



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: October 22, 2015

TIME: 5:00- 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Civic Center Municipal Bldg • Council Chambers • 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. Larimer County and partners have been recommended for funding through the GOCO Inspire initiative. The recommendation will go to the full GOCO Board on 10/22.
 - b. Kerri will present the Mountain to Plains project lessons learned at the GOCO Board meeting on 10/22 to inform their upcoming "Protect" initiative applications. Currently looking at partnership applications with Fort Collins and Loveland.
 - c. Twelve applications were submitted for the Small Grants for Community Partnering program requesting over \$20,000. The committee is currently doing site visits.
 - d. The [NOCO Bike and Walk Conference](#) is scheduled for November 5th at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. The Governor and CDOT Director are planning to attend to present their vision for cycling in Colorado. Mark Fenton, a national Active Transportation Consultant and PBS Host will give the keynote speech and conduct a walking audit. Registration is required (see handout)
 - e. Staff has been engaged in ongoing outreach for the [Laramie Foothills Bison reintroduction project](#) at Soapstone Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space. A public tour will be held on 11/1, it filled up quickly with over 400 citizens planning to attend.
 - f. New river gauges were installed along the Poudre River Trail at the County Road 13 bridge (near Windsor) and the McMurry bridge in Fort Collins (see photos). The gauges allow Poudre River Trail users to instantly measure flow and highlight the importance of flow for environmental, municipal and agricultural purposes. Larimer County served as the fiscal agent for this project and participates in the Poudre Runs Through It, the organization responsible for coordinating the project.
 - g. A new segment of the Poudre River Trail is built. Larimer County partnered with the Town of Timnath to build a 0.6-mile segment of trail from the Wal-Mart east of I-25 to Stonefly Court. This section of trail utilizes the underpasses at Harmony Road and County Road 5. A grand opening will be scheduled for spring/summer 2015.
 - h. The new Restoration Ecologist, Danielle Levine, joined the department. Danielle brings a wealth of experience from her previous work for Boulder County Parks and Open Space.
 - i. The plans for the river bank stabilization project at Lions Open Space have been finalized and sent to FEMA for review. The new design will slow water through the site to reduce energy and downstream impacts. Features such as rock veins and boulder clusters were recommended by the CWCB and CPW and were incorporated into the design. Construction is expected later this year or early 2016.
 - j. Ongoing work to remove Russian olive trees from the Three Bell I CE. The Colorado State Forest Service volunteers felled the trees and LCDNR volunteers dragged and chipped them and Larimer County DNR Weed staff painted the stems with herbicide. Everyone had a great time, dozens of these invasive plants were removed and there were no injuries
 - k. An application was submitted for the GOCO Youth Corps grant for four weeks of two crews to assist with trail construction at Hermit Park Open Space in 2016. Awards are made in December.

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- l. Open Space Operations District Reports
 - m. Sales Tax Report from prior month
 - n. Natural Resources events, visit: <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/news.cfm>
- 6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES
- a. Soderberg trailhead parking reconfiguration – Travis Rollins & Meegan Flenniken
 - b. Future nature center & office building update – Kerri Rollins& Meegan Flenniken
- 7) ACTION ITEMS
- a. Estes Valley Land Trust transaction costs – Seigfried Conservation Easement
- 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
- Open Space Operations District Reports
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Financial report
- River gauge photos
- Bike & Walk conference flyers

Attached Separately:

1. Soderberg trailhead presentation
2. Future nature center & building presentation
3. Seigfried CE final review
4. News articles