The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.

Please call Justin at 679-4489 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

REGULAR MEETING
Approval of the meeting minutes for August, 2008.
Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS: The Department has 2 new interns, Sandy Marks and Michelle Bowie.

INFORMATION:
- Update on Red Mountain Open Space.
- Update on GOCO trail grant submitted in August; Roundup Riders grant application.
- Update on Hermit Park Open Space.
  - The Hermit Park Inaugural on September 13 was a beautiful day and a great success. Thanks Justin, Rob and Chris for all your hard work putting the event together.
- The 9th Annual COSA conference in Estes Park on September 15 – 17 was terrific! The sessions, keynote speakers and field trips were extremely worthwhile. Thanks to Kerri for her leadership and Justin and Windy for the complicated logistics. Bill Newman (OLAB), Jean Carpenter (OLAB), Sue Sparling (OLAB) and Mark DeGregorio (PAB) all attended portions of the conference.
- Mark your calendars! The 4th Annual Northern Colorado Birding Fair at Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space is scheduled for this Saturday, September 27. It’s a great event for the whole family!
- Division of Public Works Leadership Team formed in early June. They finished their first project, Picture Public Works, August 22. Justin and Kerri were photo prize winners of 1100 submitted pictures! Upcoming projects include finalizing a promise for the division, updating department websites, and creating an annual report for each department. One of the goals for the team is to develop continuity between the division’s different departments’ communication pieces.
- Jerry White is retiring at the end of the year. Larimer County will never be the same! Jerry has been instrumental in the success Larimer County has had in preserving important open spaces for all of us. He’s leaving a legacy that will be appreciated by generations to come!
- Peter Forbes of the Center for Whole Communities will be conducting a Whole Measures Work Shop November 12-14, 2007 at the Primrose Studio. A diverse group of 25 will explore the question of how open space can better respond to community needs. Nancy, Gary, K-Lynn and Kerri will be attending.
- We have received 69 applications for Windy’s previous position, now re-named Natural Resource Technician I. We hope to have someone on board by the October meeting.
- Volunteer Strategic Plan – asking again if there are volunteers to provide input at 1-2 meetings over the next 4 months.
- Set a date for the Annual Open Lands Advisory Board Christmas Party.
Parks and Open Lands events for October. See handout.

**BOARD COMMENT:** Items not on the agenda

**ACTION:**
- Education Strategic Plan – Staff requests recommendation for approval.
- Roundup Riders grant application – letter of support

**DISCUSSION:**
- Windy Gap Firming Project
- Red Mountain Open Space Trail Names. See attachment.
- Meeting etiquette and ground rules.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- Hermit Park Development Costs to date
- Hermit Park Revenue

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (24-6-402(4) (a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest.

- Poudre River Trail – Windsor to Timnath

Next regular meeting: **Thursday October 23, 2008; Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland**

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