

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

**Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2017  
1745 Hoffman Mill Road  
5:30 p.m.**

**Council Liaison:**  
Gerry Horak 970-217-2993

**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:** Vicky McLane, Andrea Elson, David Tweedale, Raymond Watts, Joe Piesman, Marcia Patton-Mallory, Kelly Ohlson

**Excused:** Edward Reifsnyder, Mike Weber

**NAD Staff:** Mark Sears, Daylan Figgs, Dan Gulley, Tawnya Ernst

**Public Attendees:** Cole Kramer  
Tegan Deevey, CSU Student

**Call meeting to order:** 5:34 p.m.

David Tweedale, Vice Chair called the meeting to order, explaining that Edward Reifsnyder would not be attending the meeting and that he would be acting Chair.

**Board Matters:**

**Agenda Review:**

**Public Comments:**

**Approval of Minutes:** A grammatical correction was made on page 2, offered by David Tweedale.

***Joe Piesman made a motion that the September LCSB meeting minutes be approved.***

***Andrea Elson seconded the motion.***

***The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Communications and Board Matters:** Daylan announced that the December 13th Board meeting would be rescheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> as John and Daylan will be out of town. Board members agreed the date would work. Daylan agreed to send reminders a week prior to the meeting and then at the beginning of that week.

Daylan announced that Platte River Power Authority is drafting an RFP to bring additional renewable energy into their portfolio. There are a lot of future decisions to be held but NAD was contacted by companies responding to the RFP to discuss easements across Soapstone and Meadow Springs specific to wind power. The discussion also includes areas of Meadow Springs, which is a Utilities owned property, so that request may be looked at through a different lens. NAD's current policy (Natural Areas and Conserved Lands Easement Policy, Adopted January 3, 2012) generally prohibits above ground transmission lines. Daylan explained that this conversation is at the infancy stage and specifics have yet to be discussed. He will keep the Board posted as things progress.

**Discussion:** Daylan explained NAD has been in contact with both Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) and Utilities Department but it's still too early to discuss specifics as no formal request has been made. Board members were opposed to wind turbines and the serious impacts on habitat and wildlife, landscape, etc. Daylan will keep the Board apprised of future discussions with both PRPA and Utilities.

Joe reported that the Bicycle Advisory Committee's white paper on e-bikes that was submitted last month is leading to an evaluation of future regulations. The Chair of the BAC presented information from the white paper to the Transportation Board and they have tasked him to attend other board meetings to obtain their input on e-bikes and the future challenge to the trails. Usage will be a big issue. Joe reported that he Chair of the BAC would be glad to attend our board meeting to discuss the situation. Daylan suggested a presentation in December.

David Tweedale reminded Board members of the upcoming Annual Boards and Commission Appreciation Dinner on November 1, 2017. David also encouraged board members to vote in the upcoming election. The Board's next meeting will be the Annual Regional meeting, held at the Senior Center in Loveland. The LCSB will host a short meeting directly after the regional meeting. Daylan will send the address out to Board members. David announced that Andrea, he and Joe attended the Super Issue meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Some of those topics included; 2018 Boards and Commission Strategic Plan Update, Land Bank Program and the Community Trust Initiative.

## Action Item

### 2018 Work Plan

**Daylan Figgs, Environmental Program Manager**, presented a draft 2018 Work Plan for the Board to review and asked for any modifications or changes. The Work Plan was reviewed and some changes were made. Key initiatives and the Work Plan will be filed with the City Clerk and forwarded to our Council Liaison, Gerry Horak.

*Vicky McLane made a motion to approve the 2018 Land Conservation and Stewardship Board Work Plan.*

*Raymond Watts seconded the motion.*

*The motion was unanimously approved.*

**Appropriation of \$50,000 gift from Noosa Yoghurt, LLC for the design of fish passage at the Watson Lake Diversion.** **Daylan Figgs, Environmental Program Manager** provide information on the Watson Lake Fish Passage project and the requested that the Board recommend City Council approve an appropriation request for the \$50,000 donation to the project. NAD was asked to design a fish passage at Watson Lake, and NAD agreed to manage the design process. NAD has designed other fish passages and is familiar with the process. NAD will provide CPW with an engineered design and all construction and project management work will be the responsibility of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The objective of the project is to improve the ecological health of the river.

*Vicky McLane made a motion that City Council appropriates a donation of \$50,000 into the Natural Areas budget for use towards design of a fish passageway on the Watson Lake diversion structure.*

*Andrea Elson seconded the motion.*

*The motion was unanimously approved.*

Commenced Executive session at 6:36 p.m. and concluded 8:20 p.m.

**Land Conservation**

Mark Sears provided a summary of potential land acquisitions and/or sales.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Edward Reifsnyder

(OR)

*David Tweedale*, Vice Chair 13 Nov 17 Date  
David Tweedale

*Michelle Vattano*, Secretary  
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