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LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
APRIL 8, 2015 – 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 11, 2015)

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

Reports/Correspondence:

1. Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park Flood Restoration – Janet Meisel-Burns
2. 2015 Trails Update – Janet Meisel-Burns
3. Property Acquisition Updates
4. Open Lands Projects Report

Reminder:

Spring Waterway Cleanup – April 18th from 9 am – noon (*Morey Wildlife Reserve*)

City Council Study Session – May 26th (*Big Thompson Recreation & Conservation Assessment*)

Executive Session (if necessary)

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

Commission Member Discussion Topics

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2015

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CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2015

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

Commissioners Present: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Ross Livingston, Darren Pape, Jim Roode, Nathan Thompson, Bill Zawacki, Jean Whittaker, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison), Kerri Rollins (Larimer County Liaison).

Staff Present: Elizabeth Anderson, Rick Anderson, Debbie Eley, Brian Hayes, Michele Van Hare.

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

Introduction of New Parks & Recreation Director, Elizabeth Anderson. Elizabeth most recently served as Operations Manager for the Sacramento, CA Parks and Recreation Department. Previously, she was Parks and Recreation Director and Community Enrichment Services Director for the City of Flagstaff, AZ, from 2005 to 2013. From 2002 to 2004 she worked as the Parks and Recreation Director in Yuba City, CA and prior to that held other parks and recreation positions in Salinas and Ceres, CA. She is excited about all of the possibilities for the Open Lands program in Loveland.

Approval of November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Rick Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Gale Bernhardt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Approval of February 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Ross Livingston made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Darren Pape seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None present.

City Council Liaison Report. Hugh McKean reported that Council requested staff to pursue an interim solution for the Boise Avenue extension north to 37th St. Construction is expected to begin this summer. The final project will eventually include a roundabout at the intersection of Boise and 37th St.

Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Report. Kerri Rollins reported on several OLAB items: 1) Larimer County is partnering with The Nature Conservancy (Wyoming) and City of Cheyenne on a 640-acre Mountains-to-Plains Project property just north of Red Mountain Open Space. 2) Larimer County is working with Fort Collins on a partnership with USDA, USFWS and CSU for a bison reintroduction project at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. 3) The annual CO Open Space Alliance (COSA) conference will be held in Snowmass from September 14-16. 4) The CO Coalition of Land Trusts (CCLT) conference will be held in Denver next week, from March 16-18.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Environmental Education/Volunteer Program Presentation. Michele Van Hare presented an update on the three tracks of Open Lands volunteer opportunities, including Environmental Education, Stewardship Projects, and the Trail Host Program.

2. Property Acquisition Updates. Brian Hayes reported on several acquisitions underway. The *Nicholson Property* (Tract U, west side of Rossum Drive) is under contract to close on April 7, with an option to purchase Tract T (east side) within 5 years. Acquisition of the 7-acre *Mineral Addition* parcel near Carlisle and Taft has been approved by the Quarry Lake HOA. The boundary line will be adjusted with a new plat and closing will likely occur in June. This property could provide a future trail connection to River's Edge. Staff has negotiated an agreement with the family on the *Probasco* property on S. Lincoln. A contract will be drafted. These three acquisitions total approximately \$600K of the 2014 Capital Budget of \$4.67M.

3. Open Lands Projects Report. Construction at *River's Edge* is expected to begin in April. Staff is currently in the process of ensuring compliance with NEPA requirements associated with FEMA funding. Public input on maps and documents available online for the *Big Thompson River Recreation and Conservation Assessment* will be accepted until March 31. A GOCO grant was submitted by partners Larimer County, Fort Collins and Loveland for \$1M to construct the 4.4-mile paved *Long View Corridor Trail* from 57th & Taft (Sunset Vista Natural Area) to Fort Collins' Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area between Harmony and Trilby Road. Anderson Engineering is under contract to design improvements at *Morey Wildlife Reserve* to help accommodate future flood events.

4. Urban Land Institute Resiliency Panel Meeting – April 2 (Rialto Theater Center). Commission members are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the possibilities to create a more resilient river corridor, including potential implementation through the Open Lands Program.

5. Boards & Commissions Summit Report. Commission members Darren Pape and Jim Roode attended the summit as representatives of OLAC. Several boards and commissions presented their annual goals and accomplishments, and City Manager Bill Cahill reported on the City's Mission, Vision, and plans for the future.

6. Spring Waterway Cleanup – April 18 (Morey Wildlife Reserve). OLAC has “adopted” the Morey property through Stormwater’s Adopt-a-Waterway project, so members are encouraged to participate in the cleanup.

7. City Council Study Session – April 28 (Big Thompson Recreation & Conservation Assessment). This meeting is intended as an informational presentation on the project, and for Council to provide informal input and feedback.

Commission Member Discussion Topics:

1. Rick Brent inquired about the status of the Boedecker Lake property. Staff met with the City Manager and researched the city and county road requirements and costs associated with implementing public access, parking, and vehicle access, which could be prohibitive. Some limited walk-in public access may be most feasible for this open space conservation area.
2. Bill Zawacki asked about the 1st Street enclave property. A case has been filed in county court and a site visit was conducted by county zoning. A “discovery period” will be open until May and a public hearing will likely be held in August.

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



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AGENDA ITEM: **1**

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2015

DESCRIPTION: Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park – Flood Restoration

SUMMARY:

Park Planning staff started the process of restoration planning in December 2014 by selecting Logan Simpson (Fort Collins) to lead the design efforts along with Tetra Tech to complete the hydraulic analysis and engineering for the park. Logan Simpson will present the status of the design process, including inventory and site analysis and two concept plans for review and discussion. Following the commission meetings, staff and the consultant team will be presenting the information at a public meeting on April 15th at the Chilson Senior Center. A formal presentation will start at 6:30 pm with small group discussions to follow. The summary of the commissions' responses, public meeting comments and the concept plans will be presented to City Council at their April 28th study session. Maps and handouts will be provided at the meeting.

Commission Action Recommended: Informational.



LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM: 2

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2015

DESCRIPTION: 2015 Trails Update

SUMMARY:

Park Planning staff has been working over the last 6 months to complete four grant applications in conjunction with Larimer County and the City of Fort Collins to supplement funding for the North Front Range Trail (NFRT) and the Long View Corridor Trail. Both regional trails will connect the two communities, through county easements or open space. The NFRT will connect to the existing trail at Boyd Lake State Park, parallel the west side of County Road 11C then head west to a designated crossing on CR 30. The NFRT trail will continue north to Carpenter Road, turning west to the City of Fort Collins trail system. The Long View trail will provide a 4.4-mile off-road trail between Sunset Vista Natural Area (57th Street and Taft Avenue) and Cathy Fromme Prairie (Ft. Collins).

In preparation for the 2016 budget process, staff completed an update to the trail capital plan and will present the status of the recreation trail program, progress and schedule for all trail projects. Maps and handouts will be provided at the meeting.

Commission Action Recommended: Informational.



LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM: **4**

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2015

DESCRIPTION: Open Lands Projects Report

SUMMARY:

River's Edge Natural Area Reconstruction. Construction is scheduled to begin on April 13, pending final approval of the amended 404 wetland permit from the Corps of Engineers. The majority of the site will remain open for walk-in access during construction, with a closure area fenced off around the "core area" and signage to indicated closed areas. Updates will be posted online on the City's website and Facebook pages.

Big Thompson Recreation and Conservation Assessment. Staff from Loveland, Larimer County and Logan Simpson conducted a site visit to all proposed priority project areas. Logan Simpson will draft the vision plan and concept plans for these areas. The fourth and final Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 16 to review the draft plan. Due to a scheduling conflict, the presentation to City Council has been rescheduled for the May 26 Study Session to present the draft plan.

Commission Action Recommended: Informational.



SPRING WATERWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT

WHEN

April 18th, 2015
9am - Noon



CHECK-IN LOCATIONS

Centennial Park
Namaqua Park
Civic Center
World Beverage
High Plains Environmental Center

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PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13-18 NOT ACCCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR ADULT MUST BRING A PRE-SIGNED LIABILITY FORM. CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6-12 MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

Please dress appropriately: wear old clothes, work gloves, hats, work boots/shoes (waders if possible). Please bring small tools, shovels, rakes, etc.

GARBAGE BAGS, WATER AND SOME HAND TOOLS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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