

LOVELAND OPEN LANDS ADVISORY COMMISSION
JANUARY 13, 2010
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners in Attendance:

Present: Lori Bell, Gale Bernhardt, Rick Brent, Kathy Hartman, Andy Hawbaker, John Lewis, Steve McMillan, Nancy Meredith, Bill Zawacki, Joel Johnston (alternate), Hugh McKean (City Council Liaison).

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Brian Hayes, Gary Havener, Debbie Eley.

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

Approval of the November 4, 2009 Commission Meeting Minutes: John Lewis requested a change to the minutes to reflect that "In lieu of the regular December meeting, a holiday party will be held at Steve McMillan's house for commission members and their guests." Kathy Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes with John Lewis' addition; Gale Bernhardt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None present.

Council Liaison Report: Hugh McKean introduced himself as the new City Council Liaison to the Open Lands Advisory Commission.

Discussion/Action:

1. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair). Kathy Hartman nominated Andy Hawbaker for a second term as Chair. Andy respectfully declined the nomination. Andy Hawbaker nominated John Lewis as Chair. Nancy Meredith seconded the nomination. Rick Brent nominated Steve McMillan as Chair. Steve respectfully declined the nomination. Bill Zawacki nominated Rick Brent as Chair. Gale Bernhardt seconded the nomination. **John Lewis was elected Chair.** Bill Zawacki nominated Rick Brent for Vice Chair. Kathy Hartman seconded the nomination. **Rick Brent was unanimously elected Vice Chair.**

2. Review of 2009 OLAC Accomplishments, Outline 2010 OLAC Goals.

OLAC Goals for 2010 (staff will submit for the Boards & Commissions Summit on Feb. 17):

- Review existing management plans and develop a checklist and timeline for completing those not done.
- Certification of the Natural Areas Program through the state Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) Division of Real Estate. Develop formal written policies to include with application, e.g., policy to amend conservation easements, acquisition process.

(Beginning January 1, 2011, all government entities that wish to accept a conservation easement for which a tax credit will be claimed must be certified by the Division of Real Estate.)

- Review 2003 Open Lands Plan for possible update, for implementation of the Acquisition Process.
- Acquire two new properties, with at least one having public access.
- Increase public outreach activities, including a possible 40th anniversary Earth Day celebration.
- Plan a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, with a presentation, possible discussion of environmental buffers (Title 18), and suggestions for collaboration.

3. Acquisition Process. The Acquisition Process flow chart was revised to include recommendations made by OLAC at the September 2009 meeting. The Initial Review and Property Evaluation forms will be distributed to OLAC. **Steve McMillan made a motion that the Acquisition Process be approved. Kathy Hartman seconded the motion. John Lewis suggested that the OLAC Initial Review stage include a bullet for “Other studies as needed.” The motion was approved unanimously with this addition.**

Reports and Correspondence:

4. Staff Update on Properties:

- **Whiteside.** Staff continues to work on terms with GOCO and the landowner.
- **Loveland Ready-Mix.** Staff is working with Loveland Ready-Mix on the property west of Namaqua Road. Staff plans to continue discussions.
- **Agilent.** Staff has continued contacts with the realtors about the lower portion of the property. A possible use of GOCO grant funds is being explored.
- **Nicholson.** Mr. Nicholson could not provide clear title, so this property will not be pursued further.
- Two sites were mentioned for staff to determine more information and consideration:
 - Ollila property at Boise and Hwy 402
 - Centennial Village property at 1st and Taft

Notices/Future Meetings:

5. Historic Preservation Commission Collaboration Meeting January 25th at 5:30 pm. Kathy Hartman and Bill Zawacki will attend.

6. Boards and Commissions Summit February 17th at 5:00 pm. Rick Brent, Nancy Meredith, and John Lewis will attend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.