



LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

Thursday, September 22, 2011

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E. Third 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 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 June 23, 2011.
- Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

OLAB ANNUAL PHOTO - smile!

INFORMATION:

- Zach Cook is the new Ranger II on our open spaces after competing with 45 others for the position, congrats to Zach!
- Larimer County Board Reception – you are invited! Hosted by the county Commissioners on 9/26 4:30-6pm at the Courthouse Offices Hearing Room. RSVP by 9/21 to dtokarz@larimer.org
- Larimer County, City of Fort Collins and the Nature Conservancy submitted a letter with comments regarding the Windy Hollow wind project proposal in Wyoming just northwest of Red Mountain Open Space. See attachment.
- Meegan had a baby girl! Congrats to Meegan and her family!!
- Ag lease process received 16 applications and 6 interviews were conducted for the 3 properties being leased. Nancy & Steve from OLAB, George Reed from AAB, and Jeffrey, Travis, Charlie and Dan from staff made up the review panel.
- Regional Open Space Boards meeting – proposed for November 9th, discuss desired topics
- Zac will be participating in the Telementor Program with a Fort Collins student doing wildlife research at Sylvan Dale Ranch.
- The Plug In To Nature public survey for parents launched August 19th. Anyone can go to www.larimer.org/plugintonature to take the survey.
- The Northern Colorado Birding Fair will take place on September 24th. There are several fun-filled birding trips, including one to our new 3 Bell Conservation Easement.
- Colorado Open Space Alliance Conference highlights from those who attended.
- 10 applications were submitted for the Small Grants for Community Partnering program
- The eagle nest at 3 Bell which blew out of the tree this summer has been replaced with the help of PV REA and raptor biologist Jerry Craig.
- A Conservation Excellence grant for completion of the Regional Study and Master Plan was submitted on 8/10 to Great Outdoors Colorado. Letters of commitment were received from all cities and towns in the County. Thanks to Zac & Meegan for their help!



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- Staff attended a community meeting hosted by GOCO for their River Corridor Initiative. The cycle will have \$18 million, and concept papers are being requested.
- Natural Resources submitted a GOCO grant on behalf of the Thompson School District for Big Topson Elementary School of Nature and Science Playscape and Community Recreation Project
- Board and staff appreciation picnic drew 95 people, but only 10 Board members.
- Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - See handout
- 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
- Natural Resource Events for October. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Report on 2010 Small Grants for Community Partnering – brief slide show
- River Bluffs Open Space Playscape Draft Plan Review - Rob
- Update on Plug in to Nature Project – Rob

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2010 – 2012 – **no changes**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Items not on the agenda

PRESENTATION:

- Jail Sales Tax Extension - Commissioner Tom Donnelly

BOARD COMMENT: 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.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2011; Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E 3rd St., Loveland

Attachments:

- Agenda for September 22, 2011 meeting
- Minutes of June 23, 2011 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior months
- Windy Hollow Wind Energy project letter
- River Bluffs OS DRAFT Playscape Plan
- Newspaper Items

Handouts:

- ** Send to OLAB, BOCC and staff only
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