

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: May 14, 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	2 guests
Chris Klaas	x	Daylan Figgs	x	James Bishop (BOR)
Deborah Shulman	x	Dan Rieves	x	
Kathy Maher	x	Mark Caughlan	x	
Mark De Gregorio	x	*Stephen Johnson	x	
Michael Robinson	x	Emmy Ellison (minutes)	x	
Robert Harris	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Russell Fruits		Lori Smith	x	
Stephanie Hansen	x	Teddy Parker-Renga	x	
Ruthie Rollins				
Steve Ambrose				

x = present

***commissioner**

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:30 p.m.
 - a. Introduced Sidney Michl taking over for Emmy Ellison as new Department Specialist.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Chris moves to approve last meeting minutes, Deborah 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. Boat ramp hours at HT Reservoir and Carter Lake were extended starting May 1st and all ramps will be open: HT Reservoir (South Bay, Inlet Bay, Satanka) and Carter Lake (North ramp, South Shore ramp, North Pines ramp) are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days per week. Night fishing is now available using new gate systems at South Bay at HT Reservoir and North Pines at Carter Lake.
- d. Reminder of venue change to HAIC for next month's meeting – Daylan

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates – Dan/Mark
- b. Update on Vehicle Counter equipment – Ken
 - i. Data was downloaded for entirety of the year in primary parking lots throughout HT and Red Mountain. Diamond representative came out to audit counting system, made \$40-50k investment in equipment.
- c. Transition to quarterly Department reports – Daylan
- d. Update on Capital Program Manager position – Daylan
 - i. Looking to fulfill a permanent position to work on capital projects within Parks and Open Lands, will be publicly advertised in next two weeks.
- e. 2018 Annual Report – Teddy
 - i. Infographics intended to be streamlined and user-friendly, brochure format is important archival tool for DNR. Special mentions of ANS program, summary of finances, Visitor Use Study. Clarification that volunteer count illustrates 173 "active" volunteers throughout system. Most commonly asked question about annual visitation, data can be found in the Visitor Study report.
- f. Regulation publicity – Teddy
 - i. New regulations for 2019 include regulations on use of drones, sound-producing devices, and e-bikes. Message is to keep places wild and natural.
 - ii. Fliers posted at trail heads, infographics posted on social media, posts reached 14,000 people in 1 week. More information can be found here: <https://www.larimer.org/spotlights/2019/05/07/new-regulations-2019-help-keep-open-spaces-wild-natural>
- g. Budget presentation – Lori
 - i. 2018 Department Revenue (\$18.8 million)
 - ii. Funding Sources and Funds
 - iii. 2018 Revenue by Section
 - iv. Parks and Lottery Revenues
 - v. Reservoir Operations Expenses

- vi. Reservoir Operations Revenue and Expenses
- vii. Conservation Trust (Lottery) Revenues
- viii. Parks Capital Projects Revenue Sources for 2009-2018
- ix. Sales Tax Expenses from 1996-2018 (\$80.3 million – 72% Acquiring Interest, Protecting and Improving Open Space, Natural Areas, and Wildlife Habitat and Trails; 22% Cost of Operating, Maintaining and Administering of Open Spaces; 5% Improving Existing Regional Parks including Carter, Horsetooth, Flat Iron and Pinewood; 1% Cost of Operating, Maintaining and Administering of Regional Parks)
- x. Extension of Sales Tax 2019-2043 (50% O&M, 35% Acquisition, 15% Flex), County's share increases from 42% to 50%.
- xi. Sales Tax Spent
- xii. Parks Operation and Lottery Fund Balances
- xiii. Sales Tax and Regional Park Fees Fund Balances
- xiv. Historic and Projected Regional Population Growth
- xv. Existing Fee Areas Projected Permit and Camping Growth

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE

- a. Carter Lake filled in April, plan to refill by end of May. BOR monitoring C-BT Project impact on Grand Lake clarity. HT fill level better than anticipated, lower deliveries out due to wet spring.
- b. Sail and Saddle Club request for 20-year permit to allow continued operations at Horsetooth Reservoir. Public comment period extended through May 17th, comments submitted to ecao@usbr.gov or at <https://www.usbr.gov/gp/ecao/>.
- c. Second board C-BT tour will be in June, four hours.
- d. Catch a Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.) event no longer funded through BOR, LC will partner with local bass club.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Deborah reported on concessionaire issue at Satanka Cove and requested assistance with formulating a letter to the BOCC.
- b. Stephanie up for 2nd term, Chris up for 2nd term, Mark up for 3rd term.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Daylan Figgs

- a. LC Comprehensive Plan wrapping up, info and comments here: <https://www.larimercompplan.com/>. BOR/Northern Water tour is encouraged. Budget process is underway. Ranger Excellence School is next week, 70+ students applied.

Possible date change for future meetings to accommodate standing conflict with S. Platte Basin Roundtable meetings.

12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 6/4/2019 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 – 7:53 p.m.

