

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: January 24, 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	5 members of the public
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	
Gerry Horak		Ken Brink	x	
Jason Brothers	x	Charlie Johnson	x	
Paul Alaback		Todd Blomstrom	x	
K-Lynn Cameron		Chris Fleming	x	
Marilyn Hilgenberg	x	Jennifer Almstead	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	*Thomas Donnelly	x	
Peter Kelly		Justin Core	x	
Sherri Valentine	x	Emmy Ellison (minutes)	x	
Suzan Fritchel				
Ken Zornes	x			

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introduced new Land Agent Justin Core.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Rick Brent (member of Loveland’s OLAC) discussed his interest in new LC regulations about e-bikes and his support for allowing Class 1 e-bikes. Rick had questions about how LCDNR came to the decision about the new e-bike regulation. It was noted that that both PAB and OLAB members reviewed and approved all proposed regulations after extensive LC staff review, conversations with City of Loveland and City of Fort Collins for

consistency regionally, feedback from both e-bike clubs/users and LC trail users and review by County Attorney's office. Once the Advisory Boards approved for recommendation, the BOCC approved after their own review. Daylan offered to discuss the subject with Mr. Brent before deciding whether or not to add an agenda item to a future meeting agenda. Commissioner Donnelly mentioned that Mr. Brent is welcome to address the BOCC regarding the topic at any public Administrative Matters meeting (9am every Tuesday at the LC Courthouse, 2nd floor, Fort Collins).

3. AGENDA REVIEW

- a. Adding overview of BOCC decision regarding fee increases at 6.a.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- a. Marilyn moves to approve last meeting minutes, Carl 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. The Poudre River restoration project at River Bluffs Open Space has begun and is expected to be completed in early summer – Meegan
 - i. An invitation was extended to the board members for a site visit, planning details to follow.
- d. Weed Control Enterprise rate increases were approved by BOCC – Meegan

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. BOCC decision regarding fee increases – Commissioner Donnelly
 - i. Commissioner Donnelly thanked the board for their work on this topic. 3 areas of BOCC divergence from OLAB recommendations: 1) Fees at DBB – BOCC discussion with Loveland City Council regarding their intent to contribute funding to DBB operations, 2) Senior Pass – BOCC decided to increase the price of the Senior Pass as low income seniors can qualify for new low income Bison pass, and 3) Veteran's Pass – intended for active military and veterans.
 - ii. Todd mentioned that once Daylan has settled in, LC and the City of Loveland will further discuss DBB funding options. Fee updates/increases will happen more routinely moving forward.
- b. Open Space District Reports – Steve/Chris

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Advisory Board appointments
 - i. Commissioner Donnelly gave an update on the BOCC plan for board composition that has changed due to new 2014 ballot language. Mandated seats for towns/cities no longer required. BOCC's plan is to consider turning

municipal seats into at large seats as they expire instead of having 4 new people come in cold at once. BOCC may have to take legally justifiable action by re-appointing the mandated seats for the duration of their terms only; will discuss options further with the County Attorney's Office.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Small Grants for Community Partnering (SGCP); 2019 recommendations by subcommittee to OLAB for approval – Jenn
 - i. Thank you to subcommittee members K-Lynn Cameron, Gerry Horak and Sherri Valentine!
 - ii. Administrative changes for 2018: an increased award size of \$3k from \$2k, any applicants who received awards 3 years in a row are required to take one year off, updated budget worksheet. Administrative changes for 2019: new online application form, applications limited to 1 per organization, project material delivery up to 5% of total request allowed. Top reason for not applying in 2019 based on survey results was that the August deadline was too early. Will have a September deadline next cycle to promote increased applications.
 - iii. 12 total grant applications, 5 new, total amount requested is \$32,025 and recommended funding is \$20,783 for 8 projects.
 - iv. Recommended projects and funding levels are:
 1. Colorado Native Plant Society – *Native Plant Restoration at River's Edge Natural Area* – Requested \$3,000, Recommended \$3,000
 - a. Kathy Maher of the Colorado Native Plant Society (CNPS) gave a summary of the organization and the project it submitted to SGCP. Curt Cole (of CNPS) expressed support for the project.
 2. Colorado Youth Outdoors – *CYO Outdoor Education and Team Building Trail* – Requested \$3,000, Recommended \$3,000
 3. The Growing Project – *TGP Community Garden at FoCo Café* – Requested \$3,000, Recommended \$3,000
 4. Ivy Stockwell PTO – *Ivy Stockwell Outdoor Classroom, Phase IV, Meadow Installation* – Requested \$2,024, Recommended \$2,024
 5. Oakridge 7 Homeowner's Association – *Oakridge Ash-Shadow Tree Planting Party w/ Xeric Education* – Requested \$2,987.24, Recommended \$2,987.24
 6. Raisin' Roots Farm – *Extension of Growing Season for Provision of Fresh Produce in Larimer County* – Requested \$2,996.17, Recommended \$2,996.17
 7. Rocky Mountain Raptor Program – *Educational Outreach* – Requested \$3,000, Recommended \$1,500
 8. Sproutin' Up Corporation – *Sproutin' Up Farm Expansion* – Requested \$2,275, Recommended \$2,275
 - v. The following organizations applied but were not selected this grant cycle:
 1. Bird Conservancy of the Rockies – *Larimer County Bluebird Project*
 2. Estes Land Stewardship Association – *2019 Estes Valley Weed Booklet*

3. Gaia's Farm and Gardens – *Woodland Walk*
4. Overland Mountain Bike Club – *Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol*
- vi. 2019 SGCP Public Relations Plan includes grant announcements, a formal press release and a social media campaign.
- vii. Sherri motions to recommend funding the 2019 projects as presented with a total of \$20,782.41, Nancy seconds, motion passed unanimously.
- viii. Todd noted that if the board wants to increase the funding limit for the program, it should be recommended to Daylan for the 2020 budget by June or July 2019.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: February 28, 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. Nancy motions to enter executive session, Jason seconds, motion passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURN – 7:01 p.m.