

Larimer County Parks Advisory Board

The mission of 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.

Date: May 8, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins, CO, 2nd Floor, Lake Loveland Room.

Contact: Please contact Emmy at ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend.

AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Parks Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Hermit Park is famous! The Wall Street Journal ran a travel story by Kathryn O'Shea-Evans called "An Insiders' Guide to the National Parks" on April 12, 2018 in which a few locals were asked for "advice on treading wisely in and around four of the country's busiest national parks." Estee Rivera Murdock, the Executive Director at Rocky Mountain Conservancy, listed Kruger Rock Trail as a favorite, saying: "There's a beautiful area just outside Estes Park called Hermit Park Open Space. I did Hermit's 4-mile round-trip Kruger Rock hike with my 6 year old. It's switchback-y and meanders, with views of

the park's peaks and Estes Valley." Full article here: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/an-insiders-guide-to-the-national-parks-1523547586> – Meegan

- d. Larimer County wrapped up a renovation of the South Shore Campground at Carter Lake. The popular camping area was upgraded with additional electric campsites, new restrooms, resurfaced parking areas and improved boat ramp access. South Shore reopened to the public on Sunday, April 15 – Dan
- e. Natural Resources has selected Loveland mixed-media painter Amelia Furman as its 2018 Visual Artist. Amelia will spend the next year exploring Larimer County's parks and open spaces and create a piece of art inspired by these scenic, protected places. Amelia graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in art and has been a professional artist for the past 15 years. She has created commissioned pieces for numerous corporate and personal clients, including the new Elizabeth Hotel in downtown Fort Collins, and has showcased her award-winning paintings in galleries across the United States. View her work at www.ameliafurman.com and work by prior visual artists at www.larimer.org/naturalresources/photography-art/artist. Many thanks to Dave Marvin and Gerry Horak for serving on the selection committee! – Gary
- f. Trails staff have been working on improving/re-benching the Wild Loop Trail at Devil's Backbone Open Space where it has widened due to heavy use and become less sustainable (see photo F). They have also completed the new alignment/connection of the Sundance Trail in conjunction with the South Shore Campground renovations at Carter Lake (see photo's D & E) of this partially ADA accessible trail – Meegan
- g. Staff finished applying soil amendments, seed and hydromulch at the Soderberg & Devil's Backbone trailheads to improve post-trailhead expansion revegetation efforts (see photo A) – Meegan
- h. Through a State grant, noxious weed boot brush stations that match a state-wide standard have been installed at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space & Soderberg trailheads (see photo B) – Meegan
- i. Construction of the 4-mile Long View Trail (connecting Cathy Fromme Prairie to Sunset Vista through Long View Farm Open Space) is going well and on schedule to open this summer (see photo C) – Meegan
- j. Plans for reconstruction of Forks Park and restoration of the Big Thompson River through Forks Park are finalized and construction is set for post high runoff/flows – Meegan
- k. In partnership with the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition, and with grant funds from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Larimer County Natural Resources will conduct vegetation management of restoration projects implemented following the 2013 flood. This two-year, grant funded effort will ensure adaptive management and ongoing success of the 47 million dollar investment in these stream and riparian restoration projects – Meegan
- l. In partnership with CDOT, we are on track moving forward with river restoration and construction of the parking area at Forks Park in the Big Thompson Canyon this summer. The toilet that was in the south bank of the river post-flood was removed in mid-April

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and has been inspected and deemed re-usable, just needs some minor repair and cleaning! (see photo G) – Meegan

- m. Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report – January and February’s distribution letters are included in the Electronic Packet. Last year’s reported numbers are still being used for the calculations and the contact at the Department of Revenue thinks the updated statistics will be available by the end of the month – Gary

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates and reports
 - i. Dan Rieves, Carter Lake District Manager
 - ii. Mark Caughlan, Horsetooth District Manager
- b. Update on Regional Trail Projects – 20 minutes – Meegan
- c. Phase 2 Comprehensive Plan – Gary
- d. Project review process with partners – Ken

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Continued discussion of 2018 & 2019 CIP
 - i. Review criteria for setting priorities – Gary
 - ii. Review potential projects and cost – Meegan/Ken

8. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE

- a. Overview of ANS direction – Signe Shortland

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. ANS directives – Ken and Signe
 - i. 2-month plan: gates, Pinewood closure, impacts to boating
 - ii. 1-year plan: coded gates, install in-ground traffic spikes
 - iii. Vote on closure

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 6/12/2018 at Natural Resources Administrative Offices, 1800 S. County Rd. 31, Loveland, CO.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real or person property interest.

13. ADJOURN

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Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Photos related to info items
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- District Reports
- CIP 2018-2023

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting

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