



LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

Thursday, January 27, 2011

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third St., Loveland

Note the location
change!!



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 Zac 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 November 10, 2010.
- Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:

- Thanks to Peter for a great holiday party!
- 2011 OLAB meeting dates
- Three Bells I and II closed 12/29 with lots of hard work from Charlie and Jeffrey, as well as a significant landowner donation. A press tour, along with staff from Fort Collins and Larimer County, is being planned in better weather.
- Certification approval from DORA's Division of Real Estate for Larimer County Natural Resources to hold conservation easements that claim state tax credits was received in December.
- Larimer County was granted up to \$120,000 by GOCO to complete a pilot project assessing youth, family and the outdoors. A "Request for Proposals" has been posted and an interview team hopes to interview potential candidates in February. The Board will have a full presentation in February or March.
- Artist of the Year Program needs 1 Board member for application reviews and a meeting in March.
- City and Town open space sales tax expenditure summaries – do you want them for 2010?
- The Poudre Runs Through It: Northern Colorado's Water Future; Thursday, February 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm; Hearing Room of the Larimer County Courthouse Office Building (first floor). Join UniverCity Connections, Colorado State University and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado in creating a shared understanding -- a better informed and engaged community -- regarding the complex topic of water in Northern Colorado.
- After nearly two years, the observation pier at Fossil Creek Regional Open Space has been reopened to visitors. The pier foundation has been redesigned and rebuilt.
- Seasonal Closure of Hermit Park went into effect Dec. 21st. Minimal push back, primarily from neighbors who like to access the park for parking during inclement weather as well as for general recreational purposes. Are allowing people to walk into the park, but not to drive- gates have been installed and are currently closed. Has been a very good thing for wildlife- elk are using the park in force and Josh has seen mountain lion tracks.
- The unseasonably warm weather allowed the maintenance crew to really attack the pine beetle trees that seemed to explode all over Hermit Park this past year.



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- The Elkhorn cabin replacement at Hermit Park is going well. A local Estes cabin building company won the bid and has been making good progress on the rebuild. The old cabin has been demoed and the new cabin should be completed by mid Jan.
- All 5 of the new single stall vault toilets have finally been installed at 5 of the cabins.
- GOCO grant submitted for the renovation of "Hermit's Hollow" (Campground #1) at Hermit Park was successful for \$200,000. It is looking like work will begin mid September of 2011. Although we will be generally following EDAW's design concept formed in the master plan (attached), we will be making some adjustments- ie. no shower house and some different road alignments. Focus will be on road improvements and a key feature of this particular campground will be catering to tent campers. Campsites will go from 29 existing sites to a max of 42- the majority of the new sites will be "walk in" tent camping. The board will be briefed once the new concepts are more concrete.
- Park Managers Chris Fleming and Mark Caughlan are working on revamping fee structures for special events, particularly weddings at Hermit and other popular venues. The process will be streamlined to make it a simpler group use reservation with a flat fee. Fees would go from approximately \$1200 for a wedding to \$500. Managers will be working with administrative staff to look at more effective ways to market these venues.
- Report from the OLAB liaison to the Parks Advisory Board - Trudy
- Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - Travis
- Natural Resource Events for February. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

PRESENTATIONS:

- Volunteer appreciation for Joe Trofka and Ted Sams, lead volunteers for the Firewood Program – Charlie G

ACTION:

- 2011 Small Grants for Community Partnering Recommendations - Sue

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Larimer County Natural Resources Recreation Map project overview – Jeffrey Boring
- Red Mountain Open Space hunting report and update – Travis Rollins
- Larimer County Natural Resources Master Plan, continued discussion

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2009 - 2011.
- Revenue summaries for 2010 open space operations

BOARD COMMENT: Items not on the agenda

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Items not on the agenda

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



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Attachments:

- Agenda for January 27, 2011 meeting
- Minutes of November 10, 2010 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior months
- 2011 OLAB meeting dates
- HPOS Campground design
- Firewood Program stats
- Master Plan DRAFT purpose, products, timeline
- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2010 – 2012
- Open space operations revenue statistics
- Small grants committee recommendations
- Newspaper Items

Handouts:

- November 10 Trust for Public Land powerpoint presentation
- Red Mountain OS Hunting Report

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- Updated OLAB contact list

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