



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: January 22, 2015

TIME: 5:00- 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Civic Center Municipal Bldg • Council Chambers • 500 E 3rd St., Loveland CO

Please call 970-619-4592 if you are unable to attend a meeting. Votes require a quorum. Thanks!

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3) AGENDA REVIEW
- 4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
- 5) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRESENTATION
 - a. Foothills Plant Guide – Heather ~15 minutes
- 6) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Poudre River Forum second annual conference is January 31 at The Ranch. The forum is intended to provide insight to new approaches in managing the river that will improve the environment and delivery of water for agriculture and other human uses. Register online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-poudre-river-forum-tickets-14049110267>
 - b. The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization awarded Larimer County, Loveland and Fort Collins a \$450,000 Transportation Alternatives Program grant to complete the Front Range Trail, Loveland to Fort Collins segment. A Colorado State trails grant has also been submitted for this effort.
 - c. Larimer County's, Loveland's and City of Fort Collins GOCO Concept Paper for the Long View Corridor trail was approved and we've been asked to submit a full application due March 4. A Colorado Department of Transportation grant was also submitted for this effort.
 - d. Construction of the Poudre River Trail, Harmony to Timanth segment was advertised on Friday, January 9. The project will be awarded in late January and built this spring.
 - e. The 7-acre Devil's Backbone Keyhole property closed December 3, 2014 – yeah! The parcel has already been incorporated in to the updated management plan.
 - f. State of the Resource Report (attached) for 2014 is also available on our website
 - g. Kerri and Hugh were part of an interview panel for the next Loveland Parks & Rec Director. There were 7 candidates and Elizabeth Anderson will start on February 17. Anderson is currently the Operations Manager for the Parks and Recreation department in Sacramento, Calif.
 - h. The Devils' Backbone and Blue Sky Trail ended 2014 with over 106,000 visitors – amazing! See the full report attached.
 - i. A subcommittee member for the Artist of the Yea Program is needed from OLAB. This person will review and evaluate artist applications as well as attend a committee meeting to discuss the applications in March.
 - j. The Red Feather Lakes Library is seeking Larimer County sponsorship for a GOCO mini-grant request to redevelop the parking area into a nature-based community use area.



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- k. The Big Thompson Conservation and Recreation Plan is underway and the first public meeting is planned for February 11 in Loveland. This is a partnership endeavor with City of Loveland and GOCO.
 - l. Rob Novak, Community Relations Specialist has left the County to be the Director of Communications for CSU's Natural Resources Department. Rob contributed so many things to our Department is impossible to list them all but Plug in to Nature, all social media, and products and communications around the tax extension are a few big ones. There are 57 applicants for his position.
 - m. Report from the Open Space Operations Managers
 - n. Sales Tax Report from prior month
 - o. Acquisition and Development Spreadsheet – FYI for those who missed November meeting.
- 7) DISCUSSION & UPDATES
- a. Department of Natural Resources re-organization – Gary
 - b. Open Lands Master Plan update, [final draft link](#) - Zac and Alex
- 8) PRESENTATIONS and ACTION ITEMS
- a. Devil's Backbone Management Plan update, Attached – Jeffrey
 - b. Final review – Green partnership
- 9) EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a) for discussion of the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property interest,
- 10) ADJOURN

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Open Space Operations Report + DBBOS visitor count
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Acquisition & Development spreadsheet (from Nov mtg)
- Final Review – Green partnership
- Green partnership maps

Attached Separately:

- News articles
- Open Lands Master Plan presentation
- Devil's Backbone (DBOS) management plan presentation
- DBOS management plan final draft