

LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2010
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners in Attendance:

Present: Lori Bell, Gale Bernhardt, Kathy Hartman, Andy Hawbaker, John Lewis, Steve McMillan, Joel Johnston (alternate).

Absent: Nancy Meredith, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (Council Liaison).

Staff Present: Gary Havener, Brian Hayes.

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

Approval of the April 12, 2010 Commission Meeting Minutes: Gale Bernhardt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Andy Hawbaker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Council Liaison Report: None.

Larimer County Open Lands Liaison Report: Kerri Rollins presented information that had been provided to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in April. Larimer County is beginning to formulate a strategy to extend or amend the Help Preserve Open Spaces (HPOS) sales tax. The county is considering the following future needs:

- Long term management costs
- Funding for Parks
- Funding for new acquisition and facility development

Larimer County plans to develop a finance subcommittee made up of Open Lands and Parks advisory board members and meet regularly with BCC. The county plans to also meet with the municipalities and citizens group to develop several different options. Larimer County will continue to keep us updated on this process through their liaison, Kerri Rollins. A full presentation will be made at the May 27th Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board meeting at the Loveland library.

Discussion/Action:

1. Review of City Natural Areas permitted uses and future uses. Staff presented the results from the survey on fee simple open lands completed by OLAC at the April commission meeting. The highest priorities included trail, signage and other access improvements at the CTM Place, Prairie Ridge and Wild properties. OLAC would prefer to continue work to analyze

the matrix for direction on specific improvements for the fee simple properties. Conservation Easement properties would be surveyed in the same way at a later date. OLAC members would like to hold the June 9, 2010 commission meeting at the Wild property. The Wild property will be looked at for possible improvements for future access, and more specific development options and constraints specific to the site.

2. Ward Construction Property Initial Review. The Ward property is directly east of the Brose property purchased by the City in 2009. It is approximately 35 acres. The northern part of the site has been gravel mined. The site has been partially released from the state reclamation requirements (per the owner). The property does not have water rights. **Rick Brent made a motion to have staff take the next step towards purchasing the Ward property according to the OLAC acquisition policy. The motion was seconded by Kathy Hartman.** Discussion included the following comments:

- Staff should verify that the gravel pit areas are properly sealed and do not require water augmentation.
- Should the owner (Wards) or the City continue to fill the gravel mining depression?
- Will the weigh station and concrete material be removed by the owner prior to closing?
- Does the property have legal access from Boise Avenue?
- Can some of the existing material be left in place for a future parking lot?

After discussion, the above motion to take the next step to purchase the Ward property was unanimously approved.

Commission Members' Discussion Topics:

Lori Bell attended the Big Thompson River Waterway clean up held in April.

Reports and Correspondence:

Brian reported that the first part of the state certification for conservation easement tax credits will be submitted prior to the deadline.

Gary reported that the Facebook/Twitter options are being studied by the City Manager and a committee will be formed to come up with a city policy for social web sites.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.