

# MINUTES

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## Land Conservation & Stewardship Board August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting – Excerpt

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### **Municipal Code Updates**

**Jesse Green, NAD Ranger** led the LCSB through a brief review of the proposed changes to the municipal code he presented to the board during the July meeting, answered follow up questions and explained the rationale for the changes. Prior to his presentation to the Board, Jesse reviewed the changes with City's attorney and assured LCSB the changes are primarily refinements of definitions and will not impact the day-to-day work of the NAD Ranger staff. The proposed changes align with the Natural Areas Department mission and values as well as Colorado State statutes. The proposed changes only apply to the Fort Collins Municipal Code Chapter 23, Article IX, which cover Natural Areas regulations.

**Discussion:** The Board and NAD staff engaged in a brief discussion of the proposed changes: that a property must be open to the public to allow NAD jurisdiction and enforcement capabilities; dusk to dawn closures now include a 30-minute buffer on either end of the day; added enforcement capability for illegal hunting in natural areas; and align with Larimer County in the prohibition of air mattresses/pool toys (which are not designated for open water use) on

Natural Areas ponds. LCSB acknowledged the importance of clarifying definitions and updating the code. Member Cunniff stated data reporting before and after implementing the changes would be informative.

***Member Piesman made a motion that Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommend that City Council approve the proposed updates and changes to the Natural Areas Municipal Code. Member Elson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 8-0.***