Memorandum

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Greg Caton, City Manager
        Ken Sherbenou, Parks & Recreation Director
DATE: April 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan Update

The crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted City operations and projects, including the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. While the pandemic has delayed progress, the project is still proceeding. Although many capital projects are being delayed, the planning process will continue given its importance for charting the future of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space system. Additionally, half of this project is funded through a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant and the funds must be expended to receive reimbursement from GOCO.

Planning Process – Two major elements of the planning process primarily impacted by the pandemic – the selection of the PROS Advisory Committee and the selection of the consultant group to facilitate the Master Plan. The City was fortunate to receive strong interest from community members with 40 applications submitted for the Advisory Committee. Discussion of the PROS Advisory Committee was originally scheduled for the March 16th City Council workshop, followed by official appointment on March 18th. Both of these meetings were cancelled, and Councilmembers sent their selections to the City Manager.

PROS Advisory Committee –

Here is the list based upon that City Council provided feedback:

1. Micah Adams: Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) & Construction Management Experience with FCI
2. Bennett Boeschenstein: Retired Planner; Previous City Councilor
3. Kevin Bray: Real Estate Industry
4. Paul Cain: Athletic Director School District; Coordinates School District Use of Many City Facilities
5. Cindy Enos-Martinez: Former City Councilor; Former School Board; Member of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
6. Josh Niernberg: Bin 707 Owner; Visit GJ Board; Outdoor Recreation Coalition
7. Shaun Howe: Executive Director of the Fire FC Soccer Club
8. Derek Wagner: CMU, Vice-President for Intergovernmental & Community Affairs
9. Barbara Zind: Pediatrician - Creator of We Can! Mesa County
10. Ted Ciavonne: Landscape Architect; Member of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee
11. Libby Collins: Colorado West Land Trust Community Engagement
12. Kylie Holley: Formerly with CMU working Strength and Conditioning
13. Joy Hudack: Executive Director, Riverside Educational Center
14. Andreya Krieves: PLACE, Chair 2C campaign; Volunteer Coordinator SD#51 Bond Campaign
Consultant Group – The PROS Master Plan consultant group was selected through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Three groups submitted proposals. These were evaluated independently by a group of reviewers. GreenPlay LLC was selected as the highest rated group. GreenPlay’s proposal included themselves as the lead consultant. They are partnered with DHM Design for landscape architecture, RRC Associates for the statistically valid survey and Barker-Rinker-Seacat for the indoor facility assessment. In person interviews were conducted, confirming the rating, and GreenPlay agreed to some suggested changes to the responsibilities among their group as we desired. Negotiations are currently underway, and we expect to be under contract soon. GreenPlay is the leading firm in the country regarding parks and recreation planning work. They have completed over 500 similar projects.

Timeline – The City proposes starting the process of providing background information to the Advisory Committee once appointed as well as to the consultant group. Although public engagement beyond online platforms is not currently viable, we believe progress on the PROS Master Plan is possible.

An approximate, updated timeline is as follows:

- May 2020 – Project Kick Off
- June 2020-August 2020 – Inventory, Survey and Level of Service Analysis
- June 2020-August 2020 – Feasibility Study
- August 2020-October 2020 – Action/Implementation Plan
- September 2020-November 2020 – Complete Final Plan

Please provide any comments or concerns to City Manager Caton.