

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Michellee Metteer
Date: July 17, 2024
Agenda Item: Resolution 32 – Series 2024; A Resolution Approving the Grant Application for Funds to Repair the Little Beach Park Retaining Wall.



REQUEST:

Staff is requesting the Council approve Resolution 32 – Series 2024; A Resolution Supporting the Grant Application for Funds to Repair the Retaining Wall at Little Beach Park

INTRODUCTION:

The Town of Minturn seeks \$147,000 in DOLA EIAF Tier I grant funding with \$716,659 in match to stabilize the retaining wall at Little Beach Park, safeguarding the Town's only playground. The grant will fund Phase I of the Little Beach Park Enhancement Project and the Town will match the grant with local funds and a grant from Greater Outdoor Colorado (GOCO) for Phase II of the project. Little Beach Park is a 1.6-acre park that runs contiguous to the Eagle River and is within walking distance of the downtown commercial core.



ANALYSIS:

As part of a project to reimagine and upgrade Little Beach Park, the Town discovered that a belly in the lower section of the wall was growing, an indication of failure. The retaining wall is next to the only playground for youths in the community, which comprises 18.7% of Minturn's population (2022 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimate). With DOLA Tier I EIAF funds, the Town will construct a new concrete block gravity wall in front of the existing timber and replace the asphalt pathway in front of the wall.

DOLA funding will make possible Phase II of the Project, the revitalization of the park. In 2021, the Town developed a recreation-based plan for Little Beach Park and the surrounding area. The planning process engaged the residents and stakeholders of Minturn through an open house, pop-up events, in-person and virtual meetings, and guided tours of the area and outlined a variety of potential improvements suggested and vetted with members of the public and stakeholders. The plan culminated in recommendations and concept design plans, including a new playground and multi-use court, access to the river, and improvements to the amphitheater.



Phase II Conceptual Design for Little Beach Park

However, Minturn cannot move forward with Phase II of the project until stabilizing the retaining

wall. With DOLA funding, Minturn can protect its only playground and prepare Little Beach Park for Phase II improvements.

COMMUNITY INPUT: Extensive through the Little Beach Park Master Planning Process

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: None

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

In accordance with Strategy #4 the Town will advance decisions/projects/initiatives that expand future opportunity and viability for Minturn.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 32 – Series 2024 as presented.

Attachments:

- Resolution 32– Series 2024