

# Town of Lyons Ecology Advisory Board Meeting Notes

**February 17, 2016**

Simms began meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**Motion:** To approve meeting notes of January 2016; Fairfax made motion; Lowell second; all aye. Meeting notes accepted.

Members introduced themselves to Ashley Ahrens and Kevin Schneider – potential candidates for the vacant EAB position. Ahrens and Schneider provided their backgrounds.

## **Follow-up and discussion and review of action items:**

**Arbor Day (Marshall)** – Marshall said that the Lyons Elementary School Eco Club would like to combine the annual Arbor Day and Earth Day events into one event on April 29; the Eco Club would provide a presentation. The annual contest for the students has been modified to encourage more participation; Marshall showed copy of the new contest. The contest will be opened ahead of the April 29 date.

## **Ongoing Projects**

### **a. Ecology Focused Educational Series**

The EAB will show the movie, “The Great Divide,” at the Lyons Farmette March 18.

**Action Items:** Fairchild will publicize in Lyons Recorder; Lowell will publicize in Redstone Review and on Lyons Facebook page.

### **b. Arboretum Project**

Fairchild and Marshall showed the draft informational brochure they have produced; some signs by the trees were destroyed this winter and will need to be replaced.

### **c. Monthly Ecology Article**

Lowell said latest article was on deicers – what’s best and worst for environment. Suggestion for a future article might be the Carter Lake diversion in town. Lowell said he’s also considering a piece on mountain lions.

### **d. Review Design Development Documents**

Simms said he is staying on top of plantings proposed for town’s eastern corridor expansion. Simms also said he learned that a native seed mix will be sprayed on 404 buyout lots. Marshall reported that Parks & Rec is applying for a grant for someone to facilitate discussion on possible uses of 404 buyout land. River restoration underway along Longmont Dam Rd. The Bohn Park RFP is out, with contract award slated for March 7, notice to proceed with design March 14 and work to begin in September.

e. **Update and merge tree ordinance**

Carlson and Harris cleaning up language of ordinance. There are some issues with the recommended trees list. Consulting with some experts on the language of the ordinance. Fairfax suggested the ordinance might include some trees not to plant; Carlson said there are other sources for such a list and ordinance may not be best place for it. Marshall suggested a reference to an EAB-generated list would allow the list to be more fluid. Simms said maybe any list of trees should include those southern species (like pinyon pine) that are becoming more common along Front Range. Discussion on “no net loss” of trees or mitigation for loss of trees in ordinance but enforceability of such a clause could be an issue.

f. **5<sup>th</sup> Avenue project**

Simms said he’s been working with Matt Manley to create a unified landscaping vision for entire town, which will eventually be presented to BOT.

**Action Item** – Harris will research status of river restoration plantings; did they get waiver for later planting?

## **Liaison and Subcommittee Reports**

**Parks & Rec** – as reported in earlier items.

**BOT** – no report

**Botanical Gardens** – Fairfax reported they are talking to Manley about location. Fairfax and two other BG members will attend the March 12 Natural Plants landscaping conference.

**UEB** – Simms said they are still working the Stormwater Management Plan.

**Watershed Committee** – no report.

**ECD** – Carlson said he will share work plan.

**PCDC** - nothing to report

**SFC** – no report.

## **Other Business**

Simms said the Lyons Community Foundation application grant of \$13K for trail work was submitted through P&R. He said he promised LCF that EAB will keep an eye on how grant money is used.

**Motion** to adjourn by Fairfax; Lowell second; all aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowell, EAB Recording Secretary