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Civic Assembly Recommendations

Addressing Council Priority to develop a Hughes Site Master Plan







What questions or suggestions do Councilmembers have on the draft Resolution?



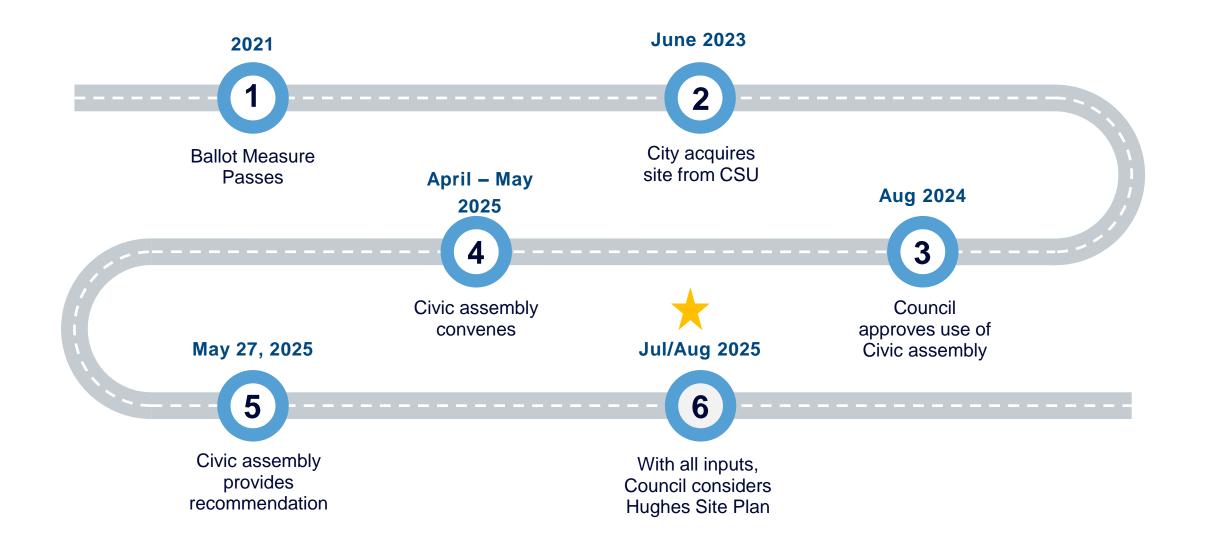
Would Councilmembers like staff to bring the Resolution forward to a regular meeting?



Are Councilmembers interested in a ballot measure supporting the Civic Assembly recommendations?

Overview





Civic Assembly Question





"Informed by the diverse needs of our community, what use of the Hughes site will contribute most effectively to Fort Collins' long-term vitality and meet the requirements outlined in the 2021 ballot measure?"

Civic Assembly Recommendations

Super Majority Outcomes Included:

- Property should be utilized for multiple uses
- Indigenous consultation, support and opportunities should be included
- Natural habitats should be restored throughout the development, as possible
- Outdoor education and interpretation should be included
- Community gathering space(s)
- Minimize light pollution
- Include trail connections to Maxwell and Pineridge
- City will consult with land use experts, planners, architects and designers for the optimal location of site features





Resolution Parameters





- On-going consultation with tribes and the Indigenous community throughout the development of the site.
- The site character will be predominantly native and xeric vegetation and have a naturalistic architectural palette
- Natural Areas will acquire and restore/maintain up to 60 acres of the property.



Acres not designated as a Natural Area will be designed and managed by Parks.

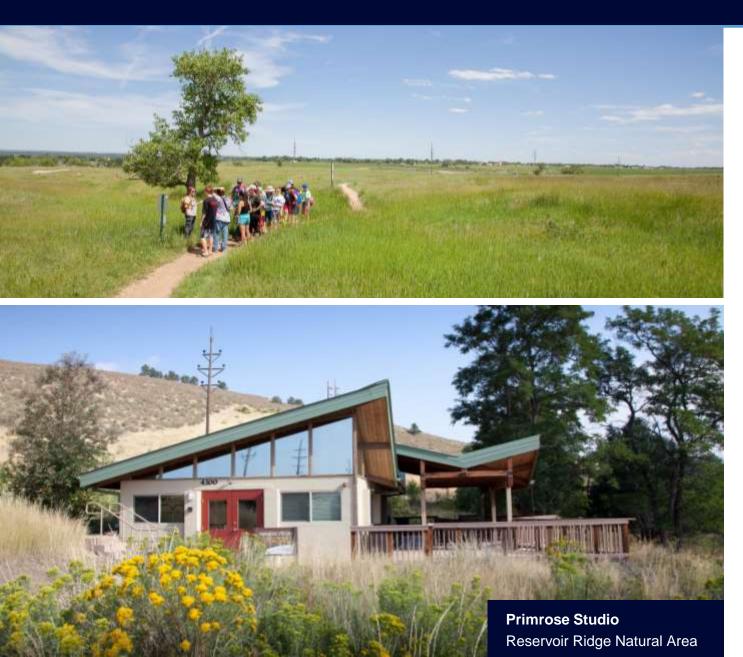
Uses can include the following:

- Connective trail system throughout the site
- Disc golf
- A sledding hill
- Bike park features not to exceed 35 acres
- A community gathering space available for permitting
- Any necessary restroom facilities, shade structures, trash collection, parking, etc.



Resolution Parameters





- Environmental educational partnership opportunity, including associated structures, not to exceed 20 acres.
- Site development will be taken through the City's development review process to ensure compliance with all current standards (e.g., stormwater, lighting, etc.).



Civic Assembly (under Section D)	Resolution (under Section F)
a) Property should be utilized for multiple uses	1,4,6) Resolution addresses multiple uses and size limitations within the bounds of the Public Open Lands zone district
b)Indigenous consultation, support, and opportunities should be included	2) Resolution calls out, and staff is committed to, on-going consultation with tribes and the Indigenous community throughout the development of the site
c)Natural habitats should be restored throughout, where possible	3) The site character will be predominantly native and xeric vegetation and have a naturalistic architectural palette
d)Outdoor education and interpretation should be included	5) Environmental educational partnership opportunity, including associated structures, not to exceed 20 acres.



Civic Assembly (under Section D)	Resolution (under Section F)
e) Community gathering space(s)	6e) Remaining space to be managed by parks and further described as a permittable space by the public
f) Minimize light pollution	9) Dev. Review process to ensure compliance with all current standards
g) Include trail connections to Maxwell and Pineridge Natural Areas	6a) Connective trail system throughout the Hughes Site
h) City will consult with land use experts, planners, architects and designers for the optimal location of site features	This is the standard process that the City uses for park and Natural Areas feature design and implementation.





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