



To: Mayor Bergquist & Town Trustees

From: Sarah Weekes, Event Manager

Date: February 23, 2026

Re: **Consideration of Resolution No. 21-2026 – Waiver of Certain Fees for the Grand Lake Area Historical Society “Happening – A Story Telling Event” Event (First Tuesday of each month January 13, 2026 – December 8, 2026)**

BACKGROUND:

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society was founded in 1973 following a community-led initiative to preserve Grand Lake’s historic assets. After consultation with the Colorado State Historical Department, the Society was formally established by the end of that year. Soon thereafter, the Society acquired the Kauffman House, the town’s only remaining pioneer hotel, for \$28,500 through a combination of community fundraising, a \$20,000 loan from John Holzworth, and a personal contribution from Patience Kemp. The loan was fully repaid in 1983. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Restoration and ongoing preservation have been supported through memorial gifts, memberships, trust funding, and individual contributions. The Society continues to serve as a steward of local history and is a member of the Grand Lake Creative District.

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society as the event organizer, has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the Happening – A Story Telling Event to be held on the first Tuesday of each month January 13, 2026 – December 8, 2026. As a nonprofit organization, Grand Lake Historical Society is requesting that the Board of Trustees waive the following fees associated with the event:

- \$250.00 Special Event Permit application fee
- \$3,600.00 Community House rental fee
- \$2,400.00 AV Equipment Rental fee

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Section 11-6-3(C) of the Town of Grand Lake Municipal Code, the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors when reviewing a Special Event Permit application:

(a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and



- (b)The proposed event and the event hours; and*
- (c)Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d)Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e)The Town's anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f)The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g)The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h)Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i)Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

FISCAL NOTE

In 2025, the Board of Trustees waived \$250.00 in Special Event Permit application fees and \$6,000.00 in rental fees for the Grand Lake Historical Society's 2025 Happening – A Story Telling Event.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to approve/(deny) **RESOLUTION 21-2026, A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR GRAND LAKE “Happening – A Story Telling Event” EVENTS TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH JANUARY 13, 2026 – DECEMBER 8, 2026**