

RESOLUTION NO.18-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION AND APPROVING THE ENVISION SHOOKS RUN FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, community stakeholders, citizens, property owners, City staff, numerous City volunteer boards and commissions, and the City's consultants have engaged in a rigorous, comprehensive, inclusive, transparent and collaborative planning process which has resulted in the "Envision Shooks Run Facilities Master Plan" (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan addresses the Shooks Run corridor located to the east of Downtown Colorado Springs between the Patty Jewett Golf Course and the Fountain Creek corridor (the "Corridor"); and

WHEREAS, the four (4) mile Corridor is an underutilized community recreational asset encompassing the southeastern quadrant of the Legacy Loop "park ring," as envisioned by city founder, General William Palmer; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor involves creek infrastructure, retaining walls, culverts, and more than forty (40) bridge structures in various stages of maintenance and age including some more than one hundred (100) years old; and

WHEREAS, as a stormwater drainage system, Shooks Run has aging and undersized drainage structures in need of modernization and drainage basin planning; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's desire to implement solutions to property protection, public health and safety, multimodal transportation connection, and long-term-care and maintenance needs by balancing the desires of the area's residents with a sustainable infrastructure plan for future construction maximizing community benefits for all who utilize the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, community input has requested transformational improvements along the corridor to benefit the adjacent neighborhoods, the downtown area, the greater community and visitors alike that are consistent with the outdoor sports and fitness reputation of the City, and to serve as a catalyst for recreation and economic vitality opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with other community plans and visions including the "Parks System Master Plan" and "Experience Downtown Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the Plan envisions infrastructure, drainage, environmental, multimodal transportation, land use/urban planning, and recreational and economic opportunities within the Corridor and recommendations for its long-term support and implementation for thirty (30) to fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, City staff will strive to identify funding sources for the Plan's implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's recommendations are critical to inform City leadership, the community and City staff with respect to project and funding priorities, access and maintenance decisions, transportation and connections, and land use regulation and review which are supportive of public and private investment and reinvestment for the benefit of area residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code § 7.5.407, at a public hearing the Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the City's Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and are adopted as findings and determinations of the City Council.

Section 2. City Council desires to recognize the level of attention and analysis given to this effort and acknowledge the participation and high level commitment of many of the participants in this community process, including the Downtown Partnership, adjacent neighborhood groups, businesses and property owners, the Greenway Fund, Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control & Greenway District, Black/Latino Coalition, Bike Colorado Springs, Springs Rescue Mission, the Colorado Springs Police Department Homeless Outreach Team, Colorado Springs Utilities, the City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the City Downtown Review Board, the City Planning Commission, the Trails and Open Space Coalition, YMCA/Live Well, Urbanities Leading the Pikes Peak Region, the Council of Neighbors and Organizations, the Chamber and EDC, and developers.

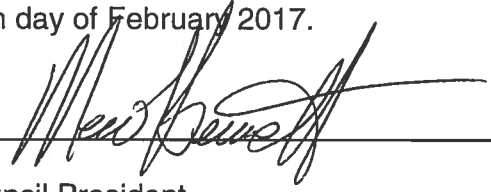
Section 3. City Council finds that the Plan substantially conforms to the review criteria contained in City Code § 7.5.408 and hereby approves the Plan as attached in Exhibit A.

Section 4. City Council supports the utilization of the Plan in conformance with the directives of City Code § 7.5.401 to inform additional studies and specific project design efforts for the benefit of the Corridor and the long-term fiscal health of the City.

Section 5. City Council further recommends that upon adoption, this Plan also be used as appropriate to guide and inform the community with respect to City Strategic Plan goals and objectives updates to other planning studies, and for the pursuit of future funding mechanisms.

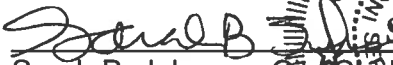
Section 6. This resolution shall be effective upon its approval by City Council.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 14th day of February 2017.



Council President

ATTEST:


Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

