

**MINUTES
CITY OF FORT COLLINS
LAND CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP BOARD**

**Regular Meeting
September 13, 2017
1745 Hoffman Mill Road
5:30 p.m.**

Council Liaison:
Gerry Horak 420-7398

For Reference:
Edward Reifsnyder, Chair 817-821-4644
David Tweedale, Vice Chair 970-219-2422
Raymond Watts, Communications 970-690-4250
Daylan Figgs, Staff Liaison 970-416-2814

Board Members Present: David Tweedale, Vicky McLane, Joseph Piesman, Kelly Ohlson, Raymond Watts, Mike Weber

Excused: Edward Reifsnyder, Andrea Elson

NAD Staff: John Stokes, Aaron Reed, Mary Boyts

Public Attendees: Arian Brazenwood, Carly Bentley, Joe Pitti, Cole Kramer, Steven Edwards, Paige Charlins, CSU Students

Guest: Ethan Cozzens, City of Fort Collins, Project Manager
Patrick Elder, Elder Construction
Steve Steinbicker, Architecture West

Call meeting to order: 5:30 pm

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

Joe Piesman made a motion to approve the July LCSB Meeting Minutes.

Raymond Watts seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Communication and Board Matters:

Mark provided an update on the Hageman land sale. City Council has given direction to NAD to drop the sale of the Hageman property and move forward with a long term lease agreement. Staff is in the process of putting together the agreement. The current lease will be brought to the Board in November and presented to City Council in December. Hageman's current lease agreement doesn't expire until June of 2018. The provisions developed as part of the proposed sale that described changes in site management and the boundaries of the parcel sold will be included in the lease agreement. The lease rate may not change, as the appraisal confirmed. The term of the lease has yet to be determined, but NAD will propose a 20 year lease.

Mark announced the opening of the new natural area, Goose Hollow. It's a little over 3 acres, in northeaster of Ft. Collins, on Redwood Drive.

Kelly requested a 6 month board calendar. Daylan committed to drafting up a calendar and sending out to the Board.

Kelly suggested placing Action Items on the agenda before NAD staff presentations.

Joe provided an update on the Bicycle Advisory Commission. The City of Fort Collins Safe Routes to School issued a white paper on issues to consider regarding potential ebike use on trails in Fort Collins, The white paper asked the Bicycle Advisory Commission to consider the benefits as well as effects of ebikes on the local transportation system. Attached to the white paper were comments from natural areas and parks opposing the approval. The Bicycle Advisory Commission will not take a position on e-bikes at least until the Transportation Department makes a recommendation.

Daylan reported on Nature in the City's second round of capital project applications to the City. In the past David Tweedale sat on the application review committee. The NIC Community Projects Selection Committee would welcome any new participants to review the applications. Time commitment is from October to November, approximately 8-10 hours of application review time, attendance at 4 meetings with some homework. David agreed to continue representing the LCSB on the NIC Community Projects Selection Committee.

Daylan announced the date for the upcoming Regional Open Space Board Meeting on November 15, 2017. He asked board members to think about one of two topics to present as a discussion at the meeting. One discussion could be around trails and recreation and the second one could be the Inspire initiative. Daylan suggested Board members e-mail him to offer their input.

Engage Training

Susan Schafer, Natural Areas Public Involvement Coordinator provided an overview of the Engage, the City's on-line volunteer portal, to assist Board members on how to enter their volunteer hours.

Action Items

2018 Budget Revision to Fund the Natural Areas Shop Expansion

Mark Sears, Natural Areas Manager provided information on the need for the Budget Revision and requested the LCSB to recommend that City Council approve the 2018 Budget Revision to fully fund the Natural Areas Shop Expansion for construction in 2018. Initial discussion took place in June of this year with the initial scope of the project. Mark announced that Elder Construction was awarded the RFP for the Construction Management General Contract. Once they are awarded the contract Elder Construction will solicit bids from subcontractors. Ethan Cozzens, with Operation Services has been the Project Manager, working with Aaron and Mark to develop the overall Master Plan.

Aaron Reed reviewed the history of the expansion, including the original plan and then the additions that include a broader design approach to develop a Master Plan for the site. These additions will accommodate new staff, vehicle storage and additional space on the current shop.

Board members were concerned about land acquisitions, development fees, and why there were three options listed in the memorandum to the Board.

Mark explained that no additional land would have to be purchased for the construction, NAD would be responsible for any and all development fees and offering three options to City Council would provide them with alternative funding options.

Vicky McLane made a motion that City Council approve an Ordinance increasing the budget for the Natural Areas Shop Expansion by \$1,420,000 in 2018. Funding will come from existing NAD dollars.

Kelly Ohlson seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Kelly suggested adding the funding language to any documents in the packet, to City Council making it clear that the funding is coming solely from NAD's budget.

Mark thanked the contractors, Aaron Reed, Ethan Cozzens and Steve Steinbicker for all their hard work on the project preparation.

Land Conservation Update

Mark Sears, Natural Areas Manager, reported on the efforts he and John are making to renew and maintain relationships with land owners that might be interested in future land acquisitions. Tawnya and Dan are working with Parks and Stormwater on projects that we could potentially partner with.

Mark reported on upcoming land acquisitions as well as future land contracts benefitting NAD.

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 p.m.

Approved:

David Tweedale, ^{VIC.} Chair 11 Oct 17 Date
David Tweedale
Michelle Vattano, Secretary
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