

LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 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, Nancy Meredith, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (Council Liaison).

Absent: Rick Brent, Joel Johnston (alternate).

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

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

Approval of the March 10, 2010 Commission Meeting Minutes: Bill Zawacki made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Nancy Meredith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Several Colorado State University students in a Natural Resource History and Policy class attended the meeting: Todd Foley, Jeff Clements, Adam Wagner, Casey Milliken, Chris Riddell.

Council Liaison Report: Hugh McKean reported on two items: 1) the city is working on a process for youth to clean up their graffiti as an alternative punishment; and 2) there is no new information about the Agilent property.

Larimer County Open Lands Liaison Report: Kerri Rollins was not present. Brian Hayes reported that staff requested a county update every other month, unless otherwise necessary. County Open Lands staff plans to discuss a possible renewal of the open space sales tax with the County Commissioners on April 19, so a report to OLAC is expected in May.

Discussion/Action:

1. Review of City Natural Areas permitted uses and future uses. Staff and commission members reviewed the management plans and permitted uses of each fee simple property using the tables provided and map available at the meeting. Commission members provided their input regarding proposed amenities for each site. Staff will compile the results for review at a future meeting.

2. Discussion of Social Media Sites – Facebook, Twitter. Brian distributed an article reporting that the State Attorney General advises against state agencies having Facebook pages because of the potential legal liability. The City of Loveland is in the process of developing a policy regarding social media sites. OLAC members suggested a “fan” page rather “group” site. Major updates, announcements, meetings, etc. could be posted about

once a week. Larimer County Open Lands is developing a Facebook page and Brian has requested more information from Kerri Rollins. Commission members were in favor of pursuing a Facebook page for Open Lands, depending on city policy.

Commission Members' Discussion Topics:

1. John Lewis distributed a Denver Post article summarizing recent state-wide GOCO grants. A GOCO or State Trails grant could be pursued for recreational amenities and wildlife habitat enhancement on the Wild property.
2. Andy Hawbaker reported that he enjoyed the program his family attended at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, and suggested that Open Lands pursue additional means for getting the public engaged and interested in Loveland natural areas. Suggestions included naturalist-led programs, self-guided trails, and kiosk brochures.

Reports and Correspondence:

3. Property Updates:

- a. Staff has been in contact with three landowners near the Brose property regarding fee simple acquisitions and will continue negotiations.
- b. Whiteside Property – staff notified GOCO that Loveland could not come to acceptable terms with the property owner and will request deauthorization of the grant.

4. April 17, 2010 Annual Spring Waterway Clean-up Announcement. Commission members are encouraged to participate

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