

LARIMER COUNTY LAND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

11/14/2017, 6–7:30 p.m.

Jewell Lake Room, 4th Floor, Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO

The mission of the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect, and manage significant regional parks and open lands, providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Please email Rhonda, edgmonrc@co.larimer.co.us if you are unable to attend this meeting.

Votes require a quorum. Thank you!

LSAB Members in Attendance:

Ernie Marx	x	Ken Mathias	x	Richard McCulloch	x
Timothy Koski		Lew Gaiter, Commissioner			

Staff in Attendance:

Gary Buffington	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	Casey Cisneros	x
Dave Lentz					

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Called to order by Ernie Marx at 6:02pm in the Jewell Lake Room, Larimer County Courthouse.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. No members of the public present.
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Minutes from previous meeting approved.
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. **At your next board meeting, please instruct all members (who have not done so already) to go to future.larimer.org/user and click the link to "Sign Up" to create their user account.** Let them know that we are going paperless, and this is a critical step for future correspondence. See attached flier for more information.
 - b. Wright property, both fee and CE acquisitions, closed on September 22 with partnership dollars from both Fort Collins and GOCO.
 - c. Awarded grant from Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Wetlands for Wildlife program for \$153,370 toward the Poudre River restoration project at River Bluffs Open Space. The grant matches DOLA's \$1.3 million awarded grant and the \$360,000 from open space sales tax dollars.
 - i. Will be phasing the project for cost leverage.
 - d. The trail crew expects to complete the final section of the Limber Pine Trail this late fall!
 - i. Unique rock outcroppings, very private, wilderness feel on 6.5 mile trail.
 - e. Natural Resources events/registration and NR News

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- f. Parks Master Plan update
 - i. Has been taken to joint meeting of Commissioners and Planning Commission, anticipated to be adopted by end of this year.
- g. Natural Resources will be hiring a person to serve in an administrative role for the Land Stewardship Advisory Board, Open Lands Advisory Board and Parks Advisory Board.
 - i. Thanh and Emmy introduced. Brief discussion of expansion of Admin Building.

6. UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Noxious Weed Act Compliance update (Casey Cisneros)
 - i. Adding consistency to approach. August draft discussed.
- b. County Weed Management Plan revisions (Casey Cisneros)
 - i. Background for plan, resources available for compliance, how to approach compliance in the county as a whole, compliance process/schedule.
 - ii. Clarification of 'Pest Control District,' not 'Weed District.'
 - iii. Good outcome from citizen's weed concern and a benefit from compliance/contact tracking software.
 - iv. Using Department of Agriculture outline for draft. The plan will link directly to CDA resources to build further consistency.
 - v. Clarification on enforcements in public/federal/city lands.
 - vi. Educational outreach tool discussion.
- c. Larimer County Comprehensive Plan (Ernie Marx, Gary Buffington)
 - i. Code is regulation, comprehensive plan guides changes.
 - ii. Last update was 20 years ago, now being separated into 2 areas: Mountain Resilience and Front Range/Plains.
 - iii. Resiliency Fee discussion – board discussed wanting to send a letter in support of the resiliency fee concept noted in draft plan.
- d. Black phloem disease on ponderosa pine (Forestry)
 - i. Recently confirmed at Carter Lake, similar symptoms to Pine Wilt, kills tree quickly, cause unknown, trying to isolate at CSU.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. LSAB Chair and Vice Chair Elections
 - i. Motion for Ken to Vice Chair by Ernie, seconded by Hitch. Motion passed.
 - ii. Motion for Ernie to Chair by Ken, seconded by Hitch. Motion passed.
- b. LSAB letter regarding Larimer County Comprehensive Plan recommendations
 - i. Newly revised draft includes map of Pest Control District. Not all land is in district, yet services are required to be rendered, funding would increase level of services.
 - ii. More development will increase need for services and need for funding.
 - iii. Discussion of possible changes, demographics, language.
 - iv. Ken moved to revise and approve with future changes, Hitch seconded. Motion passed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402). No executive session taken.

10. MEETING ADJOURN

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

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Next regular meeting [if needed]:

2/15/2017

Lake Loveland Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Office Building, 200
W Oak, Fort Collins, CO

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