



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2014
7:30-8:00 PM

Larimer County Courthouse • Carter Lake room • 200 West Oak St., Ft. Collins, CO

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.

Members Present	
Carl Sorrentino	At-large
Ladonna Lee	At-large
Peter Kast	At-large
Suzan Fritchel	At-large
Trudy Haines	At-large
Gerry Horak	City of Fort Collins
Hugh McKean	City of Loveland
Nancy Wallace	Planning Commission
Paul Alaback	Town of Berthoud
Members Absent	
Mary Banken	At-large
Steve Vessey	At-Large
Ward Nelson	Town of Estes Park

Staff Present
Gary Buffington, Natural Resources Director
Kerri Rollins, Open Lands Program Manager
Charlie Johnson, Senior Land Agent
Alex Castino, Land Agent
Meegan Flenniken, Resource Program Manager
Sandy Werkmeister, Department Specialist
Travis Rollins, Open Space Operations Manager
Zac Wiebe, Fund Dev & Spec Proj Specialist
Jeffrey Boring, Resource Specialist

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3) AGENDA REVIEW
- 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: September 25, 2014
Carl motioned to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 5) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resources holiday party will be held on December 11 at Trudy’s house, 6pm. Mark your calendars. Invites will be going out in the next couple weeks.
 - b. Foothills Plant Guides have been printed and distribution will begin soon.
 - c. Report on regional trails media tour with Loveland and Fort Collins on 10/24
 - d. Report on the Commissioners Annual Boards & Commissions reception (held October 27 at The Ranch Bar & Grill at the Budweiser Event Center.)
 - e. Report from the Open Space Operations Manager
- 6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES
 - a. [Open Lands Master Plan DRAFT](#)
Kerri is hoping to adopt the master plan in January. The board thought this was possible, dependant on what the public has to say. Public comment closes on November 21. The agricultural interests have provided significant feedback.

- b. Acquisition and Development cash flow spreadsheet review – Lori will bring an update to the Board in early 2015

7) ACTION ITEMS

- a. Final Review Keyhole Parcel. Charlie said we are acquiring the property as a buffer to Devil’s Backbone Open Space. It will eliminate a building site visible from the keyhole (bottom right.) There is a raven nest & other raptor nest nearby. It protects the investment that we made on the east side of the backbone for a view to the west. It also provides emergency access into the keyhole area. There is limited access – via existing easements – not public access. Carl asked if it is worth the money asked. Charlie felt it should command the highest value of that neighborhood. The contract price agreed upon is \$270,000. The landowner received an offer for \$325,000 but came to us because he doesn’t really want anything built there.

Carl moved that we recommend this purchase to the Commissioners. Trudy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.