

LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners in Attendance:

Present: Lori Bell, Kathy Hartman, John Lewis, Steve McMillan, Hugh McKean (Council Liaison).

Absent: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Nancy Meredith, Bill Zawacki, Joel Johnston (Alternate), Kerri Rollins (Larimer County Liaison).

Staff Present: Gary Havener, Brian Hayes, Debbie Eley.

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

Approval of the August 11, 2010 Commission Meeting Minutes: A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes.

Public Comment: None.

Council Liaison Report – Hugh McKean.

Hugh McKean reported that City Council gave direction to staff to offer Bill Cahill the position of City Manager. Hugh also reported that Larimer County has taken a new approach to renewing the open space sales tax by creating a workgroup to update the 2001 strategic master plan. This process could incorporate the communities and create a supportive constituency, which will be needed for the tax to be successful.

Larimer County Liaison Report – Kerri Rollins. Not present.

Discussion/Action:

1. Potential Tax Ballot Issues – November 2010. John Lewis presented information about Propositions 60 and 61 and Amendment 101. The three ballot initiatives would limit government funding mechanisms. Proposition 60 restructures the property tax system and Proposition 61 limits public borrowing. Amendment 101 targets fees and the state income tax. OLAC will consider making a recommendation to forward a letter to City Council at the October commission meeting.

Reports and Correspondence:

2. COSA Conference – September 13-15 at Doubletree Hotel in Westminster. The Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) will hold their annual conference and sessions are available on Tuesday and Wednesday for commission members to attend. Staff will email the agenda and session descriptions to members.

3. CE Certification Application. Staff submitted the final Comprehensive Application and fee to the Colorado Division of Real Estate in late August and has received notification of the state's receipt. The application will be reviewed by the Division and the Conservation Easement Oversight Commission (CEO). The CEO is expected to make a certification decision at their December 6 meeting.

4. Big Thompson River Revival and Cleanup – September 25th, 9:00 am-1:30 pm.

Commission members are encouraged to volunteer at any time during the event, and check-in is at Fairgrounds Park.

Commission Members' Discussion Topics:

1. Steve McMillan noted that the westbound Hwy 34 entrance to Devil's Backbone Open Space is unsafe based on the location and speed limit. Steve suggested that the open space entrance be better marked and a deceleration lane be installed. Staff will discuss with Hugh McKean to follow up with Larimer County OLAB and possibly address in their updated master plan.
2. John Lewis is concerned about commission member absences. As commission chair, he plans to contact those consistently missing meetings. John would also like to have a status report in October and a joint meeting with Fort Collins in November.

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