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CITY OF LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2016

Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 500 E. Third St., Loveland, CO 80537

Commissioners Present: Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Andy Hawbaker, Ross Livingston, Darren Pape, Jim Roode, Nathan Thompson, Bill Zawacki, Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

Commissioners Absent: Jean Whittaker, Kerri Rollins (Larimer County Liaison).

Staff Present: Debbie Eley, Brian Hayes, Marilyn Hilgenberg, Jonathan Huey, Michele Van Hare.

The public meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of August 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Rick Brent made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ross Livingston made a correction to the minutes to show Kerri Rollins as present at the meeting. Ross seconded the motion with this correction. The minutes were approved unanimously.

City Council Liaison Report. Hugh McKean reported on the following items: 1) Council approved six new positions in the Police Department, including civilian positions to support new officers. 2) Contractors are getting firmed up for the South Catalyst project (now known as the Foundry).

Reports/Correspondence

1. Open Lands and Trails Operational Update 2016. Staff presented a summary of operations and maintenance projects and accomplishments over the past year, including opening 5 sites for public access, acquiring 5 new properties, managing numerous leases and easements, planning for numerous properties and trails, and significantly increasing public outreach, educational programming and participation by visitors and volunteers.

2. COSA Conference Report. Bill Zawacki, Ross Livingston and 6 staff members attended the annual Colorado Open Space Alliance conference in Estes Park on September 12-14 and found the sessions, field trips and networking very valuable and informative.

3. Property Acquisition Updates. The Ward Trust property successfully closed on August 26. The Namaqua West property is under contract to close December 10. City Council will consider a supplemental appropriation request on October 4 for this acquisition. The property was listed at \$3.2M and the contract price is \$2.88M.

4. Open Lands Projects Report. The new Mineral Trail at River's Edge has been completed and opened for access from Carlisle. The new parking lot at the former Swisher property is out to bid for fall construction. Old St. Louis is the featured Site of the Month for September, with a guided bird walk and guided history and moonlight walk scheduled. The Mariana Butte HOA has agreed to allow access from the neighborhood to connect with the MB Butte Trail system. CATS volunteers will work with the HOA to plan and construct the trail connection this fall. A GOCO Open Space grant was submitted for the Ryans Gulch acquisition for \$1,250,000. A tour for GOCO Board and staff is scheduled for Oct. 10 and awards will be announced on December 8.

5. Trails Update. Testing and surveying is underway for the Long View Trail at Sunset Vista, for planned spring-summer 2018 construction. Designs for the Front Range Trail include a detached trail/sidewalk along the west side of CR 11C. Fall construction is planned. Recreation Trail Section 10B (Namaqua Rd. to Hwy 34 underpass) is also scheduled for fall construction, with opening planned for spring 2017. Section 10A (Wilson to Namaqua) is scheduled to start design in spring 2017 with construction in fall 2017. The Round Mountain Trail will be closed when the full closure of US 34 begins on October 17 for reconstruction.

6. Sign Request. Open Lands received a request to post a real estate development sign on the Namaqua Skyline property along US 34 near Rossum Drive. Commission members were opposed to the proposal.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.