



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: February 26, 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) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. OLAB 2015 Meeting dates & locations.
 - b. On Feb 12, we had our first public meeting for the Big Thompson Conservation and Recreation assessment.
 - c. Heather and Kerri assisted with a tour of the Playscape project at Big Thompson Elementary for GOCO and a member of the National Children and Nature Network.
 - d. The County Manager approved the new Devil's Backbone Management Plan. The Plan was also recommended for approval by Fort Collins' Land Conservation and Stewardship Board and is awaiting signature by the Fort Collins City Manager.
 - e. The Poudre River Forum was a success, with more than 200 people in attendance and a variety of perspectives on the future of water in Colorado were expressed. Hopefully cooperative projects can be developed, that benefit agriculture and the environment.
 - f. Heather led guided hike for CSU International Natural Resources students.
 - g. Recruiting volunteers for the [11th Annual Fishing Expo](#)--March 7 & 8 at the 1st National Bank Building at The Ranch.
 - h. The Poudre River Trail segment from the Gateway Trailhead in Timnath was awarded to NORAA Concrete Construction out of Brighton.
 - i. Campground host recruitment for 2015 almost complete.
 - j. Pam & Ranger Cook working with Fort Collins on the 2015 Volunteer Ranger Assistant training.
 - k. Starting plans for Get Outdoors Day--Saturday, June 13 this year.
 - l. The partnership to further the genetics of Yellowstone bison, the last large reservoir of genetically pure bison, by grazing bison on portions of Red Mountain Open Space and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and then propagating calves with pure bison genes to be placed in conservation herds around the U.S. is moving forward. The County Manager has signed the IGA between Larimer County, Fort Collins, CSU and the USDA and the project is already receiving significant press regionally and statewide!
 - m. Report from the Open Space Operations Managers
 - n. Sales Tax Report from prior month



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6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES

- a. End-of-Year presentation for Outreach, Education & Volunteer Programs
- b. [Big Thompson River Recreation & Conservation Assessment](#) update of public meeting feedback from 2/12 meeting – Zac
- c. Open Lands Master Plan Executive Summary

7) ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a. [Open Lands Master Plan](#) adoption
- b. Small Grants project review and subcommittee recommendations
- c. [Red Feather Lakes Library](#) Community Play Area partnership request for \$4,500
- d. Final Review – Meininger Trail Easement acquisition (Poudre River trail)
- e. Final Review – Grant Access Easement acquisition (Lions Park Open Space)

8) 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,

9) ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Open Space Operations Report(s)
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Small Grants for Community Partnering, committee recommendations
- Final Review – Meininger Trail Easement
- Final Review – Grant Access Easement

Attached Separately:

1. OLAB 2015 Meeting Dates & Locations
2. OEV Year 2014 in Review (2.5 mb)
3. Big T Assessment update (8.6 mb)
4. Open Lands Master Plan Executive Summary (2.8 mb)
5. News articles

Available on website:

- [Open Lands Master Plan - full report](#)