

LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.,
Boyd Lake Room, Larimer County Courthouse Office Building
200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO**

The mission of the Larimer County Parks and Open Lands Department 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 call Deb at 619-4575 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

5:30 REGULAR MEETING OPENING – 5 minutes

- Meeting called to order by Chair
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Review Agenda and enclosures

5:35 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – if any

5:40 PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

5:45 GENERAL INFORMATION: (10 min.)

- Natural Resource Events for this month: See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
- To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm> put in your email and click ‘subscribe’, then check “Parks Advisory Board” box.
- The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization awarded Larimer County, Loveland and Fort Collins a \$450,000 Transportation Alternatives Program grant to complete the Front Range Trail, Loveland to Fort Collins segment. A Colorado State trails grant has also been submitted for this effort. This is the trail on Carpenter Road. We are planning construction to start in 2016.
- The GOCO Concept Paper for the Long View Corridor trail submitted by Larimer County, Loveland and City of Fort Collins was approved and we’ve been asked to submit a full application, due March 4. A Colorado Department of Transportation grant was also submitted for this effort. Nine projects were asked to submit an application. We will ask for \$1 million.
- Construction of the Poudre River Trail, Harmony to Timnath segment, was advertised on Friday, January 9. The project will be awarded in late January and built this spring. One of our important pieces was the acquisition of the Swets property. That part of the project is underway for bidding.
- The 7-acre Devil’s Backbone Keyhole property closed December 3, 2014. The parcel has already been incorporated in to the updated management plan.
- The department’s annual State of the Resource Report for 2014 will also be posted on our website soon.

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- Open Lands Manager, Kerri Rollins, was part of an interview panel for the next Loveland Parks & Rec Director. There were 7 candidates and Elizabeth Anderson will start on February 17. Anderson is currently the Operations Manager for the Parks and Recreation department in Sacramento, Calif.
- The Devils' Backbone and Blue Sky Trail ended 2014 with over 106,000 visitors! Camera counters will be moved to Red Mountain Open Space for 2015.
- Stephanie Van Dyken has volunteered to represent PAB on the committee to select the 2015 Artist of the Year. Diane Roeder, a Sr. Accounting Technician with our department, and herself an accomplished a local artist, will head up the committee this year.
- The Red Feather Lakes Library is seeking Larimer County sponsorship for a GOCO mini-grant request to redevelop the parking area into a nature-based community use area. They will ask for \$45,000, toward a total need of \$60,000. We are planning to sponsor them, and may award them several thousand dollars through our Small Grants Program, since we have invested very few sales tax dollars so far in the Red Feather area.
- The Big Thompson Conservation and Recreation Plan is underway and the first public meeting is planned for February 12 in Loveland. This is a partnership endeavor with City of Loveland and GOCO. We submitted a request for federal money to purchase around 10 properties in the canyon. The values being offered are post-flood.
- Rob Novak, our Community Relations Specialist, has left the County to be the Director of Communications for CSU's Natural Resources Department. There are 57 applicants for his position. Interviews were conducted the week of February 2.

5:55 PRESENTATIONS:

- *Wildflower Guide Volunteer Project* – Heather Young, Education Coordinator (20 min)
- *2014 End of Year Presentation for the Education & Volunteer Programs* – Heather Young, Education Coordinator, and Pam Mayhew, Volunteer Coordinator (30 min)

6:45 BREAK

6:55 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- *Short Term Concession Policy/Procedure* – Dan Rieves (10 min)
- *Horsetooth buildings* – Mark Caughlan (10 min)
- *Fleet Management Plan* – Gary Buffington (10 min)
- *Estes Campgrounds – Five Year Report* – Gary Buffington (10 min)

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7:35 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- *Park District updates and Parks Master Plan Implementation Progress report* – Dan Rieves, Carter Lake District Manager; and Mark Caughlan, Horsetooth District Manager - 20 minutes

7:55 DIRECTOR’S REPORT - 10 minutes

8:05 MEETING ADJOURN

*Next regular meeting: March 10, Boyd Lake Room,
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