**RESOLUTION NO. 08-17**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AND THE COMPLETION OF OUTDOOR STEM CLASSROOM AND PLAY-SPACE FOR THE MATH AND SCIENCE CENTER**

Recitals:

On November 16, 2016 the Executive Director and a Board Member from the John McConnell Math and Science Center (“Math and Science Center”), a non-profit organization, presented their plan to the City Council to construct an outdoor STEM classroom and play-space (“Project”).

The Project plan depends in significant part on receipt of funding in the amount up to $259,692 from a Great Outdoors Colorado (“GOCO”) grant, and in order for the grant application to be made the City must agree to sign the grant application and serve as the grantee of the grant.

After due consideration the City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports the Project and desires the City to assist the Math and Science Center’s efforts 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 obtain and pass through the grant funds to the Math and Science Center and complete the Project.

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

1: The City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the application and the Math and Science Center has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.

2: If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the completion of the Project, and authorizes the City Manager to sign an appropriate grant agreement on behalf of the City as grantee of the GOCO grant.

3: If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction further authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and sign an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Math and Science Center regarding the GOCO grant. Such agreement shall provide for, but may not be limited to—

1. Pass-through to the Math and Science Center of GOCO grant funds received by the City for the Project;
2. The Math and Science Center’s assumption of the City’s obligations under the GOCO grant agreement,
3. Confirmation that the Math and Science Center has raised and set aside sufficient funds to satisfy GOCO’s matching funds requirement(s) for the Project;
4. The Math and Science Center’s payment of Project construction costs as they come due; and
5. The Math and Science Center’s agreement to maintain the Project in high quality condition once it is complete and during its useful life, subject to annual appropriation.

4. The project site is owned by Colorado Mesa University and will be owned by Colorado Mesa University for the next 25 years.

5. The Math and Science Center and Colorado Mesa University recognized that as the recipient of a GOCO Local Park and Outdoor Recreation grant the project site must provide reasonable public access.

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

Passed and adopted this 18th day of January, 2017.

/s/ Phyllis Norris

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President of the City Council

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Stephanie Tuin

Stephanie Tuin

City Clerk