

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-24

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO (GOCO) TRUST FUND TO FUND OUTDOOR FACILITIES AT THE GRAND JUNCTION COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (CRC)

#### Recitals:

Grand Junction is the largest community on the Western Slope of Colorado and is presently without a multi-purpose Community Recreation Center (CRC). Attempts to provide the necessary funding for a center date back to 1979, with efforts repeatedly falling short until the successful ballot initiative in April 2023. In April 2023 the voters approved a sales tax increase, together with other funding sources including a realistic grant strategy, with a resounding approval of 60%. This request to GOCO for funding makes good on the promise to voters to pursue grants to support the development of the center, a demonstration of fiscal responsibility that was critical in achieving the success of the ballot question.

This request specifically aims to maximize the success of the indoor recreation improvements already funded by providing complementary outdoor components. Funding from GOCO and the Daniels Fund, the two largest potential funders, would enable the development of a first phase of outdoor facilities with the primary feature being a versatile 360' X 200' synthetic turf field as part of the CRC construction. This would achieve \$120,000 in cost savings compared with adding in these improvements later since architects, engineers and contractors are already mobilized.

Additional improvements in this first phase at the expansive Matchett Park include a playground and the Burkey Pavilion. The playground will be adjacent to the field space to create synergy in use for sports participants and their family members. The Pavilion will be a nearby stand-alone structure available for various community gatherings including activities tied to the field and the playground.

Constructing the outdoor facilities phase at the CRC (Project) carries out a vision laid out by the residents of Grand Junction as stated in both the 2021 Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Master Plan and the 2022 CRC Plan. This is an approximately \$2,600,000 endeavor to be funded by the land sale of Burkey Park in 2019, a large donation for the playground, a variety of foundations, the biggest of which is the Daniels Fund, and hopefully Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO).

After due consideration, the Grand Junction City Council supports the Project and desires the City to submit a GOCO grant application to obtain the necessary funding for the Project, and if the grant is awarded, to enter into such further agreements as are necessary and proper to complete the Project.

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

1. The Recitals are incorporated herein with the City Council strongly expressing its support for the application to GOCO to obtain funds needed to complete the Project. The City Manager is authorized and directed to work to finalize and timely submit such GOCO grant application.
2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council strongly supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the City Manager to sign a grant agreement in a form acceptable to the City, as grantee of the GOCO grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of January 2024.



Anna M. Stout  
President, Grand Junction City Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips  
City Clerk

