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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: April 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Arts and Monument Application and Request form the Meteorite Committee

ACTION PROPOSED: Consider the Meteorite Committee's Request for Placement of a Monument

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Arts and Monument Application Request
2. Staff Proposed Location
3. Meteorite Committee Budget

PRESENTED BY: Hannah Hill, Town Clerk and Jason Elkins, Public Works Director

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is a request for placement of a monument on Town property from the Johnstown Historical Society (JHS) and the Meteorite Committee. As Council is aware, July 6, 2024, marks the centennial celebration of the meteorite falling near the Johnstown Cemetery. In light of this milestone, both JHS and the Meteorite Committee have expressed a desire for a permanent monument to commemorate this event, proposed to be situated just outside the Johnstown Cemetery.

Attached for review is the Arts & Monument application submitted by the Meteorite Committee, outlining their proposed location and monument design, located just south of the Johnstown Cemetery entrance. The Committee has requested the installation of a large boulder accompanied by a plaque, along with provisions for visitor parking, landscaping, and a path leading to the monument.

After thorough consideration, Staff has evaluated the initially proposed location and has suggested an alternative site, as detailed in the attached document (Attachment 2). This revised location addresses concerns regarding access off Colorado Boulevard and accounts for potential future expansions of the road. It also offers existing access points and parking spaces on the property.

The Community that Cares

The Meteorite Committee has agreed to the proposed location as noted in Attachment 2. Should Council approve the proposed location, Staff will begin preparing the site for the July 6, 2024 event. After review of the proposed location several items needing improvements are listed below:

- Shoring up of the parking spaces
- Landscaping of the location
- A short trail to the monument
- An ADA compliant ramp to the monument

Additional funding may be needed to make these improvements with Staff anticipating roughly \$10,000 based on material type and the need for a trail, ramp and any grading of the drive to ensure ADA compliance. The Public Works Department has agreed to do as much of the work as possible themselves in an effort to keep costs down, but Staff is advising Council on expenses as a future budget amendment may be required.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Safe & Welcoming community

- *Create arts and culture opportunities that connect the community*
- Natural & Built Environment
 - *Expect and encourage community centered design*

LEGAL ADVICE:

N/A

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

As of March 20, 2024 the Meteorite Committee reports:

Out of the \$8,500 provided in the budget (Attachment 3) \$6,585 has been spent.

- Large boulder for commemorative plaque - \$1,000 (free delivery)
- Bronze historic marker (24" x 35") and plaque (10" x 8") - \$5,585

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff would recommend approval of the monument placement indicated on Attachment 2.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS:

For Approval:

I Move To Approve The Meteorite Committee's Request To Place A Monument On The Property As Presented By Staff, Direct The Town Manager To Make The Site Improvements And Propose That The Town Assume Ownership And Maintenance Of The Monument After July 6, 2024

For Denial:

I move to deny the request.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,



Town Manager