



Union Reservoir Master Plan Update Public Meeting #2

LOCATION: Parks Administration Building (Sunset), City of Longmont

DATE: August 28, 2007

ATTENDEES (City Staff & Consultants)

Paula Fitzgerald, *City of Longmont Parks & Open Space*
Steve Ransweiler, *City of Longmont Parks & Open Space*
Dan Wolford, *City of Longmont Parks & Open Space*
John Brim, *City of Longmont – Union Reservoir*
Karen Charles, *City of Longmont*
Erin Fosdick, *City of Longmont Planning & Dev. Svcs*
Ken Huson, *City of Longmont Water Resources*
Joe Olson, *City of Longmont Transportation*
Rob Layton, *Design Concepts*
Kurt Munding, *Design Concepts*
Todd Bjerkaas, *Design Concepts*
List of Attending Stakeholders is attached

General Comments & Discussion

1. A public forum should be established for understanding water fowl and ecological aspects in and around Union Reservoir. The public should be made aware of roost sites
2. Question was raised: Why aren't members of the public invited to participate in the Division of Wildlife tour and other meetings.
 - a. When inviting or asking other public organizations to tour the lake with city staff and consultants, their availability is limited along with the resources to invite the entire public and accommodate those numbers during a tour.
 - b. A public process is established with meetings such as the one tonight to accommodate public input. To select one special interest group or individual over others for participation in tours etc is not fair to the general public.
 - c. The public can also participate in discussions and provide input on September 13 from 5:30-7:30 at the 'Tamales and Talk' event. This is scheduled to reach out to the minority Latino community.
3. The next public meeting will be moved from Tuesday, September 25 to Monday, September 24 at 6:00 pm to accommodate those attending City Council meetings on the 25. The meeting will still be held at the Parks Administration Building.



4. September 14 will be the end of public comments. All concepts (with a brief narrative) along with comment cards will be displayed around town as well as on the City of Longmont's website.

Concept Presentation by Design Concepts

Closing Comments & Discussion

1. Question: Is the West Union Bay & Marina on city-owned property and why is it not included as open space in the concepts.
 - a. The West Union development will proceed through its own public planning process. The location, shape, size, and orientation of the marina are very conceptual.
 - b. The city does own property on which a northern portion of the conceptual marina is located. This land is not owned by Open Space, but rather by the Reservoir Company for use as inundation and increased reservoir water capacity. Since a marina would increase reservoir capacity, it would be an appropriate use for the property if City Council supports the plan.
2. Question: How much will each of these concepts cost in construction and what funds are available?
 - a. The City has not asked the consultants to provide cost estimates for these three concepts. Following this meeting, where public comment is incorporated either positively or negatively into each design, a single preferred concept or Draft Master Plan will be presented at the third public meeting. At this time, Design Concepts will provide a cost estimate of the proposed design.
 - b. While large funds are not immediately available, a major purpose of the Master Plan Update is to understand the short-term, mid-term, and long-term needs of recreation and ecology at the reservoir within the context of an overall, all-inclusive plan. Once this plan is established, it can serve as a tool to take forward and begin capital improvement funding assessments and expand or adapt programs over the next several years.
3. Comment: The surface of the water should remain wakeless. Motor boats and waves would have a major impact on wildlife in and around the reservoir.
4. Question: Why is the west side city property not included as open space
 - a. See comment 1b above.
 - b. Open space does not own property west of Union Reservoir. Open Space properties are on the east side. Water Resources has purchased several properties out of a special enterprise fund set up for Union Expansion (and other expansion projects). Water owns properties on the West, North, East and South sides of Union.
5. Question: Are the concept plans mutually exclusive? And are we selecting the final plan as it is presented here?

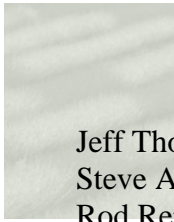


- a. The southwest plan and east plan for each concept work together and are dependent on each other.
 - b. However, for the preferred concept presented at the third public meeting, any of tonight's plans can be mixed, adjusted, and re-located based on public comment and preference to create the single preferred concept. New suggestions could also be incorporated.
6. Comment: the swim beach and boat docks don't mix when in close proximity in the marina. Not everyone boating on the lake have good enough control for that configuration.
 7. Comment: But canoes and kayak boating/rentals do mix with the beach and swim area. It is nice for families to spend time swimming and walk right over to rent a canoe to take around the cove.
 8. Comment: Kayaks and canoes are fine in close proximity to the swim area, but the larger boats should be distanced from the beach.
 9. When a preferred alternative is drafted, phasing of the facilities will be a next step. Locating permanent facilities that work with current shoreline and also a future shoreline are critical to capital improvements. Also, the city can begin planting trees in locations that would greatly benefit from mature tree stands following the reservoir expansion.
 10. In all plans, the existing mature cottonwoods which are eagle roosts are preserved. But in reality they are very mature trees and steps should be taken plant new cottonwoods which would mature in twenty years and replace the current cottonwoods once they die.
 11. Each plan shows sailing facilities separated from the boat/trailer launch and boat storage. These two uses have very different launch and storage facility requirements.
 12. Multiple boat ramps are shown for large events and getting boats off the water in fast moving inclement weather.

Dot-ocracy Exercise on Three Concept Plans

Individuals Attending:

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| Dennis Thompson | Mike McDonough |
| Dale Bruns | Steven Weber |
| Gary Bogott | Ron Meisler |
| Ruby Bowman | Paul Culnan |
| Jim Buck | Mike Swedbergh |
| Fred Clark | Joe Kelliher |
| Louis Nagy | Richard Juday |
| Roberta Nagy | Joan Peck |
| Tom Kammer | Bob Peck |
| Phil Willis | Kay Fissinger |
| Marsha Willis | M. Douglas Wray |
| Robert Walker | Mary Neal Brown |
| Colette O'Brien | Ginny Hayden |



Jeff Thompson
Steve Armstead
Rod Reid
Barb Brunk
Chris Adrian
Gib Charles
Mary Rose
Gail Widger

Avana Andrade
Tonya Dunn
Don Chesley
Doreen Petersen
David Petersen
Darcy Temple
John Mount