

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Hybrid - In-Person: Hearing Room 1st Floor, 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins or Virtual, Zoom Link: https://larimer-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fdxBM5TnRX2Q4G4eqORcRA

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Larimer County Planning Commission met in a session on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room as well as virtual video. Commissioners Patrick Rowe attended virtually. Commissioners Anne Best Johnson, Bob Choate, Jordana Barrack, Conor Duffy, and John Barnett physically attended with Commissioner Anne Best Johnson presiding as Chair. The Larimer County staff that virtually attended were Steven Rothwell, Civil Engineer II; Lea Schneider, and Environmental Health Planner. The Larimer County staff that physically attended were Lesli Ellis, Community Development Director; Don Threewitt, Planning Manager; Doug May, Planner II; and Christina Scrutchins, Recording Secretary.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE COUNTY LAND USE CODE OR REGARDING OTHER RELEVANT LAND USE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA OR FUTURE PROPOSALS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 19, 2022, PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

MOTION by Commissioner Choate to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Barnett seconded the motion.

This received unanimous voice approval.

Motion passed 6-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Barnett to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Duffy seconded the motion.

This received unanimous voice approval.

Motion passed 6-0

CONSENT ITEMS

ITEM #1 – CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS DEPARTMENT LOCATION AND EXTENT, FILE NO. 22-ZONE3330:

Location and Extent review for trail access on County right-of-way adjacent to Kestrel Fields Natural Area from the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department located at 2540 W Vine Dr. Fort Collins, CO. The Development Services Team recommends Approval of the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department Location and Extent, File No. 22-ZONE3330.

MOTION

Commissioner Barnett moved that the Planning Commission adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Choate seconded the motion.

VOTE

Commissioner, Barnett, Choate, Barrack, Duffy, Rowe, and Chair Best Johnson voted in favor of the motion.

Motion passed 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #1 – ESTES FORWARD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The Estes Forward Comprehensive Plan is a joint planning process for the Town of Estes Park and surrounding unincorporated Larimer County. The plan includes Introduction and Plan Direction, Policy Framework, Land Use Plan, Implementation, and Appendices. Draft reviews have been reviewed by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commission for feedback throughout the process. The Estes Valley Planning Advisory Committee gave additional recommendations on November 10, 2022, regarding adding language that relates to preservation of historic venues in the County, adding language in the Health and Social section to mirror the Larimer County Comprehensive Plan, and remove the Future Study area noted on the south end from the Opportunity Areas map that is within the Larimer County unincorporated area. The Consultant recommended alternative recommendations to the Estes Valley Planning Advisory Committee recommendations. Once the Estes Valley Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the alternative recommendations, they adopted the Plan. The next steps in the process are the following: adoption – Town Board Public Hearing on December 6, 2022, Board of County Commissioners Ratification Meeting on December 19, 2022, and County Planning Commissioner Hearing on December 21, 2022; after the adoption – (see implementation Plan in Chapter 4) Develop a Future Town Service Area, IGA and Annexation Policy, and Align Land Use Codes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Staff mentioned to the Planning Commissioner that the Planning Manager, Don Threewitt, will be moving on from Larimer County.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, the hearing adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

These minutes constitute the Resolution of the Larimer County Planning Commission for the recommendations contained herein which are hereby certified to the Larimer County Board of Commissioners.