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WORK SESSION

August 25, 2009

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Occupancy Ordinance "Economic and Market Impact Study." (1 hour discussion)

In 2005, City Council amended the Occupancy Ordinance, which prohibits more than three unrelated persons from inhabiting a single dwelling unit. Enforcement of the revised ordinance began in 2007. The Corona Research "Economic and Market Impact Study" was a follow-up study conducted to determine the impact of the first two years of enforcement of the revised ordinance. The Study provides the City with a valuable mix of quantitative and qualitative information. It is important to get data and numbers while also attempting to understand how the ordinance impacts people. The study focused on market impacts, how stakeholders have been affected, individual impacts including unanticipated effects, and whether the ordinance is achieving the intended results. In addition, staff will provide some occupancy and nuisance code violation data and an update regarding public outreach.

3. Downtown Railroad Quiet Zone Study. (30 minute discussion)

The City and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are cooperatively working on a Downtown Railroad Quiet Zone Study (Phase I). This includes all Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroad crossings located within the DDA boundaries. The Study results include a number of options for each crossing, associated costs, and a checklist of necessary improvements. Selection of the preferred crossing options will include extensive public input from downtown property and business owners, and residents as well as other community stakeholders.

4. Soapstone Grazing Management. (30 minute discussion)

Overall management of Soapstone Prairie Natural Area is guided by the *Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Management Plan*, which was adopted in 2007. The Plan describes conservation targets (natural and cultural resources of the highest conservation value) and management actions to help conserve those targets. Since the City of Fort Collins began acquiring Soapstone in 2004, the Natural Areas Program has conducted monitoring projects to collect data and inform management actions and decisions. Several specific conservation values of the Natural Areas Program are dependent on grazing. The Management Plan describes the need to continue grazing the property. The Natural Areas Program began managing Soapstone in 2005 and, since then, has brought one grazing lease and a 2008 extension to that lease to Council for its approval. During the extension process, Council expressed its interest in the grazing program and requested that Natural Areas discuss with Council its approach to grazing management in more detail. At the end of 2010, the existing grazing lease with Folsom Grazing Association will expire. Natural Areas staff intends to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) in Fall 2009 to solicit tenants to graze the property, beginning in 2011. The RFP will emphasize that the property is being grazed in order to help the Natural Areas Program achieve ecological objectives and to enhance the conservation status of the property.

5. Other Business.

6. Adjournment.