Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Memorandum #06-2016

DATE: July 11, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor Joyce Downing and City Council Members

FROM: James A. Hayes, AICP, City Manager JH
Amanda J. Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services AJP

SUBJECT: CR-73- Support for Adams County Open Space Grant Request for Aquatics
CR-74- Support for Adams County Open Space Grant Request for Park Property Acquisition

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve the attached resolutions, supporting the submission of two grant applications to the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board in the active use category for the fall 2016 grant cycle. The two grant requests include asking for up to $800,000 for aquatics improvements and $252,000 for the purchase of the property at 421 W. 112th Avenue for future park development.

BACKGROUND

There are two opportunities each year to seek grant funding from Adams County Open Space. Funding for these grants comes from the Adams County Open Space Tax, of which 68% is distributed through a competitive grant process. Adams County Resolution 99-1 and the Adams County Open Space Policies and Procedures manual outline eligible uses for these funds. The projects identified above are eligible requests.

The funding is divided into two categories – active and passive. A request for a passive project may be for up to 70% of the total budget, a request for an active project may be for up to 60% of the project. Although a request for 60% of an active use project is allowable, the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board has expressed a desire that active use requests are limited to 50% of the project costs. Generally speaking, projects that do not exceed a request of 50% of the total budget tend to be viewed more favorably. Staff feels that the property acquisition request is an exception, and is seeking the full 60%. The two proposed requests are both in the active use category.

Aquatics Improvements: There is currently $500,000 identified in the 5-year CIP in 2017 (Capital Projects Fund, Adams County Open Space) for improvements to the Kiwanis Bath House and an additional $300,000 identified for the Splash Pad (Conservation Trust Fund). These funds would allow for the design and construction of a new bath house at Kiwanis, and the addition of a splash pad, either at Kiwanis or at an alternate location in the city. Up to $800,000, or 50% of the project cost, in grant funds will be requested through this grant cycle.

Park Property Acquisition: There is currently a contract to purchase the property at 421 W. 112th Avenue for the purchase price of $420,000. With the intention to utilize this property for future park development, grant funds may be requested for the acquisition of that property. Up to $252,000, or 60% of the purchase price, will be requested through this grant cycle.

At which time the city moves forward with the development of this property, additional grant funds can be sought for both design and construction. If the park is developed as a passive use space (walking trails, open space, landscaped areas), up to 70% of the design and construction costs may be requested. If the park is developed as an active use space (playground, sports field, etc.), up to 60% of the design and construction costs may be requested. This would be in addition to any grant funds awarded for the property acquisition, and can be done at any time in the future.

These resolutions will serve as support for each of the applications, as required by the Adams County Open Space Advisory Board. A copy of the resolutions will be included with each of the final applications.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

Grant applications are due by August 1, 2016. Letters of support from the community, as well as the proposed resolutions, would need to be submitted to Adams County by that date.

STAFF REFERENCE

Please contact Amanda Peterson at apeterson@northglenn.org or by phone at 303.450.8950 for any further questions.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DOWNING

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-73
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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADAMS COUNTY OPEN SPACE FOR FUNDING FOR AQUATICS IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of $800,000 has been identified in the five-year Capital Improvement Program for the Kiwanis Bath House Improvements Project and the Splash Pad Project, which will include the design and construction of a new bath house at Kiwanis Pool and the addition of a splash pad at Kiwanis Pool or an alternate location in the City;

WHEREAS, the Northglenn City Council believes that improvements to the Kiwanis Bath House and the addition of a splash pad will enhance the recreational amenities to users of all ages; 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 these aquatics improvements.

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 aquatics improvements to include the Kiwanis Bath House Improvements Project and Splash Pad Project.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____day of _____, 2016.

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney