



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: April 23, 2015

TIME: 5:00- 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Loveland City Council Chambers • Civic Center Municipal Bldg •500 E 3rd St., Loveland CO

Please call 970-619-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3) AGENDA REVIEW
- 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
- 5) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. The NoCo Nature Festival is collaborating to plan a joint event with the Harvest Festival. The event will be called Nature's Harvest Fest and will be on Saturday, September 12 at the Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins. This is a great way to reach a new audience and maximize efforts of committee members
 - b. Loveland Open Lands 2014 Annual Report
 - c. DNR Grant Successes: Larimer County received a \$350,000 State Trails grant for the Colorado Front Range Trail, Loveland to Fort Collins Segment. This 2.2-mile concrete trail will connect existing paved trails in Fort Collins and Loveland. The conceptual estimate for this trail is \$1,021,701 and Larimer County has received \$800,000 in grants for construction. Construction is planned in 2016.

A GOCO Paths to Parks application was submitted by Larimer County, Loveland and Fort Collins for the Long View Corridor Trail. The \$999,550 request will match the \$1 million CDOT grant received earlier this year, to build this 4.4-mile concrete trail and new trailhead at Sunset Vista Natural Area. Grant awards will be made in June. Construction is planned in 2016 and 2017 if the grant is awarded.

Larimer County received a \$73,000 CDBG grant to develop a preliminary conceptual design for the Poudre through River Bluffs Open Space. This reach of the Poudre is in poor condition due to man-made levees and disconnection to the floodplain. The conceptual design will highlight physical improvements to the channel that will improve river function and will be compatible with surrounding land uses.
 - d. Construction of the Poudre River Trail, Timnath's Gateway Park to Stonefly Drive segment is underway. Concrete has been poured on the majority of this 0.75-mile segment and the project should be wrapped up later this summer.
 - e. The Natural Resources Department is working with Greeley to transfer a \$150,000 CWCB award to Larimer County for bank repairs at Lions OS. The CWCB award, in conjunction with FEMA funds, will be used to repair the banks caused by the September 2013 flood and 2014 spring runoff.
 - f. The interview process for our Community Relations and Communications Specialist, update
 - g. Open Lands Master Plan adoption update
 - h. Report from the Open Space Operations Managers
 - i. Sales Tax Report from prior month - Performance analysis handout
 - j. **Board photo (re-take) – wear those nice, bright colors again!**

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6) PRESENTATIONS

- a. Small Grants for Community partnering Commissioner presentation – Board of County Commissioners
- b. Division of Real Estate certification changes and conservation tax credit updates

7) DISCUSSION & UPDATES

- a. Big Thompson Canyon Recreation and Conservation Vision Plan update

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

9) ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Loveland Open Lands 2014 Annual Report
- DNR Grant Successes
- Open Space Operations Reports
- Sales tax report for prior month (analysis will be a handout)

Attached Separately:

1. Small Grants for Community Partnering Awards
2. Big Thompson Assessment schedule
3. Big Thompson Assessment Plan *draft* Chapters 1-3
4. News articles