

LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.,
Boyd Lake Room, Larimer County Courthouse Office Building
200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO

The mission of the Larimer County Parks and Open Lands Department 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.

Please call Deb at 619-4575 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

Group photo for the 2014 Annual Report

5:30 REGULAR MEETING OPENING – 5 minutes

- Meeting called to order by Chair
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Review Agenda and enclosures

5:35 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – if any

5:40 PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

5:45 GENERAL INFORMATION: (10 min.)

- a. Natural Resource Events for this month: See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
- b. To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm> put in your email and click 'subscribe', then check "Parks Advisory Board" box.
- c. On Feb 12, we had our first public meeting for the Big Thompson Conservation and Recreation assessment. There will be an update later in the meeting.
- d. Heather Young and Kerri Rollins assisted with a tour of the Playscape project at Big Thompson Elementary for GOCO and a member of the National Children and Nature Network.
- e. The County Manager approved the new Devil's Backbone Management Plan. The Plan was also recommended for approval by Fort Collins' Land Conservation and Stewardship Board and is awaiting signature by the Fort Collins City Manager.
- f. The Poudre River Forum was a success, with more than 200 people in attendance and a variety of perspectives on the future of water in Colorado were expressed. Hopefully cooperative projects can be developed, that benefit agriculture and the environment.
- g. Heather Young led a guided hike for CSU International Natural Resources students.

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- h. [11th Annual Fishing Expo](#) will be on March 7 & 8 at the 1st National Bank Building at The Ranch.
- i. The Poudre River Trail segment from the Gateway Trailhead in Timnath was awarded to NORAA Concrete Construction out of Brighton.
- j. Pam Mayhew & Ranger Zach Cook are working with Fort Collins on the 2015 Volunteer Ranger Assistant training, Campground host recruitment for 2015 almost complete.
- k. Get Outdoors Day will be on Saturday, June 13 this year.
- l. The partnership is moving forward to further the genetics of Yellowstone bison, the last large reservoir of genetically pure bison, by grazing bison on portions of Red Mountain Open Space and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and then propagating calves with pure bison genes, to be placed in conservation herds around the U.S. The County Manager has signed the IGA between Larimer County, Fort Collins, CSU and the USDA and the project is already receiving significant press regionally and statewide!

5:55 PRESENTATIONS:

- *Horsetooth Building Plans* – Mark Caughlan, Horsetooth District Manager – 30 minutes

6:25 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- *2014 Permit Revenues* – Dan Rieves, Carter District Manager – 20 minutes
- *2014 Violations Summary* – Gary Buffington, Director – 15 minutes

7:00 BREAK (10 minutes)

7:10 PRESENTATION:

- *Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd* – Meegan Flenniken, Planning, Development & Land Stewardship Program Manager - 15 minutes
- *Big Thompson Conservation and Recreation Assessment* – Meegan will also give a quick update to set up a more in-depth discussion at the April meeting – 10 minutes

7:35 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- *Park District updates and Parks Master Plan Implementation Progress report* – Dan Rieves, Carter Lake District Manager; and Mark Caughlan, Horsetooth District Manager - 20 minutes

7:55 DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 10 minutes

8:05 MEETING ADJOURN

Next regular meeting: April 14, Lake Estes Room, Room 333, Larimer County Courthouse Office Building

Public can view agenda and minutes at www.larimer.org/parks
