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LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 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

Introduction of Natural Areas Manager, Rick Anderson

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes (August 13, 2014)

City Council Liaison Report – Hugh McKean

Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Report – Hugh McKean/Kerri Rollins

OLAB Agenda/Minutes online: http://larimer.org/boards/minutes/openlands_advisory_board.cfm

Discussion/Action Items:

1. City Manager Presentation on Roles and Duties of Advisory Boards

Reports/Correspondence:

2. Flood and Trails Update – Janet Meisel-Burns
3. Property Acquisition Updates
4. Open Lands Projects Report

Executive Session (as necessary)

(24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S.) For information or discussion of the purchase or acquisition of real property

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: October 8, 2014

Wi-Fi: COLGuest Access Code: *accesswififi*

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AGENDA ITEM: 1

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014

DESCRIPTION: City Manager Presentation on Roles and Duties of Advisory Boards

SUMMARY:

City Manager Bill Cahill will attend the meeting and make a presentation on the general roles and duties of Advisory Boards and Commissions and will more specifically cover the relationship between City Staff, the Open Lands Advisory Commission, and the City Council.



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AGENDA ITEM: **2**

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Flood and Trails Update – Janet Meisel-Burns

SUMMARY:

Janet Meisel-Burns, Senior Park Planner for the Parks and Recreation Department, will provide an update on projects related to the ongoing flood clean-up and restoration efforts as they impact open lands and natural areas.

Janet will also provide information on efforts to complete the City's loop Recreation Trail and possible cooperative grant applications to aid in the connection of Loveland's trail to the North Front Range Trail on the east side of town and the Burlington Northern Trail along Taft Ave. on the west side of town.



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AGENDA ITEM: **3**

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Property Acquisition Updates

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide the latest information on efforts to acquire additional open space and natural areas.



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AGENDA ITEM: **4**

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2014

DESCRIPTION: Open Lands Projects Report

SUMMARY:

57th & Taft Property. The Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board recommended a \$200,000 partnership for this acquisition at their August 28 meeting. The Board of County Commissioners approved the contribution at their September 2 meeting. The process for soliciting names from the public is underway, in accordance with the Natural Areas Naming Policy. Proposed names may be submitted online and an article about the acquisition and naming will be included in the October *City Update* newsletter mailed to residents with monthly utility bills. The deadline to submit names is November 15, 2014. Submissions will be reviewed and a name will be selected by staff and the Open Lands Advisory Commission.

Devil's Backbone Open Space Management Plan Update. Current information is available online (<http://larimer.org/devilsbackboneplan/>), including conceptual layouts for a new trail and the trailhead/parking lot expansion. County staff will present the latest information at the October OLAC meeting.

Big Thompson Canyon Recreation and Conservation Assessment Plan. Logan Simpson Design has been contracted to complete this plan, which is expected to kick off in September. Loveland has committed up to \$20,000 towards the project and will participate as a partner.

Jayhawker Ponds Fill Project. A small channel on the eastern edge of Jayhawker Pond North was filled in August. This project was initiated to cut off any water from Jayhawker Pond North that might flow to the neighboring property. The owners of the 1.6-acre property to the east communicated to the City that Jayhawker Pond North had been flooding their parcel since May 2014.

Open Space Signage. Staff has initiated a signage program intended for all fee simple owned properties. The signage will identify open space properties as being preserved by Loveland using Open Space Sales Tax Revenue. Crews will install the signs as soon as possible.

Environmental Education Program. Staff is preparing for the fall season of the Urban Wilderness Program at Namaqua Park, recruiting volunteers and preparing the site for school groups. The program will run from September 16 through October 17.



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CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2014

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

Commissioners Present: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Ross Livingston, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

Commissioners Absent: Lori Bell, Jim Roode, Ted Mioduski, Darren Pape.

Staff Present: Brian Hayes, Keven Aggers, Debbie Eley.

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

Approval of June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Rick Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bill Zawacki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of July 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Bill Zawacki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Andy Hawbaker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Presentation on Board & Commission Roles & Responsibilities – Bill Cahill. This item was postponed until the September meeting.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

2. Open Space Sales Tax Update. On July 16, the Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board (OLAB) held a special meeting to make a recommendation to the Larimer Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the Help Preserve Open Spaces tax extension. OLAB recommended (7-1) Scenario 2 (extension of the tax for 25 years, with a 50-50 split between the county and cities). On July 29, the Larimer BOCC approved (3-0) a ballot measure for the November 4 election.

3. Property Acquisition Updates. Staff updated the commission on the status of several property acquisitions currently being pursued. The 87-acre property at Taft Ave. and 57th Street closed on August 8.

4. Open Lands Projects Report.

River's Edge Natural Area. River's Edge opened for temporary public access on July 4. Public use of the site has been as expected, with access for fishing, belly boats, and trail use. For the permanent repairs, Ayres and Associates have been contracted to complete the scour analysis and engineering work for the parking lot redesign, at a cost of \$73,000. The new design is expected to be completed by year-end.

Devil's Backbone Open Space Management Plan Update. Staff described the county's plan for updating the Devil's Backbone Management Plan, to include expansion of the existing trailhead/parking lot and a new trail bypass through Hidden Valley, to accommodate increased recreation demand. Larimer County staff will present the proposed plan to date at the October meeting. Information is also available online (<http://larimer.org/devilsbackboneplan/>).

Big Thompson Canyon Recreation and Conservation Assessment. Loveland is partnering with Larimer County on this project and has committed up to \$20,000 towards the development of a canyon plan. Proposals were due August 7.

GOCO Strategic Plan "Listening Tour." Great Outdoors Colorado is soliciting public comment to help guide their priorities for the next 5-10 years. Comments are due by the end of August and can be submitted online at: <http://gocolistens.org/bp/we-need-your-help>.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan . The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* was adopted by City Council on July 15. Copies of the final plan were distributed to OLAC members.

Colorado Open Space Alliance Annual Meeting. The 2014 COSA conference will be held at the Vail Marriot on September 15-17. Information and registration are available online: <http://www.coloradoopenspace.org/>.

Natural Areas Manager Position. Initial interviews for the position of Natural Areas Manager will take place on August 15 and 18. Candidates will meet with two interview panels, including a technical team and a "big-picture" team. The City Manager will also meet with each candidate, and staff will take each on a short tour of open lands properties.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.