

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE MEMORANDUM  
#5-2021**

**DATE:** Feb. 22, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

**THROUGH:** Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

**FROM:** Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture *ajp*

**SUBJECT:** CR-24 – Adams County Open Space Grant Support for Jaycee Ball Field Lights

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**PURPOSE**

To consider CR-24, a resolution supporting the submission of a grant request to help fund electrical and lighting improvements at Jaycee Park, including the opportunity for a Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) dual-port charging station.

**BACKGROUND**

There are two opportunities each year to seek grant funding from Adams County Open Space (ACOS). Funding for these grants comes from the ACOS tax, of which 68% is distributed through a competitive grant process. Adams County Resolution 99-1 and the ACOS Policies and Procedures Manual outline eligible uses for these funds.

If funding is awarded, the project would provide major electrical service and lighting improvements at Jaycee Park, including the opportunity for a PEV dual-port charging station in the parking lot shared with Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park. Jaycee Park is home to Northglenn's only lit softball/baseball field. The ball field is heavily used throughout the spring, summer, and fall for adult and youth leagues such as the North Metro Little League, in-house softball leagues, and Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School's baseball team.

The proposed improvements include upgrading the electrical system and replacing the existing ballfield lighting with a new, more efficient LED lighting system that meets modern standards. The lights and electric service are original to the park. They were installed in the 1970s and have exceeded their useful life. As a result, there are frequent outages and the light spills over to neighboring areas. This project would reduce electricity costs, optimize visibility of a ball in play, and shield glare into adjacent properties around the park. The project would also help exhibit the City's commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability.

If approved, this resolution would be submitted with the grant application for the Adams County Open Space grant program.

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS**

ACOS grant applications are due by March 31, 2021. The proposed resolution, along with the full grant proposal, needs to be submitted to Adams County by that date.

Grants will be reviewed by the ACOS Advisory Board in April 2021, and staff will participate in presentations and respond to questions from the board in May. Funding decisions are anticipated to be made in June or July.

Funding in the amount of \$216,000 has been included in the 2021 Capital Projects Fund for Jaycee Park improvements. The City will be requesting up to \$216,000 in grant funding from ACOS, with a total project budget of up to \$432,000, dependent upon the final grant award.

A separate grant request will be submitted to Charge Ahead Colorado in the amount of \$9,000 for the PEV dual-port charging station. If awarded, that grant would bring the total available project budget to \$441,000.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of CR-24.

**STAFF REFERENCE**

If Council members have any questions, please contact Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, at [apeterson@northglenn.org](mailto:apeterson@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8950.

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COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-24  
Series of 2021

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE FOR FUNDING FOR THE JAYCEE BALL FIELD LIGHTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$216,000 will be identified in the Capital Improvement Program for the Jaycee Ball Field Lights Project, which will include upgrading the electrical system and replacing the existing ballfield lighting with a new, more efficient LED lighting system. The Project also includes an opportunity for a PEV dual-port charging station in the parking lot shared with the Bill Goodspeed Happy Tails Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes that improvements to the Jaycee Ball Field will enhance the recreational amenities to users of all ages and abilities, and demonstrates the City’s commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support of the submission of an Adams County Open Space Grant Application to obtain funding for the Jaycee Ball Field Lights 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 the Jaycee Ball Field Lights Project.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney