

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Memorandum #09-12

DATE: July 23, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council Members

FROM: William A. Simmons, City Manager *WAS*
Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services *ajp*

SUBJECT: Submission of Adams County Open Space Grant Application CR-76

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council approve the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$550,000.00, and the attached letter of support, to Adams County Open Space in the active use category for the fall 2009 grant cycle.

BACKGROUND: In July 2007, Council issued a resolution declaring the need for a 1 ½ acre site for a future skate park, and directed staff to determine potential locations. Staff identified a variety of potential locations and, in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Youth Commission, and residents, proposed a specific location to City Council. On January 24, 2008, Council adopted Resolution 08-20, designating the location near the existing basketball court at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park as the site of a future Northglenn skate park. On February 28, 2008, City Council designated \$100,000.00 in unanticipated revenue be set aside for the skate park. Since that time, the Youth Commission has been tasked with assisting in the process of raising the remaining funds necessary to build the skate park. Several small fund raisers have been held, however, the total anticipated cost to build is approximately \$650,000.00. To bridge this funding gap, staff intend to submit an application for a grant from Adams County Open Space requesting approximately \$550,000.00.

In addition to City Council, staff has sought letters of support from the following organizations and individuals: Northglenn Community Foundation, Northglenn Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Northglenn, Northglenn Youth Commission, Northglenn Build a Generation, Raymond DeWeese, residents in the town homes to the south of E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park and residents in Village Greens. The Youth Commission has been tasked with seeking out letters of support from local skaters in the community.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS: No funding commitments are made with this resolution. If the grant application is approved as submitted, the \$100,000.00 in designated funds would be expended. If the grant application is approved with partial funding, the remaining necessary funds would be sought out. No additional City funds are requested at this time. The grant application is due to Adams County by August 3, 2009.

STAFF REFERENCE: Please contact Amanda Peterson at apeterson@northglenn.org or by phone at 303.450.8727 for any further questions.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR NOVAK

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-76
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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE FOR FUNDING FOR A SKATE PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes that a skate park will enhance the recreational amenities available to youth and adults within the City and will provide the community with new and expanded opportunities for physical wellness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has set aside unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$100,000 to be used as a funding source for a skate park, and has also formally designated a location for a skate park to be located in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support of the submission of an Adams County Open Space Grant Application to obtain necessary funding for a skate park project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Northglenn is in full support of submitting a grant application to Adams County Open Space to obtain funding for a skate park project.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2009.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Adams County Open Space Board
Adams County Parks Department
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RE: City of Northglenn Open Space Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in support of Adams County Open Space grant monies for a skate park project within the City of Northglenn. We feel the project strongly warrants the use of the funds.

In 2008, Northglenn City Council approved Resolution 08-20 designating a site within the E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park in order to accommodate the skate park. Additionally in 2008, the Northglenn City Council, designated \$100,000 for use by the Youth Commission to be dedicated to the ultimate development of a skate park within the City, to use these funds to help leverage in a grant application process. Northglenn, in 2008 and 2009, was designated as a "Playful City" and was the first city in Colorado to receive this designation. Council supported this dedication of funds with a desire to be responsive to the needs of the greater Northglenn youth community. The use of the Open Space funding for the skate park would be in line with Northglenn's goals as a "Playful City USA" to provide places to play for all ages of citizens.

We hope that you will receive the City of Northglenn's proposal for the 2009 Adams County Open Space Grant with the same enthusiasm as we have. The use of Open Space funding will assist the City of Northglenn and the Northglenn Youth Commission with the skate park project, which will provide much needed recreational opportunities and amenities for youth in the north metro area for many years in the future.

Sincerely,