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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 14 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 19th 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.