

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: March 12, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC), 4200 W. County Road 38E, Fort Collins, CO 80526

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

Members		Staff		Guests
Brian Rasch	x	Ken Brink	x	James Bishop (BOR)
Chris Klaas	x	Daylan Figgs	x	Pamela Johnson
Deborah Shulman	x	Dan Rieves	x	
Kathy Maher	x	Mark Caughlan	x	
Mark De Gregorio	x	*Stephen Johnson	x	
Michael Robinson	x	Jeanette Aldridge (minutes)	x	
Robert Harris	x			
Russell Fruits	x			
Stephanie Hansen				
Ruthie Rollins	x			
Steve Ambrose				

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:34 p.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Deborah motions to approve last meeting minutes, Michael 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. Trail runner who killed attacking mountain lion spoke at press conference on Feb. 14th.
- d. Reception held on Feb. 21st to honor Visual Artist of the Year, Amelia Furman, where she discussed her mixed-media painting "Wild Bones."
- e. Hermit Park had a limited reopening on Friday, March 1st with a handful of walk-in tent sites available.

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates and reports – Dan/Mark
- b. DBB fee update – Daylan
 - i. Daylan met with City of Loveland staff for discussion of DBB management, hope to have plan by end of year, may request funding from Loveland City Council or Open Lands Advisory Council per discussions with Loveland staff. About 30% of visitors are from outside Larimer County, regional attraction, many coming from Weld and Boulder counties. Will keep PAB up to date. Forthcoming news article featuring maintenance issues at DBB may help educate the public about ongoing management problems. Becoming a regional issue, co-managing site with partners will be valuable.
- c. E-bike discussion/update – Ken
 - i. Regulation making process started in May/June of 2018, in-depth process, State statutes allow LC to make rules in outdoor recreation areas, unanimous votes across boards in favor. Some controversy exists, group requesting further consideration on e-bike decision. Working with partners on these decisions for consistency, looking at regional areas for their management policies and studies. Dynamic and complicated topic, partners have changed some decisions since first implemented, different trails may warrant different regulations. Can be great option for first responders.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Kathy relayed request from Native Plant Society to not mow particular embankment at Pinewood Reservoir until fall due to attractive plant species at that location. It was noted that Kathy would show Dan the exact spot.

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE (James Bishop)

- a. BOR received \$200k grant from DOI for boat inspection stations, LC will match \$50k. LC will be sending design invite to BOR and Northern soon. HT fill level update using projections from Northern's Annual Operating Plan, HT will likely not be as high this

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summer, Carter should be full. James outlined BOR/Northern protocol for water storage and quotas. Fluid and complicated situation, constant communication with BOR regarding water levels.

- b. BOR is finalizing schedule for open houses/public meetings for discussion of Sail and Saddle Club lands, first one is April 16 at Old Town Library from 5-7pm, next will be in Loveland at later date. Request for BOR to provide copy of finalized contract to LC. BOR responsible for advertisement/notification options for those meetings, LC will participate and be present. Request from board to be included in the notifications.
- c. 3D map of entire Colorado Big Thompson water project being funded by another party, will have onsite visit prior to finalizing the mapping.
- d. Second board tour option will likely be in May, three hours.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Daylan Figgs

- a. Daylan's introduction, Q & A following

12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 4/9/2019 at Natural Resources Administrative Offices (AO), 1800 S. County Road 31, Loveland, CO 80537

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 – 7:18 p.m.

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