



## LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

### A G E N D A

Thursday, April 23, 2009

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland

*The mission of the Larimer County Open Lands Program is to preserve and protect significant open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and develop parks and trails for present and future generations. These open lands provide opportunities for leisure, human renewal and protection of our natural and cultural resources.*

*Please call Olivia at 970-679-4534 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!*

#### REGULAR MEETING

- Approval of the meeting minutes for February 2008. March meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- Review Agenda and enclosures

#### PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

#### INFORMATION:

- Rob Novak was selected as the Volunteer Manager of the Year by DOVIA for his outstanding work with volunteers at Larimer County!! Great job, Rob and very deserving.
- Meegan is on maternity leave through July. April 22, 2009 is the baby's birthday. Baby stats to come.
- The Parks Board approved the attached staff recommendation for the Hayden Subdivision at Drake in the Big Thompson Canyon.
- Funding for the County Forester and Pine Beetle. With pine beetle issues at the forefront of forest management and media attention, we approached the County Commissioners on April 14th to discuss forest management. As a result they approved full funding for the county forester to address these issues in 2009.
- Steve Johnson and Tom Donnelly toured Red Mountain Open Space and the Mountains to Plains Project on April 7, 2009.
- The Open Lands Visual Artist of the Year has been selected. Diane Findley from Fort Collins has been chosen as the 2009 Open Lands program Visual Artist of the Year. Dianne is a painter who is very involved with the local art community and we are very excited to be partnering with her this year on her pieces and education program. Also, thank you to all of the artists that submitted their work for consideration.
- The Colorado Coalition of Land Trust's Annual Policy Conference was held in Denver March 18th-20<sup>th</sup>. Conference highlights included updates on progress made since House Bill (HB) 1353 was implemented, including the partnership of the Division of Real Estate and Department of Revenue, the State certification process, and HB 1014 that provided funding for the Land Trust and local government certification process. Numerous sessions on open space funding, stewardship of Conservation Easement programs, becoming Land Trust Alliance accredited and numerous networking opportunities.
- Bob Ramsay, donor of land for the Ramsay-Shockey Open Space, as well as \$250,000 towards construction of our offices, passed away on 3/11/2009.
- The Education Program is up 200% this quarter as compared to this time last year regarding the number of programs offered, and the number of people attending!
- Red Mountain Open Space – Construction Timeline and Budget Update.
- The prescribed fire at Devil's Backbone has been postponed to fall due to unfavorable weather conditions.
- The County Special Event process is now online.



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- Staff is drafting a commercial use policy for open spaces that will be brought to OLAB for comment.
- Natural Resource Events for April. See website.

### PRESENTATIONS:

- Open Lands Program Small Grant Awards Presentation – Sue Burke, Executive Assistant and Larimer County Commissioners Kathy Rennels and Tom Donnelly. See attachment.

### BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

### ACTION ITEMS:

- Proposal for determining Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Spaces as Part of the Management Planning Process. See attachment.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2009 - 2011. Attachment will be emailed to you before the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Volunteer Program Strategic Plan Update
- River Bluffs Archaeological and Funding Update
- Site themes for open spaces. See attachment.
- Small Grants Program expansion proposal. See attached notes from OLAB subcommittee.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (24-6-402(4)(a) C.R.S. Purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest.

*Next regular meeting: Thursday May 28, 2009; Loveland Library, 300 N. Adams St., Loveland*

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### Attachments:

- Agenda for April 23, 2009 meeting
- Minutes of February 26, 2009 meeting; March 26 meeting cancelled due to weather.
- Sales tax report for February and March, 2009
- Draft: Level of Service and Facility Development on Open Spaces as a part of the Management Planning Process.
- Hayden Subdivision Staff Recommendation
- Open Lands Program Small Grant Awards
- Open Space Site Theme proposal.
- Meeting notes from Small Grants subcommittee
- \*\*Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2009-2011 – 4/2009. To be emailed to OLAB before 4/23/09.
- Newspaper Items

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### Handouts:

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