

**CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 11, 2011
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Chris Bryand, Kathy Hartman, Andy Hawbaker, Joel Johnston, Steve McMillan, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (Council Liaison).

Commissioners Absent: Lori Bell.

Staff Present: Brian Hayes, Gary Havener, Judy Schmidt, Alan Krcmarik, Debbie Eley.

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

Approval of the April 13, 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes: Bill Zawacki made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Andy Hawbaker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None present.

Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board Update. 1) The Town of Berthoud has applied for GOCO and DOW grants for the Heron Lakes project and will contract with Larimer County to manage recreation for the multi-use project; 2) Larimer County was chosen for a “Youth, Families and the Outdoors” pilot project by GOCO.

Discussion/Action:

1. Management and Stewardship Plans. Staff proposed a system to designate Natural Areas based on each site’s features and suggested uses. Commission members expressed interest in using a resource-based system rather than a development-based system to determine each property’s level of service/access. Each site’s resources and proposed uses could then determine the facilities/features that should be developed. Staff will revisit the definitions and categories to expand and more clearly define differences. New definitions with new proposed categories will be presented for discussion in June.

2. Agilent Property – Open Lands Acquisition. Judy Schmidt, Deputy City Attorney, provided background information on the Agilent property acquisition. **Steve McMillan made a recommendation that OLAC approve acquisition of approximately 119 acres of open space for \$889,000 as a part of the Agilent property purchase by the City, subject to: 1) adequate City staff review of the Phase 1 environmental findings for the 119-acre open space parcel; 2) exclusion of the approximately 8-acre parcel west of Taft Avenue from the currently proposed total open lands acquisition of 127 acres; and 3) preservation of access on the east side of the property by plat.** Kathy Hartman seconded the recommendation and it was approved unanimously.

3. Ten-Year Capital Plan. The plan shows that funding for management and maintenance could continue until 2040, using the reserve balance after 2018, with the following assumptions: continue maintenance at current levels, spend approximately \$1M per year for acquisitions, and the county sales tax expires in 2018. Commissioners requested a combined report of both the Open Lands Sales Tax and Capital Expansion Fee funds.

Reports/Correspondence:**4. Staff Reports.**

- a.** Staff sent a letter to High Plains requesting audited information about the Open Space Fund within 120 days.
- b.** Signage at Meadowbrook Natural Area has been installed. A stone sign was etched and painted with the property name and natural area/city logos.

Commission Members' Discussion Topics:

- Kathy Hartman reported that she attended an interesting program at Denver Botanic Gardens about Seeds of Success ("SOS"), a BLM program to collect, store, and propagate native seeds.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.