

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS 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.

MINUTES

Date: August 22, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

Members		Staff		Guests
Bob Hewson	x	Daylan Figgs	x	
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	
Jason Brothers	x	Ken Brink	x	
K-Lynn Cameron	x	Justin Core	x	
Ken Zornes	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
Linda Stanley	x	Steve Gibson	x	
Mark DeGregorio	x	Zach Cook	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	*Thomas Donnelly		
Peter Kelly		Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Rick Brent	x			
Sherri Valentine	x			
Tom Shoemaker	x			

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:05 p.m.
 - a. Introduced new board member, Mark DeGregorio.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Rick motioned to approve last meeting minutes, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Submitted the GOCO Connect Grant full application for completion of the Poudre River Trail construction on Aug. 2nd in partnership with Timnath, Windsor and Fort Collins. – Meegan
 - d. Submitted a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application to fund improvements at the Horsetooth Reservoir and Carter Lake and it has been shortlisted for funding. Next steps will include a site visit with program administrators with notification in January 2020 if the grant is successful. – Meegan
 - e. Volunteer appreciation lunch will be August 29th at Horsetooth Reservoir – all board members are invited. Please RSVP to Kate at 970-619-4552. – Meegan

6. UPDATES & REPORTS
 - a. County Oil & Gas Task Force update – Meegan/Sherri
 - i. Open House on Sept. 12th at 200 W. Oak St. in Fort Collins. An initial questionnaire is now available online through Aug. 31st:
<https://www.larimer.org/planning/oil-and-gas-regulations>.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. In-depth discussion of 25-year budget projections spreadsheet – Lori
 - i. BOR Reservoir Parks
 1. Base assumptions
 - a. Sherri asked about annual operating costs, it was noted that fluctuations are due to deferred maintenance. Discussion about Parks Master Plan and budget for capital projects.
 2. Development needs
 3. County indirects
 4. Revenues
 5. Operating
 6. Parks funded capital
 7. Lottery
 - a. Currently, Lottery proceeds are earmarked towards BOR Park development projects. Annual increases in maintenance are due to inflation, short discussion about the long-term cost-effectiveness of preventative maintenance.
 8. Other funding

9. Development funding
10. Funding summary
- ii. Sales Tax
 1. Base assumptions
 - a. Discussion about user fees at new properties, board member suggestion to increase public understanding of the need to assess fees with “big picture” perspective.
 2. Development needs
 3. County indirects
 4. Operations revenues
 5. Operations expenses
 6. Sales tax funded capital
 7. Sales tax allocation
 - a. Linda asked about the Solid Waste Loan, Lori clarified it was borrowed from Solid Waste from the original sales tax allocation for Parks development projects (~\$400,000) and purchase of the Little Thompson Farm property (~\$8 Million).
 8. Discussion on frontloading acquisitions and balancing future expenses vs. revenue. K-Lynn suggested distinguishing CE vs. fee lands in budget projections. Tom asked about our ability to afford to complete all the identified conservation opportunities in the master plan priority areas. Meegan noted that base assumptions and willing landowners will influence this moving forward, but that the cost to conserve the highest priority lands from our recent analysis will exceed our sales tax acquisition funds available over the life of the tax.

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: September 26, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. Dave moved to enter Executive Session, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously at 7:10 p.m.

12. ADJOURN – 7:56 p.m.