

# LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

## AGENDA

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.,

Boyd Lake Room, Larimer County Courthouse Office Building, 200 W. Oak, Ft. 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 email Deb, [dwykoff@larimer.org](mailto:dwykoff@larimer.org) if you are unable to attend this meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

### 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

### 5:45 PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

### 5:55 GENERAL INFORMATION: 10 minutes

- Natural Resource Events for this month: See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
- 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.
- Larimer County and partners have been recommended for funding through the GOCO Inspire initiative. We partnered with the cities of Ft. Collins, Wellington and Loveland; and with the Larimer County Boys and Girls Club.
- Twelve applications were submitted for the Small Grants for Community Partnering program requesting over \$20,000. The committee is currently doing site visits. Funding recommendations will be presented at the November Open Lands Advisory Board meeting.
- 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. Contact Sandy Werkmeister, [swerkmeister@larimer.org](mailto:swerkmeister@larimer.org) if interested.
- Staff has been engaged in ongoing outreach for the [Laramie Foothills Bison reintroduction project](#) at Soapstone Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space. The bison were released onto their new open space home during ceremonies on November 1, with over 500 citizens and dignitaries in attendance.
- 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. 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.
- A new segment of the Poudre River Trail is complete. 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, west of I-

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25. This section of trail utilizes the underpasses at Harmony Road and County Road 5 and is part of the GOCO River Corridor Initiative. A grand opening will be scheduled for spring/summer 2015.

- Our new Restoration Ecologist, Danielle Cassidy Levine, has joined the department. Danielle brings a wealth of experience from her previous work for Boulder County Parks and Open Space.
- 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.
- Ongoing work continues 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.
- 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.
- The regional open space board meeting will be on November 18, in Loveland, at the Chilson Senior Center, Cherry Room.
- Open Space Operations: The free firewood program continues to be popular and has been extended by 2 weekends. There have been vehicle break-ins at Devils Backbone, Eagles Nest, and Rocky Mountain National Park. Rangers have had some success catching suspects recently. Hunting season at Red Mountain Open Space also continues to be extremely popular.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**6:05 ACTION ITEMS:** -

- Inlet Bay Concession License renewal – Mark Caughlan
- Carter Lake Marina Concession License renewal – Dan Rieves

**6:35 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:** - 10 minutes

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

**6:45 DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – 10 minutes

**6:55 MEETING ADJOURN**

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*Next regular meeting [if needed]: December 8, 2015,  
Natural Resources Administrative Offices, 1800 S.  
County Rd. 31, Loveland, CO*

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