

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 06-21

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2021 PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN**

Recitals:

In 2001, the City created the first Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. With many projects being completed, 19 years having passed since its adoption and with Grand Junction continuing to see growth, an update to the PROS Master Plan was strongly needed. The City earned a Great Outdoors Colorado planning grant in the middle of 2019 to support this Master Planning Process, which began in March of 2020 and continued for the rest of 2020.

Throughout this time, public input has driven the plan creation and priorities in the form of focus groups, continual engagement with the Council Appointed Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the PROS Master Plan Advisory Committee and surveys including a statistically valid survey that produced results representative of the opinion of all Grand Junction voters. This engagement has been critical to ensure the PROS Master Plan is the community's plan for the community's parks and recreation system.

The 2021 PROS Master Plan has been carefully and diligently considered and put into words by community members through expressions, input and articulation of the community's needs and desires. The resultant plan provides clear direction for the community's parks and recreation system to best serve the public.

By and with this resolution, the City Council adopts, approves and endorses the 2021 PROS Plan.

Furthermore, the City Council thanks the community for its participation in the development of the plan.

The executive summary of the PROS Plan is as follows:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Process highlights:

- Over 3,000 people engaged through: 997 statistically valid invite community needs survey responses; 1,481 Open Link community needs survey responses; 350 participants in focus groups and community meetings; 339 preliminary survey responses; 4 sets of process update meetings with City Council, Boards, Committees and the general public.

Parks and Recreation Currently Maintains:

- 350 acres of developed parks in 35 parks, 598 acres of Open Space with recreation opportunities, 55 acres of school playgrounds, fields, and exterior grounds, 111 acres of cemeteries, 500+ acres of right-of-ways, medians, and roundabouts, 20+ miles of hard surface trails, 37,000 publicly-owned trees, 1 indoor pool and 1 outdoor pool, and landscaping and exterior grounds maintenance at many City facilities, such as Police and City Hall

#1 Community-voiced Additional Amenity to be Provided:

Community Center for indoor recreation, aquatic facilities and community spaces

#2 Community-voiced Additional Amenity to be Provided:

Trail connections and expansions

#3 Community-voiced Additional Amenity to be Provided:

River conservation, access and improvements

#4 Community-voiced Additional Amenity to be Provided:

Indoor warm water leisure pool

Top Preferences for New Funding for Priority Projects According to the Community Survey

- Revenue from medical and recreational marijuana: 80% of statistically valid survey respondents
- Grants and fundraising: 79% of statistically valid survey respondents
- Tax on tobacco and vaping: 71% of statistically valid survey respondent

The City Council and City staff will use the PROS Master Plan to guide budget decisions, grant strategies and operational practices over the next 8 to 10 years. The overall purpose of the PROS plan is to ensure a positive evolution of the parks and recreation system and to maximize the personal and community benefits that are delivered by parks and recreation, namely community building and bettering the quality of life in Grand Junction.

The 2021 PROS Master Plan communicates the City's priorities and focus related to parks and recreation and provides a direction for the City and the department staff to attend to those priorities in a defined, deliberate and consistent way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is hereby approved and adopted as generally and specifically provided therein and in accordance with this resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2021.

C.E. Duke Wortmann

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President of the Council



ATTEST:

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City Clerk