

LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

9/12/2017, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Lake Loveland Room, 2nd floor, Courthouse Office Building, 200 W Oak, 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 email Rhonda, edgmonrc@co.larimer.co.us if you are unable to attend this meeting.

Votes require a quorum. Thank you!

PAB Members in Attendance:

Chris Klaas	X	Mark DeGregorio	X	Russell Fruits	X
Deborah Shulman	X	Nick Clark	X	Stephanie Hansen	X
Frank Gillespie	X	Rob Harris		Steve Ambrose	X
John Tipton				Steve Johnson, Commissioner	
Brian Rasch	X	Michael Robinson	X		

Staff in Attendance:

Gary Buffington	X	Ken Brink	X	Dan Rieves	X	Mark Caughlan	
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Guests:

Logan Simpson	X	Pat McCusker	X
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1. REGULAR MEETING OPENING (5:30)
2. GENERAL INFORMATION:
 - a. Larimer County and the City and County of Broomfield finalized a water-sharing agreement that keeps a working farm in production while helping fill municipal water needs. The deal closed Tuesday, August 22. This agreement, known as an Alternative Transfer Method (ATM), is the first of its kind in Colorado where water is shared from agricultural to municipal use in perpetuity. For more information, read the news release: www.larimer.org/news/newsDetail.cfm?id=4650.
 - b. Natural Resource Events for this month: See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - c. 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.
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. [Master Plan Power Point Presentation](#)- Logan Simpson and [Public Comments](#) (see attached)
 - b. Horsetooth comments: Interface between county and neighborhoods, trails, parking and roads
 - i. Interface concerns, in part are addressed with paving dirt parking to make more efficient parking.
 - ii. More rangers on the ground further addresses concerns.
 - iii. Trail concerns, particularly with connecting trails will require acquiring more land which is encouraged in the Master Plan. A new trail is suggested in the plan as well.
 - c. Carter Lake comments: Much the same concerns voiced as with Horsetooth.

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4. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. PAB recommends the current Master Plan draft for approval by BOC and Planning Commission.

5. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Park District updates and reports

i. Dan Rieves

1. Colorado Airstream event at South Shore Campground
2. South Shore is closed until spring for construction. Major work is to be done by December.
3. New commissioned ranger started Aug. 31st

ii. Mark Caughlan

1. September 22nd will be a meeting with Northern Water & BOR to improve communications and information between the agencies. Poor communication this year has caused difficulties for NR and its vendors.
2. Still experiencing full campgrounds on the weekends.
3. Horsetooth swim event last weekend.

iii. Ken Brink

1. FEMA Grant has provided training and equipment for rangers in swift water and low angle rescue. Fire shelters were issued to each ranger.
2. MOU with Sheriff Department. Approved by BCC and signed.
3. Special thanks to Pat McCusker for the work and effort he has contributed to NR over the years.

6. US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE- Pat McCusker

- a. Gave an explanation of the work being done at Horsetooth to install a bulkhead which will solve a leak near Soldier Canyon. The work is scheduled for end of October. BOR/LC were unaware of the rapid drops prior to work. These drops jeopardize the marina's ability to pull boats off Horsetooth ontime.
- b. New staff members: Hallie Groff & Tracy Robb. They will ease Pat's work load with LC. He'll continue to work with LC throughout the MP project.

7. MEETING ADJOURN

Next regular meeting [if needed]:

10/10/2017

Natural Resources Administration Office 1800 S County Rd 31,
Loveland, CO

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