



## LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

### A G E N D A

Thursday, October 25, 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 Meg at 970-679-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

### REGULAR MEETING

- Approval of the meeting minutes for September 27, 2012
- Review Agenda and enclosures

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

### INFORMATION:

- Interpretive signs for the Stone Circle Trail are here and will be installed in March. This completes implementation of the Red Mountain Open Space Education Plan.
- Annual holiday party date and location??
- The Northern Colorado Birding Fair attracted nearly 600 people. Another great day with our partners and citizens!
- The Small Grants for Community Partnering subcommittee has completed all necessary site visits. There are 15 eligible applicants requesting a total of \$26,000.
- Hermit Park equestrian campground is nearly complete – show photos
- The Weed District received a \$50,000 grant from the State Emergency Services and will use it to provide free weed management on private lands within the High Park Fire burn area this fall and spring 2013. Landowners can call the Weed District to schedule a free site visit.
- The County Forestry Program is partnering with the City of Ft. Collins to provide a site at the County Landfill for drop off of walnut trees infected with Thousand canker disease – these trees will then be picked up by private companies who treat the wood and then use it for marketable products.
- Implementation of the GOCO Youth Corps grant to remove Siberian elm trees at River Bluffs Open Space is complete. Next steps for 2013 will include additional elm removal as well as potential planting of willow and other native replacement trees in the riparian corridor.
- Bank restoration and plantings at Lion's Open Space are nearly complete. Watering of planted shrubs on both sides of the Poudre River will take place into the future to ensure success – come by and take a look at this vastly improved riparian corridor!
- Trails staff hosted other department staff, City of Fort Collins and Overland Bike Club walk thru of Sawmill Trail - approximately 25 attendees braved the cold to hike the new route! The trail crew has also completed a short re-route around an unsustainable section of Nomad Trail.
- Presentation of the Colorado Lottery Starburst Award for the Plug in to Nature study will be to the County Commissioners during Admin Matters on the morning of October 30.
- The Natural Resources Department submitted a letter requesting funds be dedicated by Excel to build a concrete trail along the west side of Long View Farm Open Space, as mitigation for the new gas line proposed near Shields/Taft. The gas line is not proposed to cross Long View Farm.



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- The Department also submitted a letter to WAPA requesting a trail easement along any new utility easements secured for the Estes-to Flatiron Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The Department also made numerous recommendations to minimize impacts to scenic and natural resources along the utility corridor.
- City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program is celebrating their 20-year anniversary this year – congrats! You are invited to join them on November 15, 5:30-7:30 at the Lincoln Center. See enclosed invitation.
- Report from the Open Lands Operations Manager - See enclosure
- 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 November. See website <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>

### PRESENTATIONS:

- Big Thompson Elementary Playscape Project Presentation – Sarah Walgast, Principal and parents

### ACTION:

- Board Elections – Chair, Vice Chair (Peter and Nancy are open to being retained)
- Blue Mountain Bison Ranch, Final Review of termination of Right of First Negotiation

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Our Lands Our Future Regional Study update – what to expect at November 14 meeting
- Conservation tax credit audit implications

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Update: Natural Resources Capital Development and Acquisition Summary 2011 – 2013 – **no updates**  
**Lori hopes to have cash flow completed and presented by end of year or early next.**

### 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.

- **There will be an Executive Session**

***Next regular meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2012; Carter Lake Room, Larimer County Courthouse Offices, 200 W Oak Street, Fort Collins***

### Attachments:

- Agenda for October 25, 2012 meeting
- Minutes of September 27, 2012 meeting
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Newspaper Items
- BMBR Final Review 1<sup>st</sup> Right of Refusal
- Open Lands Operations Report
- FC Natural Area 20 anniversary invite

### Handouts:

- \*\* Send to OLAB, BOCC and staff only
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