

## **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—
  - a. Pass-through to the Math and Science Center of GOCO grant funds received by the City for the Project;

- b. The Math and Science Center's assumption of the City's obligations under the GOCO grant agreement,
  - c. 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;
  - d. The Math and Science Center's payment of Project construction costs as they come due; and
  - e. 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



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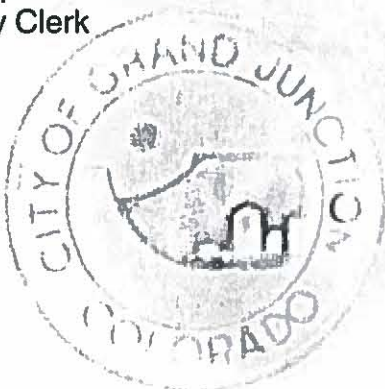
Phyllis Norris  
President of the City Council

**ATTEST:**



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Stephanie Tuin  
City Clerk



November 16, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado  
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear GOCO Review Board,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Math and Science Center in Grand Junction. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the Great Outdoors Colorado Local Park and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR) grant application for the Math and Science Center Outdoor Classroom and Play-space. If approved, the City Council will formally pass a resolution during a future regularly scheduled public meeting.

The Math and Science Center is requesting \$259,692 from Great Outdoors Colorado for the construction of an outdoor community classroom and play-space at the new Math and Science Center located on the Colorado Mesa University campus at 7<sup>th</sup> street and Kennedy Avenue.

Matching funds have been secured for the grant. If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the completion of the project. This project is seen as a valuable community asset to the City of Grand Junction. It should be noted that project site is owned by Colorado Mesa University and will be owned by Colorado Mesa University for the next 25 years. Colorado Mesa University has been a great partner of the City of Grand Junction and the Math and Science Center. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction recognizes that as the recipient of a Great Outdoors Colorado LPOR grant the project site must provide reasonable public access. The project has been designed to have public access adjacent to 7<sup>th</sup> for unlimited public use.

The Math and Science Center and Colorado Mesa University will to continue to maintain the outdoor community classroom and play-space in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget. If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Phyllis Norris, to sign the resolution and the City Manager, Greg Caton, to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado. The final resolution will be in full force and effect after the future scheduled City Council meeting. Until then this letter shall serve as a commitment from the City Council of the City of Grand Junction.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Norris  
Mayor