



OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (OLAB)

AGENDA

DATE: September 24, 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

- a. Teddy Parker-Renga, Community Relations Specialist

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

3) AGENDA REVIEW

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – July 23, 2015 -- **pg 3**

5) INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Donations to the Friends of Larimer County Parks and Open Lands can now be made whenever a Larimer County camping reservation is being processed at larimercamping.com or reserveamerica.com.
The money collected will be given directly to "Friends" to help with specific needs of our parks and open spaces. So please pass the word of this great opportunity to donate to such a worthy cause.
- b. Bison Welcome Home ceremony will be Sunday, November 1, with events during the day. You will need to RSVP if you wish to attend the bus tour portion of the day. You may do so at naturetracker.fcgov.com, or contact Meegan Flenniken at mflenniken@larimer.org. See invitation for details -- **pg 5**
- i. The full brochure about the Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd -- **attached separately**
- c. The annual Regional Open Space Boards meeting will be 11/18 in Loveland this year. RSVP's are due to Sandy by 11/9 -- **pg 6**
- d. Visitor Services Manager position interviews were 9/17. This position oversees our District Managers, including Chris and Travis.
- e. Many staff and Dave Marvin from OLAB attended the annual COSA conference in Snowmass 9/14-16. There were almost 250 in attendance.
- f. Nature's Harvest Fest was 9/12 at Gardens on Spring Creek. It is the first year of this combined event of the Birding Fair and the Harvest Festival. Over 1,200 people attended.
- g. The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) selected Larimer County's "Our Open Space Story" video as the national NATOA award. Over 300 cities and counties from around the country submitted to this competition. The video was the hand drawn sketch by Karina Mullen, videoed by Cable 14, and scripted by former employee Rob Novak.
- h. The Colorado Water Conservation Board met on 9/17 to award grants. Our grant request of \$178,500 in the Alternative Transfer Mechanism cycle for piloting innovative ways to conserve water on working farms was funded – yeah!
- i. A GOCO open space grant was submitted. A final decision will be made December 10.
- j. Our Volunteer Program (thanks to Pam Mayhew) received almost \$3,000 from Comcast as part of Comcast Cares day. In addition they participated in some volunteer trail building and a kids hike!
- k. The Big Thompson Recreation and Conservation Assessment was adopted by the Planning Commission on 9/16.
- l. You received a link to a public resiliency survey that will assist the county in a variety of planning efforts surrounding emergency services and hazard mitigation. If you haven't taken it yet, click below:
<http://www.larimerhmp2016.com/home/surveys/>
- m. River's Edge Natural Area Grand ReOpening /Schedule of Events -- **pg 7**
- n. Open Space Operations District Reports -- **pgs 8-9**

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- o. Sales Tax Report from prior month -- *pgs 10-11*
- 6) DISCUSSION & UPDATES
 - a. Communications planning - Teddy
 - b. 20th anniversary of the county's Open Lands Program and Help Preserve Open Spaces tax dollars is in 2016 - Teddy
 - c. Open Lands Board By-Laws, revisited – Sandy -- *attached separately*
- 7) ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Open Lands Advisory Board By-laws update and adoption -- *attached separately*
 - b. Seven Spruces CE Final Review -- *pgs 12-15*
- 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,
There will be an Executive Session
- 9) ADJOURN

Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Minutes of last meeting
- Regional Board Meeting *invitation*
- BISON WELCOME HOME *invitation*
- Rivers Edge Grand ReOpening *invitation*
- Open Space Operations District Reports
- Sales tax report for prior month
- Seven Spruces Final Review
- Acquisition & Development financial summary sheet

Attached Separately:

- 1. Bylaws revisions and draft for adoption 09.24.15
- 2. Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd brochure
- 3. News articles