

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

MINUTES

Date: March 28, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

Contact: Please contact Emmy at ellisoea@co.larimer.co.us or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

Members		Staff		Guests
Carl Sorrentino	x	Daylan Figgs	x	
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	
Gerry Horak	x	Ken Brink	x	
Jason Brothers	x	Charlie Johnson	x	
Paul Alaback		Justin Core	x	
K-Lynn Cameron	x	Chris Fleming	x	
Marilyn Hilgenberg	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	Lori Smith	x	
Peter Kelly	x	Emmy Ellison (minutes)	x	
Sherri Valentine	x	*Thomas Donnelly		
Suzan Fritchel	x			
Ken Zornes	x			

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:06 p.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
 - a. Strike 8b and 8c from printed agenda
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- a. Sherri motions to approve last meeting minutes, Suzan seconds, motion passed unanimously.
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
 - c. Hermit Park and Red Mountain Open Space have both opened to the public for the 2019 season, though inclement weather has temporarily closed trails in both areas.
 - d. Work continues on the River Bluffs Restoration project – check out our video update here: <https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/parks/river-bluffs>
 - i. Site visit planned for board members in April
6. UPDATES & REPORTS
- a. Open Space District Reports – Steve/Chris
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
- a. Budget development (timeline & process) – Daylan
 - i. Review budget process (board discussion)
 - 1. March – Create and distribute operational budget worksheets to managers (staff discussion)
 - ii. Review prior financials and future trends (board)
 - 1. Mid-April – Formal budget meetings with Director
 - 2. Mid-May – Create summary of budget requests, Director approves/declines (staff)
 - iii. CIP adjustment and funding review (board)
 - 1. Review and update 5-year CIP (staff)
 - iv. Projections and strategies reviewed (board)
 - 1. Update salary splits, cost allocations, central service changes; enter and balance budget (staff)
 - v. Long-term strategies and guidelines (board)
 - 1. Mid-August – Submit budget and transition letter (staff)
 - vi. Strategy conversations will continue beyond August. Will be discussing future trends, capital projects, CIP funding, balance between acquisitions and management.
 - vii. Jason asked if it is possible to collect historical data for rates of change for acquisition and maintenance. It was noted that LC could provide that historical data as well as provide projections.
 - viii. Dave commented that assigning monies to buckets may help impose discipline. It was noted that it is possible but money will still have to maintain some flexibility. Nancy noted that distinct goals over time will be helpful.

- ix. K-Lynn asked if a current prioritization list exists. It was noted that Daylan will consider that and that many priority projects are in the Master Plan and are long-term projects. Gerry requested a map of priority areas and how specific properties fit into those areas, November meeting focus could be on where LC is as a county. Marilyn mentioned usefulness of map of properties collectively owned by partners.
- b. Proposed tax credit changes – Daylan/Charlie
 - i. Keep it Colorado (KIC) is the newly formed non-profit replacing the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts (CCLT).
 - ii. Bill number 19-1264 will be introduced to the Rural Affairs & Agricultural Committee April 1st. The most significant proposed change is to adjust the tax credit formula to allow landowners to claim 90% of the value of any donated portion of a conservation easement. Incentive is increased conservation. Currently, tax credit certificates are issued for 75% of the first \$100k of donated value and 50% of any remaining donated value up to a max of \$1.5 million per donation.
 - iii. Sherri asked about the fiscal impact to the state. It was noted that it is unknown. She also asked if the LC legislators sponsors of the bill and if not, will BOCC encourage their support. It was noted that none of our legislators are sponsors but the Ag Committee will be reviewing it and it is believed that there will be support.
 - iv. Short discussion of appraisals, overview of conservation easement process.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Adoption of bylaws
 - i. Sherri motions to adopt the revised bylaws, Nancy seconds, motion passed unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: April 25, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

12. ADJOURN – 6:13 p.m.