



Date: September 7, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Zoom Webinar

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Bill Prater	x	Chris Fleming	x	
Deborah Shulman	x	Daylan Figgs	x	
Jill Wuertz	x	Dan Rieves	x	
Kathy Maher	x	Lori Smith	x	
Kristina Kachur	x	Melody Johnson	x	
Mandy Peters		*John Kefalas	x	
Pete Blume		Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Robert Harris	x			
Ruthie Rollins	x			
Scott Murray	x			
Spencer Clark				

x = present

*commissioner

Call to Order – 5:31 p.m.

Round of board member and staff introductions.

Public Comment – none

Agenda Review

Review and Approval of Last Minutes

Ruthie moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, Kristina seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Information and Announcements

Natural Resources events for this month: <https://larimer.org/naturalresources>.

To sign up for Parks Advisory Board updates, go to <https://apps.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click “Subscribe,” and check the “Parks Advisory Board” box.

Advisory board members attended a tour of Chimney Hollow Open Space with Northern Water and LCDNR staff on August 13th.

An optional, advisory board trail volunteer day is scheduled for September 10th at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space.

Ranger Unitt was honored by a boat procession during a memorial at Horsetooth Reservoir on August 20th.

The department launched its [Discover Pack](#) program, modeled after Colorado State Parks and Wildlife's "Check Out State Parks" program, in partnership with five library systems throughout the community. Discover Packs contain a parking pass valid at all LCDNR properties, recreation map, regulation and safety guides, area locator info, wildflower guide, youth activity guide, etc. They can be checked out by visiting a local library or visitor center.

Update and Reports

Park District updates – Dan/Mark

- Dan – recreation season is wrapping up and crews are in good spirits after working Labor Day. Annual visitation data will be available in February. Rangers are beginning to wear body cameras. Camp hosts are finishing their season and some seasonals are moving to weekends to accommodate school schedules. Technology issues at south entrance station are mostly resolved and a pilot fiber station will launch soon.
- Commissioner Kefalas asked about data storage and management of body camera footage. Dan explained the manufacturer runs a website that stores the data. The data can be accessed by staff in a queue managed by the DA prior to being uploaded to the cloud.
- Chris – Horsetooth Reservoir cabins are expected to open the first week of October.

2021 Quarter 2 Board Report – Daylan

- Key stories:
 - Sky View Campground groundbreaking and construction
 - Completion of ANS inspection stations
 - Suggested trail loop routes at Horsetooth Mountain and Devil's Backbone open spaces
 - Financial/visitation summary

Body-worn camera implantation – Chris

- Chris provided further explanation that SB20-217 issues body-worn cameras to patrol officers beginning in 2023. Cameras are required to be worn and activated by officers during law enforcement calls. DNR launched the program last month.

Education and outreach safety videos – Chris

- The public safety videos feature DNR rangers and can be viewed online:
<https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/paddle-craft>.

Marina concessionaire contract process – Chris

- Marina concessionaire contracts for both Carter Lake and Horsetooth Reservoir expire in June 2022. Per the agreement with Reclamation, LCDNR will go out to bid within the next year and will request to extend the current concessionaires through 2022 to avoid changing vendors during busy season. Contracts are a 5-year term with the option for a 5-year extension. Staff will request 1-2 PAB members to volunteer on a core team to review the process. The board will be asked to make a recommendation to the BOCC to consider the selection and contract.

Discussion Items

Budget submitted to BOCC for consideration – Daylan/Lori

- Lori presented the final department budget submitted to the BOCC. The presentation included 2021 actuals and the adjusted/proposed 2022 budget for Land Stewardship, Reservoir Parks, and Open Spaces. Personnel and operating costs were also included with comparisons to 2021.
- The board discussed the indirect cost exemption request of \$738,633.

Action Items

Regulations update and recommendation – Chris

- Dan provided an overview of the regulations process and the BOCC's authority to enforce county regulations. Chris explained the department would like to no longer allow second units in campgrounds. The update will also include further clarification on second units, commercial use, and night fishing.
- Deb moved to accept the staff recommendation to no longer allow second units in campgrounds, Ruthie seconded, motion passed unanimously.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Update – Jeff Stahla

- Jeff explained Northern Water's relationship to Reclamation with regards to operations and water delivery. Those interested can visit chimneyhollow.org for project updates on the reservoir.

Board Member Reports

- Deb informed the board the Horsetooth Open Water Swim is Sept. 12th at Horsetooth Reservoir and includes a 10k, 2.4-mile race, and 1.2-mile race.

Director's Report – Daylan Figgs

- Northern Water presented statewide water sharing solutions to the BOCC regarding CO River issues and shortages. Similar efforts were discussed at a recent S. Platte Basin roundtable.
- The Horsetooth Reservoir Community Forum closed Sept. 1st with over 450 participants. A summary and any recommended changes will be brought to the board at an upcoming meeting.
- Commissioner Kefalas shared a few updates about a ride-along at Horsetooth Reservoir with Ranger Knight and recent approvals of the Sky View Campground agreement and T2 management agreement to improve the department's ticketing and permit system. The Budget office will hold work sessions in Sept. to review requests and service proposals.

Next Meeting Scheduled

November 2, 2021 via Zoom Webinar

Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

Adjournment – 7:45 p.m.

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