

LARIMER COUNTY PARKS 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: August 6, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Natural Resources Administrative Offices (AO), 1800 S. County Road 31, Loveland, CO 80537

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend.

Members		Staff		Guests	
Brian Rasch		Ken Brink	x		
Daniela Lawler	x	Daylan Figgs			
Deborah Shulman		Dan Rieves	x		
Kathy Maher	x	Mark Caughlan	x		
Michael Robinson		Meegan Flenniken	x		
Robert Harris	x	Lori Smith	x		
Russell Fruits	x	*Stephen Johnson			
Ruthie Rollins	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x		
Steve Ambrose	x				

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:32 p.m.
 - a. Welcomed new board member Daniela Lawler.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW
 - a. Adding land acquisition opportunities and approach presentation at 7c.
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Rob moves to approve last meeting minutes, Daniela 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 Parks Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Parks Advisory Board' box.
- c. Applications are now open for the 2020 cycle of the Small Grants for Community Partnering program. Individual grant awards are available up to \$3,000 per project. Grant applications are due no later than Friday, September 13th, by 5 p.m. through an online form, with awards announced by March 2019. If you know of an individual, organization, homeowners association or other group with a project that connects people to the land, please direct them to www.larimer.org/small-grants, or have them contact Jennifer Almstead at jalmstead@larimer.org.

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates – Dan/Mark
 - i. Mark – Overview of HT Reservoir operations for new board member. 10k people visited HT Reservoir on 4th of July. High influx of paddle boards especially at Satanka, still working through concessionaire issue at Satanka Cove. Discussion of parking lot management and use of staff time. Water levels have been anomaly this year, erosion of shoreline at Sunrise, spending a lot of time on maintenance projects. Late night activity at Rotary continues to be a challenge.
 - ii. Dan – Overview of Carter Lake operations. Discussion of high water levels and maintenance challenges. Had a great summer and great staff, still looking to fill open ranger positions.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Proposed Carter Lake Sail Club fees – Dan
 - i. Dan proposed implementing a standard annual increase of 4% in 2020 based off inflation rate and "other revenue" projections provided by Harvey Economics. Discussion about taking an incremental approach to raising fees, differences between Sail Club and Marina. Board agreement for Dan to write draft proposal to take to BOCC.
- b. 25-year budget projections presentation – Lori
 - i. Purpose
 - ii. Base Assumptions
 - iii. 'Old' Sales Tax 1996-2018 (\$91.5 million – 71% was spent Acquiring Interest, Protecting and Improving Open Space, Natural Areas, and Wildlife Habitat and Trails; 24.7% was spent on the Cost of Operating, Maintaining and Administering of Open Spaces; 2.6% was spent on Improving Existing Regional Parks including Carter, Horsetooth, Flatiron and Pinewood; 1.7% was spent on the Cost of Operating, Maintaining and Administering of Regional Parks)
 - iv. 2018 Ending Fund Balances
 - v. Operating Fund

- vi. Capital Projects
- vii. Capital Funding Targets (\$80 million – 30% Partnerships, 29% Lottery, 27% Parks, 14% Sales Tax)
- viii. Management and Maintenance
 - ix. 'New' Sales Tax Ballot Language/Constraints
 - x. 'New' Sales Tax Allocation Targets (Anticipated to generate \$370 million – 48.9% Management, Maintenance and Administration of Open Spaces, Natural Areas, Wildlife Habitats, and Trails; 35.3% Acquiring Interest and Protecting Open Space, Natural Areas, Wildlife Habitat, Parks and Trails, and Restoring and Enhancing Native Plant and Animal Communities and Other Habitat Related Restoration; 12.7% Improvement of Open Spaces, Natural Areas, Wildlife Habitats and Trails; 3.1% Improvement of Carter Lake, Horsetooth Reservoir, Flatiron Reservoir and Pinewood Reservoir)
 - xi. Sales Tax Allocations
 - xii. Levels of Service Acres per Capita
 - xiii. Public Access Anticipated on 4-6 future sites, assumption is to charge user fees given long-term management costs to provide public access.
 - xiv. Summary
 - xv. Discussion on Parks vs. OS properties and management of rural vs. urban properties.
- c. Land acquisition opportunities and approach presentation – Meegan
 - i. Urgency and Fundamental Shift in Approach to Land Acquisitions
 - ii. Map of LCDNR Open Spaces, Parks, and Priority Areas
 - iii. Acquisition Opportunities Analysis and Approach
 - iv. Acquisition Opportunities Summary

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE (no staff attending)

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ken Brink

- a. Thanks to Dan, Mark, and Jenn for putting together FLAP grant application, requested \$7 million for road and paving improvements and expansion at HT Reservoir and Carter Lake, LC matching funds up to \$3 million. Recently found out we are shortlisted, more updates to come. In the process of hiring rangers, 2 rangers are starting Academy on Aug. 12th. Partnering with the Sherriff's Department to perform a couple of impaired driving enforcement shifts per month, funded by state grant. Horsetooth enforcement plan being formulated. Rescue training is ongoing. Waste water study is 2/3 complete, engineers will attend PAB in next 2 months to give update. Thank you to all the field staff for their hard work during busy season while being short-staffed.

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12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 9/3/2019 at Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC), 4200 W. County Road 38E, Fort Collins, CO 80526
13. 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.
14. ADJOURN – 7:47 p.m.

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