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CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

Regular Meeting

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, River Mizell, Holger Kley

Excused: Denise Culver

City Staff: Ginny Sawyer, Dana Hornkohl, Marc Virata

NAD Staff: Julia Feder, Kristy Bruce, Aaron Reed, Todd Juhasz, Jenny Roberts, Matt Parker, Kate Rentschlar, Tawnya Ernst, Bernadette Kuhn, Emily Shingler, Mary Boyts

Excerpt related to this Council Meeting Agenda Item: Pelican Marsh Natural Area – Triangle Drive & U.S. 287 Signal Installation Project– ROW and Notice of Alignment Request

6. ACTION ITEMS

Pelican Marsh Natural Area – Triangle Drive & U.S. 287 Signal Installation Project– ROW and Notice of Alignment Request

Tawnya Ernst, Land Conservation Lead Specialist stated she was seeking a recommendation from the LCSB that City Council approve the declaration of a certain portion of City-owned Property on Pelican Marsh Natural Area as road right-of-way and a recommendation that the City Manager approve a Notice of Alignment for a slope alignment on Pelican Marsh Natural Area. Total impacted area equals 0.55 acres on the westernmost side of the natural area.

Discussion

In response to Board concerns about the alternatives presented, precedence and the motivator for the project:

- Staff reported the proposed project will address the severe crash history of intersection documented by Traffic Operations including designated crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety.
- Staff stated the preferred alternative was informed by Active Modes and Larimer County Urban Street Standards to allow for safe two-way bike and pedestrian traffic along the path and to minimize impact on Pelican Marsh Natural Area.
- In response to questions about the potential for future requests in the future, staff recognized that because many natural areas are within the City Limits and along major arterial streets, there is potential for future easement requests. Staff indicated they do not see this project as setting precedent.

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- Staff confirmed the Natural Areas Department easement policy recognizes the need to allow Engineering to meet street design standards.

Member Sears made a motion that the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve the declaration of a certain portion of City-owned Property on Pelican Marsh Natural Area as a road right-of-way. In addition, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommend that the City Manager approve a Notice of Alignment for a slope alignment on Pelican Marsh Natural Area. Member Gooden seconded the motion.

After further discussion Member Sears amended the motion to specify the preferred alternative requested.

Member Sears made a motion that the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve the declaration of the preferred alternative as presented, which includes a 6 ½ -foot-wide parkway and an 8-foot-wide side path, of City-owned Property on Pelican Marsh Natural Area as a right-of-way. In addition, the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommend that the City Manager approve a Notice of Alignment for a slope alignment on Pelican Marsh Natural Area. Member Gooden seconded the motion. The motion was rejected, 4-4. Nays: Chair Cunniff and Members Kley, Lopez, Elson. Yeas: Vice Chair Mason and Members Sears, Gooden and Mizell.