

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE REQUESTING FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS IN BEAR CREEK LAKE PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT IF APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Bear Creek Lake Park Master Plan will recommend new trails and trail improvements within Bear Creek Lake Park ("Park") following significant community input over the last year;

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood ("City") desires to replace concrete on the Bear Creek Trail, a critical segment of the C-470 Bikeway, to accommodate recent growth in visitation at Bear Creek Lake Park and improve visitor safety; construct new soft surface trails within the Park; and make improvements to existing trails to better accommodate all trail users ("Project");

WHEREAS, the City supports submittal of a grant application to Jefferson County Open Space seeking funding through the 2024 Trails Partnership Grant Program ("Program") in the amount of Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand and Sixty Dollars (\$562,060) to fund the project;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Open Space requires a Resolution from the governing body of the agency applying for the grant demonstrating support of the grant application and Project;

WHEREAS, the City will provide appropriate matching funds for a regional grant at an approximate cost of \$562,060;

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of real property where the Soda Lake trail work is located and will continue to be the land manager for at least 25 years;

WHEREAS, the City has approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for any soft-surface trail improvements on Army Corps of Engineers property; and

WHEREAS; the City Council hereby finds and determines the application for the Program grant is in the best interest of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council strongly supports the grant application to Jefferson County Open Space ("Program grant") for replacement of concrete on the Bear Creek Trail, construction of new soft surface trails within the Park, and improvements to existing trails ("Project").

SECTION 2. If the Program grant is awarded, the City Council strongly supports the completion of the Project.

SECTION 3. If the Program grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the Director of Community Resources to execute a grant agreement with Jefferson County Open Space.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED by a vote of 10 for and 0 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on October 14, 2024, at 7 o'clock p.m. at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.



ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

Wendi Strom, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney