

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: January 7, 2020

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

Members		Staff		Guests
Daniela Lawler		Ken Brink	x	Pamela Johnson (Loveland Reporter-Herald)
Deborah Shulman		Daylan Figgs	x	Brad Wind (Northern Water)
Kathy Maher	x	Dan Rieves	x	Jeff Stahla (Northern Water)
Mandy Peters	x	Mark Caughlan	x	1 member of the public
Michael Robinson	x	*Stephen Johnson	x	
Robert Harris	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Russell Fruits	x			
Ruthie Rollins	x			
Stephen Amundson	x			
Steve Ambrose	x			

x = present

***commissioner**

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:32 p.m.
 - a. Introduced new board member, Mandy Peters.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Rob moves to approve last meeting minutes, Kathy 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. Daylan announced the Community Relations and Project Management positions have been filled by Korrie Johnston and Shayna Jones, respectively. They will attend a PAB meeting soon for introduction.

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Park District updates – Dan/Mark
 - i. Dan – January/February mode of operations – recent snowstorm delayed some projects but they are underway now that the ground is bare. Assembling core teams to tackle different items, drive-through for 2020 Carter Lake projects is scheduled for Thursday. Goal is to identify operational inefficiencies and create solutions (trash system, growth and visitation models, misc. in-house items). Planned the 2020 training calendar for rangers. Starting to hire seasonals for the summer, now through March is the best time to apply if you know of anyone interested.
- b. 2019 Quarter 4 Board Report – Daylan
 - i. Distributed DNR's second quarterly board report. Let Daylan know of any stories or info you'd like added. Quarterly reports can be found at <https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/plans-reports-advisory-boards>.
- c. Glade Reservoir recreation plan update – Daylan
 - i. Daylan updated a proposal will be presented to the board for consideration in February, discussion will be focused on 1041 powers and the recreation component of the project.
 - ii. Ken gave an overview of the 2017 Parks Master Plan and mentioned opportunities to expand recreation for reservoir parks in reference to Chimney Hollow and Glade. Daylan encouraged PAB to review DNR master plans before the February meeting and consider how the County might replicate a recreation experience like that of Horsetooth Reservoir or Carter Lake.
 - iii. Brad Wind (Northern Water General Manager) gave an overview of Chimney Hollow as an extension of the C-BT project. Construction will begin in summer or fall of 2020, expected to be the largest civil works project in CO over the 4-year construction period. Glade is in 1041 permitting process, County commissioners will review the permit application this spring. Construction is 6-7 years out, then anticipate a 3-year build time.
 - iv. Jeff Stahla (Northern Water Public Information Officer) clarified the 1041 permitting process has specific application and review deadlines.
 - v. Russell mentioned BOR has hosted tours of dam sites and other infrastructure the last couple of years for PAB, it might be beneficial for Northern to do something similar. Brad agreed and explained Northern Water and BOR co-

operate Horsetooth Reservoir and Carter Lake. The transfer forks below the dams are fully owned and managed by Northern, Chimney Hollow will be owned by the Northern Water Municipal Subdistrict.

- vi. Daylan said DNR is working with Northern on a management plan for Chimney Hollow, more updates to come.
- d. CIP update – Ken
 - i. FLAP grant – recently found out the review committee delayed their decision-making timeline, should know outcome in March. Scoping visit in mid-November went well.
 - ii. New cabins – in 2018, staff stayed in camper cabins throughout CO to develop a list of cabin specifications. The Architects Studio was hired to develop a standardized design focused on durability and insect-resistance, their design is anticipated to be built and open to the public at Horsetooth Reservoir in 2021 with the goal of replicating/adapting designs at other DNR locations.
 - iii. Preventative maintenance – plan is to replace water lines before FLAP grant is complete, then parking lots will be repaved.
 - iv. Skyview Campground – Carter Lake group campsite (formerly Biglandia) will be built in the meadow below Carter Knolls, anticipate construction to begin in fall of 2021 and hope to open to public Memorial Day of 2022. Dan will bring concept drawings to PAB soon.
 - v. BOR grant – received ~\$200k from BOR and matched \$62k of Parks funds to build semi-permanent structures for ANS inspectors.
- e. Wastewater study update – Brian Abrams, Farnsworth Group (not attending)

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Electric motorized bike review and discussion – Daylan
 - i. Follow-up on conversation regarding e-bike opportunities on DNR properties. Challenge in managing consistent enforcement across regional trails, currently in agreement with neighboring agencies. Drafted a memo to summarize survey findings, literature review info from City of Boulder, and staff recommendations. LCDNR recommends continuing the recently adopted regulations that allow Class I and II e-bikes on paved, regional trails only. Staff will revisit the regulation during the next regular update of Department regs anticipated in late 2021. The draft memo can be found here:
https://apps.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks_advisory_board.cfm.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Online public notice of board and commission meetings
 - i. Michael moves to approve the staff recommendation to change to online public notice of board and commission meetings, Stephen seconds, motion passed unanimously.

9. US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE (no staff attending)
 - a. Russell let the new board members know we will schedule a tour of BOR properties this year.
 - b. Dan updated there will be a new display installed in a couple of months at the Horsetooth Visitor Center showing water movement across the western slope.
10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Daylan Figgs
 - a. Working with BOR on a new 25-year agreement, DNR's current lease expires in 2022, there will be opportunities to update PAB as the process moves along. Another potential opportunity to provide an overview or tour of Chimney Hollow with the board. Changes in budget process will be brought to PAB as needed. In the beginning stages of creating a department strategic plan, there will be opportunities for the board to understand the process and provide feedback on key outcomes.
12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 2/4/2020 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 – 7:35 p.m.