



LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

Thursday, January 26, 2012

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 from November 9, 2011
- Review Agenda and enclosures

PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on the agenda.

INFORMATION:

- RSVP's for Larimer County Suite at The Ranch for the Eagles vs Idaho Hockey Game on 2/15/2012. The suite will accommodate a maximum of 16 people, so get your RSVP in early to reserve a spot!
- 2011 Raptor Report – Jeffrey Boring, Resource Specialist
- Prioritization exercise process - slide show and/or field trip
- Response to public comment from October meeting - attached
- Association for Responsible Development (ARD) panel in Estes Park – Kerri, EVLT and the City of Boulder Open Space assisted on a panel as the group considers an open space tax
- Artist of the Year reception was 1/13 and Jim Digby's piece is displayed on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse. Need one volunteer for Artist of the Year subcommittee - commitment is a few hours total in Feb at a meeting to review applications and select an artist for 2012.
- Hermit Park OS updates:
 - All of the construction is completed for the Hermit's Hollow campground renovation project. The only component left is the vault toilets, which should be installed by the spring. The campground turned out amazing! We are very proud of this project and would love to show it off- please advise if you would like a tour!
 - Hermit Park Open Space is closed Dec. 20th until March 1st.
 - With all of the snow, we have been able to burn a lot of the slash that was piled up from the forestry project 50+ piles and counting.
 - Already have our volunteer camphosts committed for the 2012 season.
 - Field Manager pilot program was a success and we will be operating the 2012 season with a full implementation of this program to test it's feasibility for the entire department.
 - We will be investigating what it will take, financially as well as labor wise, to manufacture our own bear proof boxes for the campgrounds. Staff is looking at what all is out there and has been talking with RMNP on what success they have had with the system they are using.
 - Will have final revenue numbers and a full report from Hermit Park OS in March
- Heron Lakes Phase I closed 12/28 with all partners attending – yeah!
- Friends of Colorado's Outdoors and lottery funding
- Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - See handout



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- 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 February. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Annual Reports from Cities and Towns – Windsor, Fort Collins, Johnstown
- WAPA Power Line upgrade through Chimney Hollow Open Space – Charlie/Meegan
- Major program goals for 2012 – handout
 - Update on Regional Study process
 - Update on Poudre River Trail concept paper and grant

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2011 – 2013 (no new requests, reflects November changes)

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.

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2012; Loveland Council Chambers, 500 E 3rd St., Loveland

Attachments:

- Agenda for January 26, 2012 meeting
- Minutes of November 9, 2011 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior months
- Newspaper Items
- Response to citizen comments from Oct 2011 meeting
- City of Fort Collins Natural Resource Advisory Board Cache la Poudre River Initiative
- WAPA Power line in Blue Mountain Area, DNR comments
- ***Initial Review for potential real estate transaction

Handouts:

- 2011 Raptor Report
 - 2012 Program Goals
- ** Send to OLAB, BOCC and staff only
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