

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Nina Bodenhamer, City Give Director

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 138, 2024, Appropriating Unanticipated Philanthropic Revenue Received by City Give for the Parks Department Designated Toward Improvements at Veterans Plaza of NoCo, Spring Canyon Community Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to request an appropriation of \$25,050 in philanthropic revenue received by City Give to be used for improvements at the Veterans Plaza in Spring Canyon Community Park.

In 2019, City Give, a formalized enterprise-wide initiative was launched to create a transparent, non-partisan governance structure for the acceptance and appropriations of charitable gifts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado is a community partnership between many local organizations, including the City of Fort Collins, Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, and the nonprofit Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado Board and volunteers who manage the site, host local programming, advocate, and fundraise on behalf of the Plaza.

Located at 2626 West Horsetooth Road in the scenic Spring Canyon Community Park in southwest Fort Collins, Veterans Plaza provides a place to remember the sacrifice willingly made by veterans, whether in times of war or times of peace. Officially opened in November 2011, Veterans Plaza provides an educational destination for children and adults to learn about the military heroes who are part of our nation's history, recognizes those who continue to serve and who will serve in the future.

The City is grateful to partner with such a passionate group of volunteers who tirelessly support U.S. veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve this great nation.

A gift of \$25,000 was received by the nonprofit organization supporting the Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado and a gift of \$50 was received by an individual donor both designated for the design, construction and installation of an entry sign.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This Ordinance will appropriate \$25,000 in new philanthropic revenue in the Neighborhood Parkland Fund received in 2024 and \$50 from prior year reserves in the General Fund received in 2022 for transfer to the Neighborhood Parkland Fund for the Parks Department Veterans Park Improvements.

The funds have been received and accepted per City Give Administrative and Financial Policy.

The City Manager has also determined that these appropriations, are available and previously unappropriated from their designated City Fund and will not cause the total amount appropriated in those Funds to exceed the current estimate of actual and anticipated revenues.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration