TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 5 – SERIES 2014

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND FINANCIAL GRANT TO THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO THAT:

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 Little Beach Park Universally Accessible: trails, stage, river access, playground, restrooms and outdoor pavilion in Minturn, CO.

WHEREAS, The Town of Minturn supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the Universally Accessible Little Beach Park. And if the grant is awarded, the Town of Minturn supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn has requested grant funding from the Great Outdoors Colorado for the Universally Accessible Little Beach Park.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIINTURN, CO THAT:

1. The Town Council of the Town of Minturn, CO supports any potential grant awarded by the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund to the Town of Minturn.
2. The Town Council of the Town of Minturn, CO has sufficient funds on hand to match the required Great Outdoors cash funding.
3. The Town Council of the Town of Minturn, CO strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.
4. When the grant is awarded, the Town Council, of the Town of Minturn, CO strongly supports the completion of the project by the Great Outdoors Colorado deadline specified in the grant application.
5. The Town Council, of The Town of Minturn, CO authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded for Little Beach Park.
6. The project site is under the control of The Town of Minturn, CO and has been for over twenty years.
7. The Town Council of The Town of Minturn, CO recognizes that as the recipient of a Great Outdoors Colorado Local Government grant the project site must provide reasonable public access.
8. The Town Council of The Town of Minturn, CO will continue to maintain Little Beach Park in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget.
9. When the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant is awarded, the Town Council of the Town of Minturn authorizes Janet Hawkinson, the Town Planner of Minturn, CO to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.
10. This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 19th day of February, 2014.

TOWN OF MINTURN

By: Hawkeye Flaherty
Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO SEAL 1904

GOCO Grant - March 5, 2014

Brief Project Description: (250 words or less)

The proposed Get Outdoors Colorado project is to create a 'universal' park. The universal park would add an ADA trail through the park and down to the river. An access point in and out of the river for kayaking, swimming, fishing and playing is necessary to protect the delegate ecosystem that exists along the river bank that borders the existing park. An outdoor pavilion is built to enhance the views of the area and create a place for people to gather for picnics, social gatherings, educational courses, food and much more. A sewer and water line will be brought to the park so that much needed public restroom facilities can be installed. Presently there is an old outhouse that is not functioning well. Park visitors are using the surrounding area for relief of a basic human need.

The project is needed because the use and needs of the visitors has expanded and is growing. The Town of Minturn is the 'Gateway to the White River National Forest,' the most recreational used forest in Colorado. Our park is a rest area, picnic spot, playground and recreational facility for outdoor enthusiast to use who are traveling east from Denver or west from Grand Junction.

Presently our park facility is not user friendly. Access to the river is by a steep asphalt road. Elderly and physically challenged community members are unable to access the amphitheater, the river or the picnic tables. This project would remove this dangerous road and replace it with an ADA trail to access the entire area.

There is unique citizen participation in the design and financing of the project. This process has taken two years, starting in January of 2011. The park architecture firm, Zehran and Associates held 5 public meetings to establish the needs of the park users. The Minturn staff has met for review of broader user park needs for travels and event users. The financing for the project is from Battle Mountain, who sees the benefits of the park to the community.

Questions:

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2. Access to our park is easily accessed by car, mountain biking and walking. Access into the park, to the river, stage, picnic area and playground is very difficult and limited. Our project is to build an ADA trail linking all the amenities in the park, so it can be a universal park for all users. The project is situated as the 'Gateway to the White River National Forest.' Our park is utilized by travelers on the Colorado U.S. Scenic Highway 24. Because of this location, it is situated in a central location to users in Eagle County, the Vail Valley and travelers from Denver and Grand Junction. We are anywhere from ¼ mile to a 10 mile radius of more than 10 schools and pre-schools. These schools are unable to utilize the benefits to the park do to the lack of public restrooms and ADA accessibility.

It is presently difficult for recreational river users, kayakers, fishing enthusiasts, etc... to enjoy access to the river through the park. Our plan is to create an ADA trail and an area for access to the river. This is important in protecting the delicate river bank edge and native plants and ecosystems from being damaged or destroyed.

3. The scope of the project is to demonstrate environmental reclamation and restoration. The Town of Minturn was established in 1909. The land the park is on was originally the Town Dump. Twenty years ago the Town built was it now Little Beach Park. In the 1980's, Eagle River that runs through Town and in front of the park was red and toxic from the Gilman mine tailings. CBS Viacom built a water treatment plant and the EPA dredge and repaired the river

bank edges and basin. Now there is a thriving fish population. Part of this project is to teach education and stewardship of the environment by showing these different factors and the effect on the environment. The plan in the outdoor pavilion is to have a history presentation through pictures, of the pollution and destruction of the environment and its restoration and protection. The addition of the park will utilize all native plantings, especially to accommodate the large elk migration through the area. We will have educational signs on the native tree and plant species. The design is to keep the park in its natural ecosystem to enjoy.

Water and Sewer Line: The first phase of the project is to bring water and sewer lines to the park. We have already consulted with Eagle County Sanitation and have engineering plans being drawn.

Public Restrooms: The second phase of this project is to recycle a restroom from the Town of Vail. Presently, the Town of Vail is giving us a 20 year old restroom that is no longer meeting their needs. We will recycle this steel structure, making the necessary restoration to the facility to bring it into a brand new, state of the art, clean public restroom. An example of environmental stewardship.

Zinc 'Mine' Outdoor Pavilion: The third phase of this project is an important piece to the design because it will benefit a wide variety of park users, neighboring school, senior citizen programs and family outdoor recreation events. Staying with an education facility, the pavilion design represents the rich mining history of the Town and the State. The people of Minturn mined mostly for zinc. We will build the pavilion out of a zinc sheeting. Utilizing the architecture of digital fabrication, the zinc will be patterned with how the rock explodes with a mining blast. Within this pattern are stars to represent the night sky and the many workers and families of the mines. We will be utilizing LEED standards in creating an environmental stewardship structure. The zinc has a low carbon footprint, it is fire proof and has a long life span. We will utilize beetle kill timber from the area for walls and roofing in the structure. We will use+++++++recycled glass flooring.

Universal Access ADA Trail: The third phase of the project is to remove the very steep and dangerous asphalt road that goes through the park to the stage. Next, working with the CYCA accredited Rocky Mountain Youth Corp from Steamboat Springs, CO, we will construct the ADA path from the parking lot and upper pavilion, through the park, to the stage, river access and playground. This will make this park universally usable.

ADA Playground Equipment: The fourth phase of this project is to add ADA play equipment to our very popular park. We will install educational signs by lgm architectural visualization, a local company, on native trees and in existing native ecosystems along the park edges. We will also be working with the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Colorado Department of Agriculture Weed Program to eradicate the overgrown thistles and weeds surrounding the park and parking area.

White Water Course: The fifth phase of this project is to set the long term structures for the white river course to be set up during the white water season. This includes river access, concrete posts and the gates. We will also be building a river bank access to protect the river bank and native areas.

Resting and Picnic Area: The sixth phase of this project is to install new benches, chairs and picnic areas. There are two areas, one by the river and one above the park next to the pavilion and restroom. These two areas can meet the needs of the various park users. The table and benches will be made by local trade artists: The *******Tree and ******Steel.

Adding Native Plant Material: The seventh phase of this project is to install native plant material

at the new upper picnic areas. This will be the addition of aspen trees, blue spruces, native grasses, native shrubs and various native perennials/wildflowers. We have native topsoil saved for this project from a nearby construction project that didn't need it.

4. Our Public Works Department will be responsible for the maintenance. Our estimate of the annual costs to maintain the project is ******** Since we are adding only a small portion of sod, this will be absorbed into our existing annual budget for the park. The maintenance will be done by our Public Works and paid for by our concerts, concession sales and events held at the park. The white water course to maintain, including setting up in the spring and taking down after white water season is:******** The maintenance of the new native garden areas, the playgrounds, the cleaning of the outdoor pavilion and the public restrooms will be estimated at 10 hours a week x $20.00 = $200.00 a week over 16 weeks. Any subcontractors needed for extra maintenance such as additional cleaning, painting, staining, and the white water course will be paid for by the same funding source.

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6. The Town of Minturn and Little Beach Park is the "Gateway to the Rocky Mountain, White River National Forest." The Colorado Scenic Highway 24, the main road through Minturn, leads outdoor recreational enthusiasts to the 'most recreational used' forest land in Colorado according to the U.S. Forest Service. Because of our central location and the entrance to the U.S. Forest, our park and needed public amenities serves our small community and the thousands of travelers and day users from all over the country that pass by on Highway 24.

The recreational needs this project will serve the most is by becoming a universal park. Because of our central location between Vail and Edward and being only one hour and 45 minutes from Denver, we have the potential for a large range of recreational users to the park.

The project enhance recreational offerings by installing river access for everyone. Installing a white water kayak course, protecting the vegetation on the river bank for the restored river for fish habitat by the EPA in the last 10 years, providing key fishing habitat for fishing. With the improved landscape and picnic areas, families, senior citizens and people with disabilities will be able to enter the whole range of the park.

This project is a great environmental education opportunity for visitors and the community. Through educational signs and displays, the park will tell the story of environmental destruction, reclamation, stewardship and present day recreation. We begin in the 1890's when the park was the designated Town dump. In the 1950's the dump moved and the land sat. Twenty years ago the Town built Little Beach Park on the old dump site, with a playground, small amphitheater and stage. In the 1980's, Eagle River that runs by the park became an EPA reclamation project due to the mine tailings that were poisoning the water, turning it red and killing all water life. A water treatment plant was installed up river to process the tailing waters. In the 1990's the EPA reconstructed Eagle River, dredging, reconstructing its banks and creating fishing habitats. Through environmental reclamation, Eagle River is back to its healthy natural state. The railroad and mining industry were a big part of this area until the 1980's when they closed down. Beautiful cultural pictures of this era dating back to the 1900's will be part of the educational display. This is a story of success from environmental damage to environmental stewardship and outdoor recreation enjoyment that is to be shared.

This park and project are unique because they take place in a natural setting. Opportunities that are lost if this project is not undertaken now is the protection of the fragile plants, ecosystem

along the river bank edge that transitions into the park. What is also lost is the health to the surrounding environment and water due to the lack of public restroom facilities, because presently people utilize the surrounding natural habitat.
The lack of the components of the project, potential users are presently going without enjoying the great outdoors and river access. Some do travel to neighboring communities, however our senior citizens meet inside the VSSA school and do not have a park to enjoy.

7. *Please see attached documents of Public Meetings regarding this project and the Site Plan and Master Plan. There were 3 different public planning process that identified this specific project as a priority. The public planning process were done by professional companies: OZ Planning, Inc. in 2005-2011, The DIC Plan 2010 and Zeheren & Associates in 2012 - 2013. The project is listed as a priority in the Town of Minturn Master plan, we have a site specific plan developed. This is a priority project on the Town goals. The plan for this project was adopted in February, 2013. It went through final review this last fall, 2013.

The opportunities the public had to comment on this project were extensive. They were performed by all three companies: Oz, DIC and Zehren & Associates. This is a list by Zehren & Associates of the Open House Maps and Displays at the most recent public planning process for community review and comment on Little Beach Park: open house poster, existing conditions board 1; existing conditions board 2; aerial & topographic map; existing conditions diagram; playground & amphitheater map; potential expansion area map; concept diagram; amphitheater map; recreation park map; field concept diagram; precedents images; and a flip chart for recording public comments ideas and concerns.

There were #### public meetings held: ############## over the course of 2 years on creating this project to include public restrooms, ADA trails and making it a universal park for everyone to enjoy. The meetings were advertised by signs at the Town Hall, on television channel 5, Town Council Meetings, at Planning Commission Meetings, and by Vail Daily Newspaper. A public survey was distributed by using 'survey monkey' through email (please see attachment of survey)######## The number of people that responded to the survey was ######

The feedback we received from the public was########
How it was determined that your constituents want and will use the project was by########
What we learned from this processes discussed above is #######

8. The CYCA- accredited Rocky Mountain Youth Corp, from Steamboat Springs, CO, is being used to implement this project. This youth organization has worked closely with the White River National Forest District and will be a great asset to this project. They will be constructing the ADA trail and assisting with implementing the river access area. We will have a sub-contractor for any excavating or moving of boulders that is needed to assist this crew. We are working with Mark Wertheimer, the Associate Director of RMYC, on the logistics. A letter is in the appendix from the RMYC.

9. **Who is opposed to the project? Have neighbors, user groups or other parties objected to the project? Include any letters, petitions, news articles or other documents evidencing opposition. What has been done to address the concerns of those opposing and how has the opposition responded?**
There is no known opposition to this project. A private developer has dedicated $250,000 toward improvements to Little Beach Park and the Town is looking to best leverage those funds.

10. This project is "shovel ready!" We have attached the ADA trails and extended park plans. We received approval from Eagle County Sanitation this January, 2014 to install water and sewer. They are requesting we put in an eight inch sewer line with 2 manholes for

maintenance and any possible future development in the area. We have an engineer to complete the grading plans for the sewer and water lines. The outdoor pavilion is designed and only needs to be sent to a structural engineer for final approval. The steel structure for the public restrooms are being donated by Vail. We only need to buy new fixtures and flooring. If this donation does not follow through, we have ADA bathrooms designed and can be constructed by lgm architectural solutions, Beyond the Tree and Josh Thompson Steel Company. We will be adding ADA playground equipment from 'Made in the Shade Playgrounds' out of Evergreen. Our Public Works Department has the equipment and construction hours to begin removing the asphalt road that is steep, dangerous and cuts the park in half this spring. We are scheduling with RMYC to construct the ADA trail and river access this summer. We have plenty of parking already for park users. We have $250,000.00 cash donations and this GOCO grant to successfully complete this project. We have the images in Town Hall for our environmental education display. We have the list for the additional native plant material to be installed. We are ready and committed to see this project being completed this year, and if for unforeseen circumstances, can easily be completed by next year, within the 2 year deadline.

11. What is compelling about our community's need for GOCO funds is that we are a population of 1,000 residents and we have a park that is used by our neighboring communities and can be utilize by even more people, organizations and schools if these very necessary changes and additions are made to the park. This year the Town of Minturn's funds for Capital Improvement projects $329,297.00, this includes all paving projects, water treatment plant improvements, sidewalk repairs, and replacement of old water and sewer lines. This is not enough money for these projects, let alone public restrooms and outdoor recreation areas. Our project is not just for the Town residents. Its size, program and scape is needed to serve neighboring communities, families and organizations. This project will create a great universal park in this area. Without the GOCO funds, only a small component of the project will get done. Maybe two restrooms. A majority of the cash donations will be held until they can get matching funding to complete this project in its entirety. Even with the public restrooms added, the availability to a variety of users is limited. The senior citizens find it difficult to travel down to the river or the terracing to watch shows on the stage. It is far for any person with a disability, especially those in a wheel chair to come down into the park, out of the top parking lot area. We risk losing our cash funds dedicated to the project if GOCO doesn't award the grant now because there are certain stipulations with the dedication of the park improvement.

12. We have $250,000.00 planned cash match secured. For new park benches and picnic tables we have received the following in-kind contributions:

$2,000.00 in service related to landscape by Johnie's Garden

40 labor hours in the Little Beach Park Construction from Leadfoot Linda's

$100.00 from Leadfoot Linda's

$50.00 from Kirby's

$50.00 from Nicky's Quickies