconded the motion. Executive Session was convened at 6:55 pm. At 8:20 pm, Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM: 2**

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2014

**DESCRIPTION:** Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update/Discussion

**SUMMARY:**



We have finalized Phase 2 and are now moving through Phase 3 of our Master Plan process started about this time last year. MIG and Department staff have completed a draft plan which was mailed to all Commission members for review prior to the meeting. The draft plan provides the necessary background on all phases of the process and documents the basis for recommendations which will be the focus of the Commission's discussion.

The Draft Master Plan information will then be presented at a public open house on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chilson Recreation Center. Feedback from our Commissions and the public will be reflected in our presentation to the City Council at their May 13<sup>th</sup> Study Session and then the plan will be presented to the Planning Commission in early June as a component of the City's Comprehensive Plan. We are scheduled to get final City Council approval in July.

**Open Lands Advisory Commission Recommended Action:** Discussion and approval of Master Plan Draft Document



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### LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**AGENDA ITEM: 3**

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2014

**DESCRIPTION:** Big Thompson River Property Initial Reviews (2)

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will present Initial Reviews on two properties located on the Big Thompson River that are being considered for preservation.

**Commission Discussion/Action Recommended:** Staff is requesting an OLAC recommendation to continue negotiations with the landowners on potential purchases.



## **LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **AGENDA ITEM: 4**

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2014

**DESCRIPTION:** Open Lands Projects Report

### **SUMMARY:**

#### GOCO Flood Restoration Grant Awards

Staff attendance at the upcoming GOCO board meeting on 4/9/14 in Lyon's Colorado has been requested by GOCO staff, followed by a grant award press conference with the Governor. Staff will be in attendance.

#### Flood Updates

*Morey Wildlife Reserve* – Spring runoff preparations are wrapping up with the installation of toe wood to protect the banks of an overflow channel northwest of Morey pond. A final cleanup of the property is planned for 4/19/14 as a part of the Spring Waterway Cleanup Event at which OLAC attendance is highly requested.

*Namaqua Natural Area* – Debris removal is complete. Fencing repairs have been made along Namaqua Road replacing the old, damaged buck-and-rail fence with new round split-rail consistent with fencing at River's Edge.

#### Environmental Ed. at Namaqua Park/Natural Area

Preparations are nearly complete, 5 stations are installed and portable signage is being produced to accommodate the new Urban Wilderness Program. Interest in the EE program remains high among local schools as registration is full for the spring (15 programs scheduled). Volunteers are currently being recruited and trained to administer the new program.

#### Property Acquisition Updates

*Cedar Cove* – Staff will meet with Larimer County Natural Resources and Engineering staff on 4/7/14 to discuss mutual interests and partnerships in the Cedar Cove area. Outcome of that meeting will be discussed with OLAC.

*CGRW Property* – Update on landowners' interests

*Morey Area Properties* – Update on discussions with landowners

**Open Lands Advisory Commission Recommended Action:** Informational.





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Stormwater Engineering



# Spring Waterway Flood Clean-Up Event

*Help us clean up some of the flood debris that has washed  
up along the Big Thompson River in Loveland!*

Date: **Saturday April 19th, 2014**

Time: **9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Location: **Multiple locations along the  
Big Thompson River**



Scan this code with your smart phone to connect with  
the City of Loveland Stormwater Engineering website!



Please dress appropriately: old clothes, work gloves, hats, work boots/shoes (waders, if possible). Garbage bags & water provided.

**NOTE:** Participants between the ages of 13-18 not accompanied by a parent or guardian must bring a pre-signed liability form. Children between the ages of 6-12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 6 may not participate in the waterway clean-up.