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Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

March 12, 2025

Regular Meeting – Excerpt

Members:

Ross Cunniff, Chair

Scott Mason, Vice Chair

Denise Culver, Member

Andrea Elson, Member

Jennifer Gooden, Member

Holger Kley, Member

Elena Lopez, Member

River Mizell, Member

Mark Sears, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

LCSB: Scott Mason, Elena Lopez, Mark Sears, Andrea Elson, Jennifer Gooden, Ross Cunniff, Holger Kley, Denise Culver

Excused: River Mizell

City Staff: Dave Kemp, Jill Wuertz

NAD Staff: Katie Donahue, Rachel Steeves, Barb Brock, Matt Parker, Elaine Calaba, Emily Shingler, Mary Boyts

Guests: Councilmember Ohlson

Excerpt related to this Council Meeting Agenda Item: Natural Areas Department Annual Appropriation of Prior Year Reserves

7. ACTION ITEMS

Annual Reappropriation

Katie Donahue, Natural Areas Director, reviewed the 2025 appropriation of \$6,179,035 in unspent funds and unanticipated revenue in the Natural Areas Fund to fund land conservation, restoration of wildlife habitat, trails and visitor amenities, special projects and other NAD needs to benefit the residents of Fort Collins. Katie led the board through a brief description of the anticipated use of the funds.

Discussion

A brief discussion followed the presentation about reappropriations:

Q: What is included in the category “land conservation” for the reappropriation proposal?

A: The cost of purchasing land, as well as the administrative costs around those transactions, such as appraisals, closing costs, etc.

Q: Is the cost of necessary vehicles factored into the cost estimates for staffing?

A: Yes. Some employees have assigned vehicles, while others share vehicles. Those shared/pool vehicles are added only as the utilization of current vehicles exceeds the available pool. A selection of vehicles with different capabilities are available for different

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needs, such as off-road driving or long-distance trips.

Q: How do you account for vehicle maintenance costs?

A: Each vehicle has an estimate for maintenance provided by the City's fleet management team and vehicles are primarily serviced by them. Trying to standardize vehicles (like the Ford F-150 Lightnings) helps make support from fleet more efficient because they have experience working a known set of vehicles.

Member Sears made a motion that The Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve the proposed 2025 appropriation of prior year Natural Areas reserves. Member Gooden seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved 8-0.